

■ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



Hey, I'm a big space fan. Have been since I was a kid and watched Gus and John and Buzz and the Right Stuff boys. But I honestly don't understand the hoopla over us doing something now that we did six decades ago.

■ HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture is seeking delegates to vote in the District 4 election for the District 4 nominee to the Indiana State Fair Board, a district that includes Hamilton County. County agricultural organizations must certify by July 1 to be eligible to vote in the district election. If an organization meets the criteria and is interested in sending a delegate to vote, the organization must submit a certification application to ISDA by July 1 to be eligible for consideration. The following counties are in State Fair District 4: Decatur, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Jay, Johnson, Madison, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Tipton, Union and Wayne. For more info, visit www.in.gov/isda/about/about-isda/state-fair/.

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never allow a person to tell you no who doesn't have the power to say yes."

Eleanor Roosevelt

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Why is April so clean?
Because April showers.

■ ADOPT A PET PIPER BEA



Piper Bea is a quiet, gentle, and oh-so-easy-to-love cat with so much love to give. This 10-year-old female domestic shorthair has been available for adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) since 8/4/25. Whether she's making biscuits on her cardboard scratcher, chasing a string toy, or tracking down the elusive red dot, PiperBeaknows how to keep things entertaining. If you're looking for a friendly, playful companion who's ready to settle into her forever family, Piper Bea is the perfect girl for you. She would love to meet you at HSHC anytime Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Sunday from 12-5 PM. To meet her, please fill out an adoption application at hamiltonhumane.com/adopt.

Have a fabulous weekend!

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BOOMER BITS... Tips and Advice from Boomers to Boomers If Either Die, Will Other Get a Survivor Benefit?

Dear Rusty: I am 79. My husband is also 79 and we both receive Social Security benefits. We were both married before, and we married each other at the age of 58. Am I to understand correctly that when either of us dies, the surviving spouse is not eligible to collect the deceased spouse's Social Security benefits? Please correct me if I am wrong.

Signed: Curious Spouse

Dear Curious Spouse: A surviving spouse only gets one benefit - either their own SS retirement amount, or their deceased spouse's amount, whichever is more. So, the Social Security benefit that the deceased was receiving at death will be paid to the



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Social Security Advisor

surviving spouse, replacing any smaller SS payment the survivor was already collecting. To be sure you are aware, the surviving spouse will also be eligible for a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255 (I know it isn't much, but it should be claimed anyway).

Also, unless the surviving spouse was already receiving

a spousal benefit while both partners were living, the surviving spouse will need to contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (or at the local SS field office) to make an appointment to apply for their survivor benefit.

One other thing to be

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How to Protect Brain Health

(StatePoint)

Americans overwhelmingly say brain health matters deeply as they age, ranking it on par with — or even above — physical health. Yet despite this concern, most adults acknowledge they do not know how to protect or maintain their cognitive health, according to the 2026 "Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures" report and a new nationwide survey released by the Alzheimer's Association.

Eighty-eight percent of U.S. adults say maintaining brain health is very important, and almost all adults ages 40 and older surveyed (99%) say it is at least as important as physical health. However, only 9% say they know "a lot" about how to maintain

their brain health. More than two-thirds say they worry about their brain health and about developing Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

"Americans care deeply about their brain health and say that midlife is the key time to start taking steps to support it," said Heather M. Snyder, Ph.D., senior vice president of Medical and Scientific Relations for the Alzheimer's Association. "But many don't know where to start and are looking for clear guidance on actions they can take."

The report comes as the impact of Alzheimer's disease continues to expand nationwide. An estimated 7.4 million Americans age 65 and older are currently living with clinical

Alzheimer's dementia. Total annual costs of caring for people living with dementia nationwide — excluding unpaid care — are projected to reach \$409 billion this year, an increase of \$25 billion from 2025. Since 2000, deaths from Alzheimer's disease in the United States have increased 134%.

Despite broad awareness that lifestyle behaviors influence brain health, the survey reveals a significant disconnect between belief and action — and between brain health and dementia risk. While 75% of respondents say lifestyle behaviors such as diet, physical activity and sleep are very important for maintaining brain health, only 46% say those same

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1 The state of Indiana is accepting nominations for the Governor's 2026 Century and Half Century Business Awards, which honor Hoosier businesses that have remained in operation for at least 100 or 50 years, respectively, and have demonstrated a commitment to serving the community. Indiana businesses receiving the Governor's 2026 Century and Half Century Business award will be honored at a ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse later this year. Eligible companies are encouraged to complete the online application by May 30, 2026. Please visit iedc.in.gov/program/century-and-half-century-awards for additional details..

