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■ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 37:1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.



The pharmacy ran out of anti-diarrhea pills. Wouldn't you think that's one prescription they'd not make people wait for?

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CFD Launches Car Seat Sticker Program

As part of the City's continuous commitment to enhancing public safety, the Carmel Fire Department and the Carmel Police Department have launched the Car Seat Sticker Program, intended to provide critical information to first

responders in emergencies involving young children.

Funded by the Carmel City Council, the program provides parents/guardians with two types of stickers: (1) Information stickers and (2) Alert

("CHECK CAR SEAT") stickers:

The Information sticker, which should be placed on the back of a car seat or another protected area in the vehicle, allows par-

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■ BOOMER BITS RETIREMENT

I'm Turning 70. When Should I Apply for Social Security?



ASK RUSTY
Social Security
Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have a very simple question: I will turn 70 on September 20th and

want to start my Social Security benefits in September. What month should I file my claim? Have there been delays with the reductions in SSA staff? Thank you for your help.

Signed: Ready to Claim

Dear Ready to Claim: Social Security allows you to submit your application for benefits up to 4 months prior to the month you wish benefits to start (you will specify your desired benefit-start-month on the application). Thus, to have your benefits begin in September (the month you turn 70), you can submit your application as early as May 2025. That will give SS plenty of time to

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■ BOOMER BITS MONEY

- **FTC data shows that over one-quarter (27.9%) of targeted residents aged 60 to 69 in Indiana have lost funds due to scams this year so far.**
- **The age group has filed 961 fraud reports in Q1 of 2025, resulting in a per-person loss of \$500.**
- **The most prevalent scam categories affecting seniors in the state are business imposters, government imposters, and online shopping.**

Indiana Seniors Robbed of \$3.5 Million

Elderly Americans in Indiana aged 60 to 69 have lost a huge \$3,578,669 to fraud this year so far - resulting in a per-person loss of \$500.

Investment experts at cryptocurrency exchange Chicks studied data from the Federal Trade Commission to reveal

how many elderly residents (aged 60 to 69) have fallen victim to fraud in each state in 2025 so far.

Nationally, in Q1 of this year, there were 60,379 reports of all types of fraud among those

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■ BOOMER BITS HEALTH

State Health Insurance Program Has Answers

Q: I don't feel like my current Medicare Advantage Plan is the best one for me. I would like to change it. I was told I can't do this until the Medicare Open Enrollment Period. When is that?

A: The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period is October

15 - December 7. During this time, you can make changes to various aspects of your Medicare Advantage and Part D drug coverage.

These changes include switching from traditional Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan (or vice versa),

switching between Medicare Advantage plans, and electing or switching between Medicare Part D prescription drug plans. Changes made during the Open Enrollment Period will start the following January.

One of the best tools to help

you during the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period is the Planfinder Tool located at [medicare.gov/find-a-plan](https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan). It takes you step-by-step through available Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans while taking your pre-

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Indiana's commonsense pro-life laws are consistent with provisions of the Indiana Constitution, the Indiana Court of Appeals ruled this week, handing yet another legal victory to Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team of litigators as they fight for unborn children and women's health. Indiana law currently permits abortion in three circumstances: (1) when an abortion is necessary either to save the woman's life or to prevent a serious health risk to her; (2) when there is a lethal fetal anomaly; or (3) when the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest. In cases where an abortion is permitted, the law states, it must be performed in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center. The appeals court decision therefore means Planned Parenthood may not resume performing the procedure in its clinics.

2. It was a busy week at the AG's office. Rokita also launched Operation Robocall Roundup, a multistate effort by the Anti-Robocall Litigation Task Force, which his office co-leads, to crack down on robocalls nationwide. The task force is sending warning letters to 37 voice providers demanding that they act now to stop illegal robocalls from being routed through their networks.

The targeted providers haven't complied with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules about responding to government traceback requests, haven't registered in the FCC's Robocall Mitigation Databases, or haven't filed a plan that describes how they will reduce illegal robocalls on their network. The task force is also sending the letters to over 100 downstream providers that accept call traffic from the 37 companies - so that they know they're doing business with bad actors that are not willing to follow the rules that apply to everyone equally.

3. Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla applauded the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) for recommending Indiana Senate Resolution 51, that sounds the alarm on the national debt, serve as a model for state legislatures to pass across the country. "This recommendation from ALEC shows how Indiana's leadership is playing a critical role in the effort to build widespread support to urge President Trump and Congress to balance our country's budget and tackle the massive \$36 trillion debt problem for the states and for America," Nieshalla said. Senate Resolution 51, introduced during Indiana's 2025 legislative session, is modeled after Senate Resolution 600 - authored by Governor and former U.S. Senator Mike Braun - which passed unanimously and raised awareness of the consequences of federal overspending and the rapidly growing debt. Senate Resolution 51 was co-authored by State Senators Daryl Schmitt (R-Jasper) and Brett Clark (R-Avon) and received overwhelming bi-partisan support.

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

The Noblesville Common Council has just one meeting left to discuss the 2026 budget. It's scheduled for Tuesday at 4 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and will be held in room A213 at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street.

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up."

- Babe Ruth

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

What's black and white and red all over?

A Dalmatian with a suburn.

CFD

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ents/guardians to provide essential information for first responders, such as the child's health conditions, allergies and emergency contact information of another parent/guardian:

The Alert ("CHECK CAR SEAT") stickers are recommended for placement on multiple places on the vehicle near the Information sticker (e.g., windows, door jams, door frames) and serve as a visual cue for first responders to search for the Information sticker.

"The program was launched because both departments, Mayor Finkam and City Council recognized the need to address situations where a parent might be unconscious, such as in a car accident, and a child is unable to speak for themselves," said Captain Renee Butts of the Carmel Fire Department. "These stickers provide critical information that can make a lifesaving

difference, helping first responders in addressing a child's medical needs and contacting their caregivers."

Councilor Shannon Minnaar championed this effort with the support of Councilor Dr. Anita Joshi. "I'm proud to have collaborated with the fire and police departments, as well as Councilor Joshi, to bring this program to life," said Councilor Minnaar. "This program was made possible thanks to City team members like Captain Butts, whose skill and dedication to teamwork played a vital role. Supporting our first responders in making their jobs easier—especially when it comes to aiding our most vulnerable citizens—is both obvious and essential."

"This is yet another wonderful example of how City leaders collaborate to continue the shared goal of enhancing the safety and wellbeing of the community," said



Mayor Finkam. "I would like to thank Councilors Minnaar and Joshi and the City Council for the ongoing support of public safety and would encourage anyone with young children to take advantage of this amazing program."

The stickers are free to the public and will be distributed by both departments at Public Safety Day on Saturday, with additional supplies available at all Carmel fire stations, police headquarters and at various education events.

For more information about the Car Seat Sticker Program, contact the Carmel Fire Department (317) 571-2600 or Carmel Police Department (317) 571-2500.

Dynamic Real Estate Market Hot in July

The Noblesville residential real estate market was dynamic in July, just like the rest of Hamilton County, with home sales increasing and homes leaving the market at a brisk pace. Available Hamilton County inventory also increased, giving prospective buyers a broader selection from which to choose. According to F.C. Tucker Company, part of the Howard Hanna family of companies:

- Available housing inventory increased 23.2 percent compared to July 2024.
- Homes spent only one day longer on the market than this time last year, leaving the market in just nine days.
- Compared to July 2024, the median home sale price increased 5.7 percent to \$460,000.

In July 2025, 3,164 Central Indiana homes were purchased, an increase of 10 percent from the 2,877 sold in July 2024. Central Indiana year-to-date home sale prices increased 3.4 percent overall. Central Indiana experienced a 24.8 percent increase in overall available home inventory in July 2025, compared to July 2024, with 1,215 more homes available for sale.

In Noblesville in July:

- Closed home sales increased 16.5 percent compared to July 2024, with 16 more homes sold than this time last year.
- Compared to July 2024, the median home sale price decreased 3.7 percent to \$385,000.
- The median price per square foot also decreased, down 3.3 percent to \$176.
- Homes in Noblesville remained on the market five days longer than this time last year, selling in just 17 days.

Overall, throughout central Indiana and despite a slight increase in home sale prices, the residential real estate market continued to be active with pending home sales and inventory continuing to climb in July.

- Pending home sales increased 10 percent compared to July 2024.
- Available housing inventory increased 24.8 percent compared to July 2024.
- Homes spent two days longer on the market than this time last year, selling in 14 days.
- Compared to July 2024, the median home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region increased 6.3 percent to \$317,900.

"In July, central Indiana saw the largest increase in pending home sales yet this year," said Jim Litten, president of F.C. Tucker Company. "As available inventory continues to climb and prices remain moderate, we anticipate more prospective buyers entering the market."

Of the pending home sales in the region last month, 13 were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 66 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 437 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 1,157 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 899 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 517 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 75 were priced at \$99,999 or less.

Summer Elevation Series Concludes in Fishers

The Fishers Event Center has highlighted local artists in a variety of ways during its first year, most recently spotlighting eight standout local bands and artists during its Summer Elevation Series recorded live on the Fishers Event Center roof. This series highlights artists with local ties and big sound, released via the Fishers Event Center's official YouTube with the final performance in the series just released this week.

er, emotionally honest lyrics. Her sound is fresh and her storytelling is sharp.

Jerry Barker: Jerry brings a blend of humor, surrealism, and a rootsy sound drawing from bluegrass, country, and old-time folk to the rooftop at FEC.

Indy Annies The Indy Annies blend classic storytelling with electric energy. Hear the harmonies, feel the heart, and catch that honky-tonk heat.

The Wallow Hollows Indiana-born folk rockers who brought heart and an incredible performance to the roof.