2 The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs released its strategic plans for the agency as well as the Indiana Main Street program. OCRA's strategic plan creates a roadmap for the agency through 2028, while the Indiana Main Street strategic plan, created in partnership with Main Street America, outlines the program's goals through 2030. Ahead of the development of OCRA's strategic plan for rural Indiana, OCRA Executive Director Fred Glynn toured the state's 92 counties where he met with local officials and leaders to learn more about what is directly impacting Hoosier cities and towns. Both strategic plans can be found on OCRA's website at in.gov/ocra/about/strategic-plan/. For further information on the Indiana Main Street program, visit in.gov/ocra/mainstreet.

3 Indiana Governor Mike Braun highlighted his signing of HEA1200: a bill to take on the dangerous upsurge of illegal aliens with Commercial Drivers' Licenses driving large commercial trucks on Hoosier roads and highways. Braun was joined by bill author Rep. Jim Pressel, Secretary of Public Safety Anthony Scott, and representatives from Attorney General Rokita's Office. Recent cases of illegal aliens driving commercial vehicles involved in fatal crashes has brought attention to this issue. Indiana experienced multiple fatal crashes caused by illegal immigrants with CDLs driving massive commercial trucks. This is not the first enforcement measure Governor Braun has taken to remove illegal alien commercial truck drivers from Indiana's roadways. Last fall, Gov. Braun teamed up with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Operation Midway Blitz, a successful 287(g) operation with Indiana State Police that resulted in the arrest of 223 illegal aliens on Indiana highways near the Illinois state line — including 146 truck drivers.



Indiana Seniors Lost \$36M to Fraud

New research from SEO agency MADX Digital, which looked at Federal Trade Commission data, reveals Indiana's older residents lost over \$36 million to fraud in 2025, with typical losses reaching \$883 per victim. The agency said FTC data shows that elderly Americans aged 60 and over have lost a staggering \$2.73 billion to fraud across the U.S. in 2025.

Indiana ranked 39th for senior fraud losses, with lower losses helping offset steady levels of fraud activity. The state recorded 7,904 reports and \$36 million in losses, with 23.5 percent resulting in financial loss. The loss-per-victim amount of \$883 was lower than neighbors Illinois (\$1,005) and Ohio (\$998), Indiana sits at the lower end of the regional spectrum in terms of financial damage.

Nationally, there were 442,536 reports of fraud among those aged 60 or more, with 24.5 percent of these resulting in a financial loss. MADX Digital (<https://madx.digital/>) said that the total stolen runs into the billions, with losses per case varying widely depending on where victims live.

The "typical loss" figure reflects the average of median losses across age groups, rather than a simple average of total losses divided by reports.

Nebraska had the highest median fraud loss in the nation with 2,079 reports in 2025 with total losses of roughly \$14.7 million. About 24 percent of those reports involved a financial loss, right at the national average, but when victims in this state do lose money they lose far more of it than anywhere else in the country, with a typical loss of \$3,825 per victim, based on median losses across age groups.

That means a typical fraud victim in Nebraska loses roughly nine times more than one in Maine, which ranks last for financial impact with a typical loss of just \$430.

Not far behind is Utah, where the typical loss of \$3,271 came from 3,284 reports, with total losses topping \$29.7 million. About one in four reports involved a financial loss, the same as the national average. Fraud in Utah succeeds at about the average rate. The difference is the cost per victim.

In third place, with a typical loss of \$2,561, is South Dakota. The state filed just 935 fraud reports, one of the lowest totals in the country, but 28% of those involved a

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Democratic Women Meeting This Sunday

Democratic women from across Hamilton County are invited to attend the second meeting of the Hamilton County Federation of Democratic Women on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The meeting marks the launch of a new caucus dedicated to educating, energizing, and empowering Democratic women while expanding civic engagement and leadership opportunities across the county.

As Democratic women across Indiana mobilize ahead of an important election cycle, the Hamilton County Federation of Democratic Women aims to connect women who want to become more involved in local politics, support Democratic candidates, and build a stronger pipeline of women leaders in the party and public office.

The meeting will host a panel discussion featuring democratic women leaders from three different levels of

local government. State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn, Former Fishers City Councilor Crystal Neumann and Carmel Clay School Board Member Kristina Wheeler.

Event Details

Sunday, April 26
1 p.m.
Eller House
7050 E 116th St., Fishers

The aim is to help attendees better understand how these positions function individually and as part of a whole.

“We hope women will not only see how they can assist in bringing vital issues that matter to the forefront of their governing bodies, but also envision how each of them is valuable to the process of democracy,” Libby Hogan said.