The Brothers Footman A dynamic family band whose genre-blending sound weaves together rock, hip hop, and country with undeniable energy and style.

Wishy (Just released today!) Ethereal indie pop rock straight from Indiana... music that feels like a dream you don't want to wake from.

WHAT ELSE IS COMING UP AT FISHERS EVENT CENTER?

The venue's size allows it to accommodate legendary shows in an intimate setting, as well as newer artists on the brink of big success. Upcoming events include:

- World of Hans Zim-

mer: A New Dimension (Tuesday, Sept. 23)

- Phil Wickham: Air1 Worship Now Tour (Thursday, Oct. 9)
- The Grace and Glory Tour with Crowder, featuring Passion Music, Louie Giglio, and Kari Jobe Carnes & Cody Carnes (Thursday, Oct. 16)
- Multi-platinum 13-time GRAMMY Award winner John Legend (Sunday, Nov. 16)
- Amy Grant, Cece Winans and Michael W. Smith: Christmas Together Tour (Thursday, Dec. 4)
- THIRD DAY 30th Anniversary Tour with special guest Zach Williams (Thursday, April 30, 2026)
- ...and much more! Visit FishersEventCenter.com for a full list of events.

CAREER FAIR THURSDAY, AUG. 21: The Fishers Event Center Career Fair will take place Thursday, Aug. 21 from 5-8 p.m. at Fishers Event Center (11000 Stockdale St., Fishers). This exciting networking opportunity will allow attendees to explore a variety of event-focused positions with the potential to be interviewed on site. Employers include ASM Global, Indy Fuel, Fishers Freight, Andy Frain Services, LAZ Parking, IATSE Local 30 Union and CityWide. Registration is encouraged.

In Hamilton County:

- Pending home sales increased 17.9 percent compared to



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

From left, Fueled for School volunteer and Lions Julia Kozicki and Gene Beck.

Lions at Kroger Saturday to Collect Food Donations

The Noblesville Lions Club will be at the Logan Street Kroger Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, collecting food donations for Fueled for School. This program has the goal of providing food insecure

students with nutritional food packs throughout the school year as well as during spring, fall and winter breaks. Items collected include fruit cups, microwave popcorn, chicken noodle soup, mac

and cheese, granola bars, plastic jars of peanut butter, canned pasta sauce, dry pasta, shelf stable yogurt and instant oatmeal packets.

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Next week: How Purdue sold Odom on the head coaching job and convincing a pessimistic fan base that the Boilermakers can win again.

A Sit Down With New Purdue Football Coach Barry Odom



Ken Thompson
Columnist

Barry Odom was born to be a football player. Coaching became his destiny.

In Oklahoma, there's two things that matter. Oil and football. Growing up in Maysville, Odom watched the Sooners win a national championship in 1985.

"The Oklahoma Sooners were in the heyday of (Barry) Switzer winning national championships or competing every year," the 48-year-old Odom said during an in-person interview in June at Purdue's Kozuch Football Performance Complex. "Where I grew up, it was about an hour away from their campus. I was able to see them first-hand at a very early age."

The seeds of coaching were planted during Odom's youth.

"I was lucky. Starting in Pee Wee baseball all the way up through my senior year in high school in baseball, basketball, track and football I had very influential coaches," Odom said. "I was fortunate to be in communities that supported extra-curricular activities. It was something I enjoyed, seeing how my coaches put teams together, the things it took to have a chance to be successful. It's something I've always wanted to be a part of."

Odom's latest reconstruction project is the Purdue football program, which he took over on Dec. 8, 2024. In the months since then, Odom has added a major college football-high of 54 transfers and 82 newcomers in all.

Rebuilding in the transfer portal is nothing new for Odom, who added 50 during his first season at UNLV in 2023. Fifty-five more came the following year. Those newcomers helped the Runnin' Rebels record the school's winningest season in 40 years, going 10-3 in 2024 after a 9-5 mark in 2023. UNLV has never had a more successful two-year stretch since becoming an NCAA Division I program

in 1978.

In the five seasons prior to his arrival (2017-22), UNLV won a combined 20 games.

Like it or not, the transfer portal has helped college teams rebuild immediately and made five-year plans obsolete.

"There's good and bad with everything. I choose to look at the good side of things," Odom said. "The positive side of having an opportunity to recruit young men to Purdue. We're a high school recruiting team as well as very aggressive in the transfer portal market. I think there's opportunities that you can provide some depth and experience on your team through that way of recruiting. Also, building a foundation with strong high school recruiting is also important. We've had a blend of both of those that I think will help our 2025 team."

It didn't take long for one of Odom's legendary high school feats to make the rounds inside the Purdue locker room. As a high school senior, Odom ran for 39 touchdowns. On a torn ACL.

Odom went on to be a four-year letterwinner at linebacker for Missouri from 1996-99, helping the Tigers make two bowl trips and serving as captain his senior year. He left Missouri as one of the program's top 10 tacklers with 362.