Organizers encourage women to come ready with their burning questions.

All Democratic women in Hamilton County, whether long-time volunteers, new activists or those simply interested in learning more, are encouraged to attend, meet fellow community members and help build this new organization together.

Notice of Tech Difficulties

Due to technological difficulties, live streaming of meetings in the Commissioner courtroom will be unavailable during May 11 to May 24. The county will attempt to make a recording and

post it online after the meeting has concluded. As always, in-person attendance is welcomed, and meeting minutes will be posted on the County Website.

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Heights Wrestler Signs With Cornerstone University

Hamilton Heights High School senior Simon Kuhn has officially signed his national letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic career at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Cornerstone is a member of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and competes as an NAIA institution. He is the son of Brian and Virginia Kuhn.

Kuhn chose Cornerstone for its Christ-centered education and the strong sense of community he felt within the wrestling program. He plans to study Business Management and ultimately pursue a career as an Air Traffic Controller.

A strong student-athlete, Kuhn has excelled both in the classroom and on the mat. He currently serves as President of the National Honor Society, is an active member of Hamilton Heights' chapter of Business Professionals of America, and volunteers at Arcadia Christian Church. His

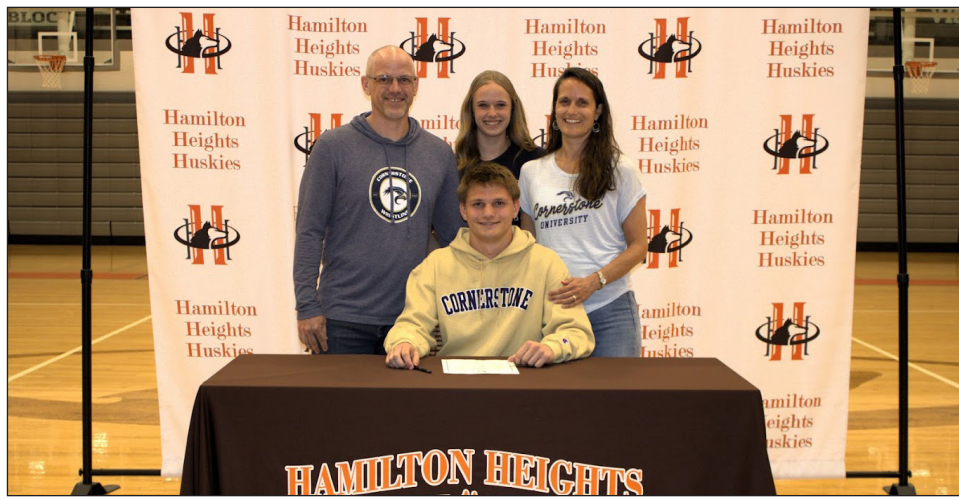


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From left, Dad Brian Kuhn, Sister Naomi Kuhn, Simon Kuhn and Mom Virginia Kuhn.

academic and athletic achievements include being named a two-time Academic All-American, Academic All-State, Academic All-Conference, and a Sectional and Conference Champion in wrestling.

While wrestling has been his passion since middle school, Kuhn has also been a dedicated member of Hamilton Heights' Unified Flag Football Team for four years and the Unified Track Team for two years. He credits his brother, Issac, as a major influence in his

development as both a student and an athlete.

“Simon Kuhn leaves Hamilton Heights as one of the most decorated wrestlers but academically as well,” said Gary Myers, Hamilton Heights High School Wrestling Coach. “Simon accomplished a rare feat by becoming a 2x Academic All-State and a 2x Academic All-American as well. Simon was our team captain the last two seasons as well as finishing with 118 career victories.”

“I can't think of a better representative of

what we want to see in an athlete here at Hamilton Heights,” said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director.

“Simon is a very strong student, extremely conscientious and treats others with the utmost respect. He has been a leader of both the Wrestling and Unified programs for the past four years and he is the epitome of who other athletes should be emulating. We wish him the best as he continues his wrestling career at Cornerstone University.”

Gun Sense Group Backs Democrat

Democratic State House candidate Joel Levi has been named a 2026 Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate and has earned the endorsement of Run for Something, a national organization that supports young, diverse leaders running for office.

Levi, who is running for Indiana State Representative in District 37, received the Gun Sense Candidate distinction for the second time, underscoring his longstanding commitment to common sense gun safety and protecting Indiana families.

“I'm honored to once

again be recognized as a Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate,” said Levi. “From the start, I've believed that keeping our kids and communities safe has to be a top priority. This work is personal, and I'm committed to advancing practical solutions that help prevent gun violence and save lives.”