Odom hopes his toughness and competitive spirit rub off on a program that showed neither trait after a 66-7 loss to Notre Dame in Week 2 of the 2024 season. The Boilermakers hit rock bottom in Bloomington a couple of months later, watching Indiana wrap up a College Football Playoff berth with a 66-0 victory.

The next day, second-year head coach Ryan Walters was fired with Purdue eating the remaining \$9 million on his contract. A week later, Odom agreed to a six-year contract worth at least \$39 million. That's by far the richest coaching contract in Purdue history.

"The thing that I looked

at here was No. 1, leadership from Mike Bobinski and (university president) Mung Chiang," Odom said. "The alignment, the vision, the support, the fan base, the passion, the energy, the conference, geographic location. All of those things went into it. Every job or new beginning there's going to be challenges. I would choose to look at it as more opportunities than challenges."

Odom is Bobinski's third head football coaching hire. The first, Jeff Brohm, eventually led Purdue to its first Big Ten Championship Game appearance in 2022 before returning home to the University of Louisville. Walters went 5-19, a slightly lower winning percentage (.208) to Darrell Hazell's .214 from 2013-16.

Whether Odom is a success or a failure, he's likely the last football head coaching hire for the 67-year-old Bobinski.

"During our interactions with coach Odom, it became clear he possesses the belief, tenacity and competitive drive necessary to return Purdue football to the standard of excellence we all expect," Bobinski said during Odom's introductory press conference.

History states Purdue football wins with offensive innovation and talented quarterbacks. Jack Mollenkopf and Bob Griese/Mike Phipps. Jim Young and Mark Herrmann. Joe Tiller and Drew Brees/Kyle Orton. What kind of coaching style will fans see this fall?

"They're going to see a team that is prepared, that is excited to play with energy and enthusiasm, a disciplined football team that plays extremely hard and creates an exciting atmosphere to watch winning football," Odom said.

"Offensively, the most important stat is we win. The blending of our team's physical attributes, how you piece that together into a playbook. There will be a balance. You have to be able to run the football to win games. You have to be explosive in creating plays in the run and pass game. You've got to have



Photo courtesy of Purdue Athletics

Barry Odom said the monotony of doing things over and over is tiring but the ones who have success can do it every single day.

some sort of element of linear passing game. You have to be good on the perimeter. You have to protect the quarterback. There's going to be run/pass options built into schematically what you call. I think the right word would be multiple. Taking care of the football. Playing smart. Playing together."

Luckily for Odom, one of the few Boilermakers who didn't abandon the program for greener (as in money) pastures is fifth-year senior running back Devin Mockobee. Obtaining his mechanical engineering degree is more important to Mockobee.

If Mockobee can average 100 rushing yards over the 12-game season, he will surpass Mike Alstott as Purdue's career leader. Barring injury, Mockobee appears likely to at least become the Boilermakers' fourth 3,000-yard rusher (Alstott, Kory Sheets, Otis Armstrong). Mockobee enters the season opener Aug. 30 against Ball State with 2,466 yards.

"I'm excited about having the chance to coach him," Odom said. "Academically, socially and athletically - he checks the boxes. He's all in. He gives great effort. Guys look to him as a leader, and we expect him to have a tremendous senior year."

Time will tell if Purdue has enough Mockobee-type players to over-achieve the predictions of another last-place finish in the Big Ten.

"Fortunately, we get to

play the games," Odom said. "We don't have to live on history or tradition. For us, the opportunity for us to compete because we prepare the right way.

"Last year, I had nothing to do with. I also didn't have anything to do with three years ago. All that we can look at is what have we done from the first day on the job together up to this point. Tomorrow is a new day. Are we going to be able to pour into the process of preparation, of habits, of determination, of accountability, of openness, of honesty, of love, of building and galvanizing a team to get ready to be our best for the next day?"

"I know it's a very, very boring process. The monotony of doing it over and over and over is tiring but the ones that have success can do it every single day. If we can do that, then from Game 1 to Game 2 we'll play even better ... where in November we'll be playing meaningful games competing for a championship. If you prepare the right way, if you recruit the right way, if you coach the right way and a little luck falls in your favor it doesn't matter the logo of your opponent. Your opponent is yourself. We're going to get into a numbing state of what preparation looks like. If we do it the right way, when we run out of Tiller Tunnel it won't matter who is on the sideline. We'll be ready to go play our best ball."

To help speed up the transition, Odom brought eight players and six

high school recruits from UNLV. Four of the veterans appear likely to earn starting jobs against Ball State on Aug. 30: cornerback Tony Grimes, linebackers Mani Powell and Charles Correa plus offensive lineman Jalen St. John.

Also making the move from Las Vegas are defensive coordinator Mike Scherer, special teams coordinator James Shibe, offensive line coach Vance Vince and assistant head coach/wide receivers Cornell Ford.

"I think we're going to have an exciting roster," Odom said. "There will be a group of people who will have no idea when we take the field on Aug. 30 who one or two or maybe 15 specific guys are but they are going to appreciate the brand of football they play. They're going to become a household name. It's a blank sheet of paper and we get to write our script."

"It's our job to play winning football, and I know at the end of the year I will be judged on 12 opportunities, turning that into 13 and plus from there. If you do it the right way, we will turn Ross-Ade into one of the greatest environments there is in college football."

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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If you have already created an account on MyMedicare.gov, you will use that same username and password to log into the new Plan Finder – there is no need to create another account.

Another great resource for Medicare beneficiaries is SHIP! The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free, impartial assistance with Medicare questions.

SHIP Counselors are thoroughly trained and are located throughout Indiana.

You can meet with a SHIP Counselor by phone, virtually with an online meeting, and in many areas, in person. You can see a list of our Indiana loca-

tions at www.in.gov/ship/find-an-indiana-ship-location.

SHIP Counselors can help walk you through the online Planfinder Tool. SHIP also offers events throughout Indiana. You can find a current list of events at www.in.gov/ship/ship-presentations-and-events.

Find SHIP on Facebook at [Facebook.com/Indiana.SHIP](https://www.facebook.com/Indiana.SHIP). SHIP often hosts Live Educational events on Facebook that assist Medicare beneficiaries. You can also find these videos on our YouTube channel.

If you or someone you know have questions about the Annual Enrollment Period, the Planfinder Tool, MyMedicare.gov, or any other Medicare related topic, contact SHIP at (800) 452-4800, or online at www.medicare.in.gov.

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a free and impartial counseling program for people with Medicare. SHIP is provided by the Administration for Community Living and the Indiana Department of Insurance.

ROBBED

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aged 60 to 69, with 29% of these resulting in a financial loss. The stolen sum exceeded \$354.9 million, equating to a median loss of \$597 per report.

In Indiana, seniors see a per-report loss that's 16.2% below the national average, but that's still substantial, with 961 reports made by those aged 60-69.

The most prevalent scam in the state across the age group this year so far is business imposters. Many scammers target elderly people because they're more likely to trust official-sounding calls and emails, and may be pressured to act quickly if they think the correspondence is coming from a reputable organization.

The top fraud subcategories for those aged 60-69 in Indiana Fraud Subcategory Number of Reports (60-69)

- 1 Business imposters: 266
- 2 Government imposters: 190
- 3 Online shopping: 93
- 4 Tech support scams: 41
- 5 Miscellaneous investments & investments advice: 31

Nationally, fraud risk drops slightly as age increases, but those who are affected still see substantial loss. Those aged 70 to 79 have seen 45,076 reports of fraud so far this year, with 26% resulting in stolen funds. Per consumer, this works out to \$994.

All U.S. consumers aged 80 and over made 12,823 reports of fraud in the first quarter of 2025, with 23% seeing funds stolen. This equates to \$1,900 per attack.

In Indiana, those aged 70 to 79 made 716 reports, with over one-quarter (29.1%) resulting in a financial impact. This worked out to a per-person loss of \$968.

Those aged 80 and over made just 214 reports in 2025 so far, with 20.1% seeing some sort of financial loss. However, those who did lose money lost a notable amount, at a \$1,200 median value.

Al Aloh, CEO of ChicksX, issued a warning for elderly residents in the state:

"Fraudsters know that seniors may be more trusting, less familiar with online platforms or purchases, or unaware of how sophisticated modern scam attempts have become. It's essential that families and communities talk openly about these risks and the warning signs to prevent vulnerable individuals from falling victim.

"Summer also carries an elevated risk, with Fourth of July sales and an uptick in travel and home improvement projects, especially among those who are retired. Scammers may impersonate well-known retailers and take advantage of elderly residents' trusted family members being preoccupied with their own summer plans.

"We don't want to take independence away from our elderly family members, but please encourage them to run any suspicious contact past you before responding. Just talking about the latest scam tactics or reviewing questionable emails/texts together can stop fraud before it happens."

The expert shares three key tips to help the elderly avoid falling victim to fraud this summer:

1. Be suspicious of 'too good to be true' deals. Scammers may offer fake discounts or sweepstakes to elderly consumers. Always verify companies through the Better Business Bureau (BBB) before agreeing to anything.
2. Don't answer unfamiliar robocalls. Elderly people are often targeted by phone scams pretending to be Social Security or Medicare. Use call-blocking apps to limit spam calls, and never share personal details over the phone.
3. Ask a trusted family member for help. Scammers ramp up phishing emails and fake charity requests in the summer. Check emails or messages with a trusted family member to double-check the authenticity before clicking anything.

Indiana Secretary of State at National Conference

Secretary of State Diego Morales attended the National Association of Secretaries of State Summer Conference in Mississippi, alongside approximately 30 Secretaries and Lt. Governors.

The NASS Conference allows Secretaries of State from across the nation to network, exchange knowledge, and discuss public policy developments. This collaboration aims to strengthen ties, promote consistency in best practices and reinforce a shared commitment to serving the American people.

Discussions at the conference covered cybersecurity, election administration, securities, international relations, business services, federal legislation, remote electronic notarization, company ownership, and many other relevant issues.

"It was an honor to represent and advocate for Indiana and continue to make developments for Hoosiers



Photo courtesy State of Indiana

Secretary of State Diego Morales

at this year's NASS Summer Conference," Morales said. "Collaborating with other state officials strengthens relations across our country, generating strong networks and valuable insights. I'm looking forward to applying the concepts I have gathered from this conference while continuing to put Indiana's best foot forward."

NASS is the nation's oldest, nonpartisan professional organization for public officials in the U.S.



Sen. Walker Shares Updates

Indiana's lifeline law signals to Hoosier families and youth that safety comes first. In the 2025 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly passed a bill to extend the immunities offered by the lifeline law.

Previously, the lifeline law offered legal protections only to minors under the influence of alcohol who called to report a medical emergency.

Senate Enrolled Act 74, which I co-authored, extends the lifeline law's legal protections to the person in need of medical attention due to their over consumption of alcohol.

By updating Indiana's lifeline law, youth are given the confidence to save lives by taking action during a medical emergency.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL Safety Tips

Hoosier drivers should be alert as schools are returning from summer break and students are again traveling to and from school.

On a two-lane road or multi-lane road with no barriers between lanes, motorists must stop if a school bus stops with red flashing lights and the stop arm extended.

On a multi-lane roadway with a grassy or concrete barrier

between travel lanes, only vehicles traveling in the same direction as the bus must stop when the bus's red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.

FISHERS Named Sixth Safest Place to Live

US News recently named the City of Fishers the sixth safest place to live in the U.S.

The city's top ranking is thanks to the hard work and dedication of our first responders to keep the community safe.

HOOSIER YOUTH Smoking on the Decline

The Indiana Department of Health recently announced that youth tobacco use has dropped to its lowest level in decades.

The 2024 Indiana Youth Tobacco Survey shows e-cigarette use by high school students dropped to 5%, the lowest rate since 2012. These positive numbers show we are heading in the right direction, and we must continue to advocate for healthier futures for Hoosier youth.

State Sen. Kyle Walker represents District 31 which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

Sen. Buck Running for Re-Election

State Senator Jim Buck (R- Kokomo) announced he intends to seek another term in the legislature representing Hoosiers in Senate District 21, which is composed of Tipton County and portions of Hamilton and Howard counties.



Jim Buck, Kokomo

"I'm excited by our recent efforts to reform property taxes, and advance education and health care reforms. I want to continue to be a part of these important initiatives," Buck said. "I have always believed in limited government and fiscal responsibility and I'm proud of my record on those issues. Hoosiers deserve government that works responsibly within its means, and I will continue to focus on making sure our state works for all her citizens."

ing with the new Braun administration and with my colleagues in the legislature, and I would like to continue to be a part of instituting new policies to make the Hoosier state an even better place to live, work, and raise a family."

Buck currently chairs the Senate Committee on Local Government and also serves on the following Senate committees: Environmental Affairs, Homeland Security & Transportation, Judiciary, Rules & Legislative Procedure, and Veterans Affairs & the Military.

Retired from Delphi and a real estate broker, Buck resides in Kokomo with his wife Judy. They have five daughters (one deceased) and 10 grandchildren.

"I have enjoyed work-

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
 BY AND AT: Hamilton Southeastern Schools
 Central Office
 13485 Cumberland Road
 Fishers, IN 46038
 (317) 594-4100
 Attn: Jerry Enyart
 FOR: Fall Creek Junior High School Chiller Replacement
 PROJECT LOCATION: Fall Creek Junior High School
 12001 Olio Road
 Fishers, IN 46037

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received after the designated day and time listed above will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall also submit financial data and a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the bidder, and clearly identified as follows:

Fall Creek Junior High School Chiller Replacement
 BID OPENING: Each bid will be opened at the HSE Administration Building, 13485 Cumberland Road Fishers, IN 46038, by the Owner on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 1:30 PM local time. Deliver Bid in a sealed envelope showing the project name and Bidder's name and address.

PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Wednesday, August 20th, 2025, at 1:30 PM at Fall Creek Junior High School. Meet at main entry doors. The meeting will include an opportunity to tour the mechanical room. To arrange site visits after this meeting, contact Jerry Enyart, email: jenyart@hse.k12.in.us phone: (317) 594-4380. Drawings and specifications shall be available at the ReproGraphix online plan room. <https://eplanroom.reprographix.com/>

CONTRACT TYPE:
 Project will be constructed under a Single Prime Contract with bids received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material, and services necessary to complete the project in full accordance with the Construction Drawings and Project Manual. Prime bidders and their subcontractors must be certified and in compliance with the Indiana General Assembly's House Enrollment Act #1019.

Where trade names, brand names, or manufacturer's names are used in the Project Manual, it is for the purpose of establishing kind and quality and not for the purpose of limiting competition. Bidders may offer items or materials equal in quality and having the same durability and efficiency if the Bidder first receives written approval from the Architect/Engineer prior to the date and time of the Bid Opening and complying with requirements indicated in Document 00 21 00, "Instructions to Bidders." The Bidder shall identify such substitutions by name, kind, and type with the Bid.

A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, complying with the conditions of the Instructions to Bidders and Advertisements for Public Bids. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana's Public Work Projects Act, Indiana Code 36-1-12. The bidder agrees to hold open its bid for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening.

The Contract to which the Owner will be a party will contain a provision prohibiting the other party to the Contract, and their subcontractors, from engaging in employment practice that constitutes a discrimination against a person because of the person's race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry. The successful Bidder shall provide an affidavit with each billing assuring the Owner that this provision has not been violated.

Any questions concerning this project shall be directed to RE Dimond and Associates, Inc. Contact Mike East mike.east@redimond.com.

BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security for five percent (5%) of the base bid in the form of a certified check or a bid bond. Bid bonds shall be executed by the bidder and a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Indiana. The check or bid bond shall be made payable to Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Should a successful Bidder withdraw the bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit forfeited as liquidated damages.

PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND: The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount equal to the contract price, which shall cover faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all obligations. The cost of the bonds shall be at the expense of the Bidder and be included in the Bidder's bid. The bonds shall be executed by a surety company approved by the Owner and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana.

END OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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MEETING NOTICE – Executive Session Time Change

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Executive Session in Conference room 1A, in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060 for Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). The public session to discuss county business will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060.
 /s/ Todd E. Clevenger
 Hamilton County Auditor

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Deborah Foley with HCH Food Bank and Steve Dillon with Excel Center at the Beef and Sausage Distribution in Noblesville.



St. Christophers Episcopal group helped with meat distribution earlier this month.



Talbert and Ellie Miller helped distribute Meating the Need beef and sausage to Green Valley Food Pantry.

‘Meating’ The Need Sets New Records While Helping Others

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank set new records in its 10th year of “Meating” The Need, a partnership between 4-H Beef, Dairy, and Swine projects and the Food Bank. HCH is a non-profit organization that supports local food pantries and meal programs year-round in Hamilton County. This year HCH purchased nine beef and 10 swine at the Hamilton County 4-H Livestock Auction. An amazing 95 local donors helped fund this year’s Meating the Need project with more than \$40,000 in donations, both new records.

The 5,135 lbs. of meat supplied 27 Hamilton County food pantries with farm fresh beef and pork raised by local 4-H members. Meat Distribution Day was Aug 9. St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church Men’s Group in Carmel once again helped with distribution. They were joined by 10-year 4-H Beef member and Meating the Need participant Ellie

Miller, who also volunteers regularly at Angels Attic food pantry.

The 19 4-H members who designated their animals for sale to the Food Bank helped to feed families and children in our own community with the equivalent of 20,540 meals of good, healthy protein. Donations to this program went toward the appraised market purchase price of the 4-H animals, processing, and to the 4-H members as they pursue their 4-H, education and life goals.

The organization offered thanks to Archers Meats and Catering and This Old Farm for processing all of the animals and the Hamilton County 4-H Staff and 4-H Livestock Auction Committee who help make Meating the Need happen every year. It also thanked Kim Beaver, Mike McCloughan, and Randy and Ross Hagen who help every year with the graphics, banner and trucking and animal coordination.

HCH wishes to thank all of the generous donors that sent donations to HCH Food Bank to fund this year’s project.

- American Bank of Freedom
- Arcadia Christian Church - Angels Attic
- Aroma United Methodist Church
- Atlanta Christian Church
- Bethel Lutheran Church
- Carmel Culinary Boosters
- Carmel Friends Church
- Carmel United Methodist Church
- Chris and Kathy Gatz
- Clarksville Christian Church
- Cory and Erin Lewis
- David and Brenda Day
- David and Carolyn Knapp
- Delaware Township Trustee
- Doug and Gail Mehlan
- Ernalee Slater
- Estella Mirelez
- Excel Center Noblesville
- Fall Creek Township Trustee
- Fishers UMC Come to

- Me Pantry
- Gary and Barbie Vaught
- Gary Richter and Illona Lipovsky
- George Kristo
- Gerald and Sally Lindenmayer
- Green Valley Church of Christ
- Hamilton Co. Farm Bureau Inc.
- Hamilton County Reporter
- Hank and Kit Prohm
- Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry
- Jill and David DeMoss
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- Kevin Costello Family
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- King of Glory Lutheran Church
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- Leah Johnson
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- Noblesville Township Trustee
- Open Doors Pantry
- Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
- Randy, Anita and Ross Hagen

- Redeeming Love, Noblesville
- Reynolds Farm Equipment
- Rod and Carol Howard
- Sally Burton Food Pantry
- Sheridan First United Methodist, Sheridan Lunch Club
- Sheridan First United Methodist, Sunflower Pantry
- Six Points Church
- Spartan- Nash - Needlers Market
- St. Basil - Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Christian
- St. Christophers Episcopal Church
- St. Maria Goretti Church, Shepherds Gate
- St. Vincent de Paul Noblesville
- Third Phase Christian Center
- Tim and Deborah Foley
- Venture Christian Church, Bread of Life Pantry
- Wayne Township Trustee
- White River Christian Church
- Additional donors who helped through the Hamilton County Reporter’s \$5500 dona-

tion included: ADLER Attorneys, Atlanta New Earth Festival, Beck’s Hybrids, Carmel Community Players, Cicero Friends of the Park, Cicero and Harbor Markets, Committee to Elect Aaron Johnson for Judge, Community First Bank, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz, CrossRoads Church at Westfield, Dani Robinson (FC Tucker), Duke Energy, The Farmers Bank, Feeding Team, First Farmers Bank and Trust, Fishers Arts Council, Gaylor Electric Inc and CEO Chuck Godrich, Hamilton County Democratic Party, Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Hamilton Co Parks and Rec, Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416, Hamilton County TV, Jackson Township Trustee’s Office, Lights over Morse Lake, Main Street Productions, Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, Noblesville Lions Club, Pasta Italiano, Prevail, Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Riverview Health, Suzanne Thomas Realty, Swenson for Judge Committee, Westfield Lions Club, Westfield Lions Foundation.

HCHFB welcomes donations YEAR-ROUND to support this initiative. Please send to HCH Food Bank, PO Box 881, Noblesville, IN 46061 or visit our website at HCHFoodBank.org and designate “Meating The Need”.



Photos courtesy Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

From left, Tom Clover, Greg Orr, Ellie Miller – 10 yr. 4-H member, Reed Clover and Dave Stelsel at Angels Attic food pantry in Arcadia.

Community First Bank Launches New Division

Community First Bank of Indiana is proud to announce the launch of its Private Banking division, designed to deliver tailored financial solutions and concierge-level service to individuals and families with significant wealth. Leading this new initiative is Karissa Hendricks, who joins the bank as Vice President, Private Banker.

With over 35 years in banking, Karissa brings not just deep expertise, but a genuine passion for helping clients feel confident and cared for. Her career, centered in the greater Indianapolis market, has been built on trust, personal connection, and a commitment to making complex financial decisions feel simple and approachable. A native of Indianapolis, she is known for her commitment to personal,

on-demand service – often described by clients as “24/7 banking”.

“Karissa has a remarkable way of making clients feel both understood and supported,” said Bob Hickman, Chief Banking and Credit Officer at Community First Bank. “Her reputation for building lasting relationships and delivering thoughtful, responsive service makes her an ideal fit to lead our Private Banking team. We’re excited to welcome her and confident she’ll bring tremendous value to our clients.”

The Private Bank at Community First offers personalized financial strategies, full-service banking solutions, and a dedicated team that supports clients through every life stage. Whether planning for tomorrow or navigating today’s



Karissa Hendricks

complexities, clients can expect the ease and assurance of a team that’s always within reach.

Outside of work, Karissa has also dedicated over 20 years to volunteering with organizations such as Junior Achievement, the Indianapolis Animal Shelter, the Humane Society, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Girl Scouts of America, and Gleaners Food Bank.

Boys & Girls Club Gets \$50K Grant

The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Thomas P. and Sondra D. Charitable Foundation, a fund of Hamilton County Community Foundation, in support of scholarships and its transportation program for the 2025-26 school year.

“We are excited to partner with The Thomas P. and Sondra D. Sheehan Charitable Foundation once again to ensure the youth in our community have the support they need,” stated BGCN executive director Becky Terry. “Now more than ever, kids need a safe place where they can learn,

grow and have fun. With the support received from the Thomas P. and Sondra D. Sheehan Charitable Foundation, more youth will have access to new opportunities through programming that will inspire and prepare them for great futures.”

The Foundation’s support will help provide reliable transportation to the Club, removing barriers that prevent youth from participating in after-school programs. It will also fund scholarships to ease the financial burden for families in need. Over the past year, 551 youth and teens utilized the Club’s transportation services, while 196 families received financial assistance and scholar-

ships—an 18% increase compared to the previous year.

“Every grant we provide reflects the values my parents, Tom and Soni Sheehan, cherished: compassion, community, and a dedication to helping others. It is a privilege to carry on their legacy by supporting organizations that are making a meaningful impact in the lives of children. These grants honor their memory and continue the work they started to build a stronger Hamilton County,” stated Tracey Sheehan, Board Chair of the Thomas P. and Sondra D. Sheehan Charitable Foundation.

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