In addition to this recognition, Levi has been endorsed by Run for Something as part of its latest class of candidates working to build a new generation of leadership across the county.

“Bold leaders like

Joel Levi are at the forefront of the fight for our rights and freedoms at a time when they have never faced greater threats,” said Amanda Litman, Co-Founder and President of Run for Something. “Run for Something is proud to endorse Joel Levi as part of our latest class of young leaders working to secure lasting change in their communities.”

Levi said the dual recognition highlights the importance of bringing fresh perspectives and steady leadership to the Statehouse.

“I'm grateful for the support from Run for

Something and for the continued partnership with advocates, like our local Hamilton County Moms Demand Action chapter, who are working every day to make our communities safer,” Levi said. “Together, we can build a future where every Hoosier feels safe, heard, and respected.”

Levi's campaign for State Representative focuses on strengthening public education, supporting working families, and ensuring safer communities across District 37.

For more information, visit www.JoelLeviForIndiana.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Auditor Endorses John Lowes for Sheriff

Dear Editor,
As the County Auditor of Hamilton County, I view the office of Sheriff through a lens that is somewhat different from most. Certainly, public safety is paramount. Our residents deserve strong, steady leadership to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our communities. However, as the County's Chief Fiscal Officer, I am equally mindful of the operational and financial responsibilities that come with leading the largest department in our county government.

The Sheriff's Office is not only a law en-

forcement agency, it is a complex organization that manages significant financial resources, oversees substantial infrastructure, and leads a large and diverse staff. Effective leadership in this role requires more than experience in uniform; it demands proven executive management ability, fiscal responsibility, and an understanding of the business operations that sustain modern law enforcement.

Both candidates in this race bring law enforcement experience to the table. However, John Lowes is the only

candidate with direct experience managing and operating the Sheriff's Office itself. He understands not only the demands of public safety, but also the intricacies of budgeting, personnel management, procurement, compliance, and long-term strategic planning within our county structure.

The position of County Sheriff does not afford the luxury of on-the-job training. The complexity of overseeing the county's largest department, both in terms of resources and personnel, requires immediate competence

and demonstrated leadership. Major Lowes brings both law enforcement experience and hands-on experience in the administration and business operations of the Sheriff's Office.

For these reasons, I strongly endorse John Lowes for Hamilton County Sheriff. I am confident in his ability to lead with integrity, accountability, and a deep understanding of both public safety and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources.

Sincerely,
Todd Clevenger
Hamilton County Auditor

Pro-Family PAC Endorses John Lowes

The American Family Association of Indiana PAC announced its endorsement of John Lowes for Hamilton County Sheriff.

“Voters in Hamilton County have a unique opportunity to continue the outstanding record of keeping families safe set by Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush by electing John Lowes as sheriff. John understands that Noblesville, Fishers, Carmel, Westfield and all the great towns in Hamilton County are rated as one of the safest places to live in America because the Sheriff's Office makes safety a priority while recognizing the that strong families, vibrant churches, safe

schools and active community organizations play a critical role in our county,” said Micah Clark, President of the American Family Association of Indiana PAC.

“At all levels of government,

The AFA of Indiana Political Action Committee was formed in March 2006 for the purpose of educating voters about candidates who embrace traditional values and issues that benefit families, churches, and communities.

Hoosiers are looking for leaders who share their values and will listen to their concerns. Chief Deputy John Lowes is that candidate. He is an impressive leader with an enthusiasm for service, a qualified resume of accom-

plishments, and commitment to preserving the commonsense values that make Hamilton County great,” Clark stated.

“The Hamilton County Sheriff's office has a budget of \$34 million. John Lowes has a degree in business management, post-graduate certification in police leadership, and more than 27 years of management and law enforcement experience. John Lowes is ready to continue the solid record that the next sheriff will inherit. I encourage all Hamilton County voters to look at John's record and support him in the May primary,” Clark said.

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Leadership Academy Announces Speakers

Hamilton County Leadership Academy is thrilled to announce the panel of Hamilton County experts who will be speaking at the 13th Annual Leadership Summit, held on June 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Conference Center Noblesville.

It's widely acknowledged that workplace culture plays a critical role in attracting and retaining high performers – but what culture is and how to build one that is strong and sustainable is less understood.

This panel of Hamilton County experts are going to dig into those topics and much more:

- Bethany Gremel, Director of Culture and Brand Experience, Beck's Hybrids
- Mandy Haskett, Leadership Consultant, ADVISA
- Mike Pote, VP of

Strategic Initiatives, Gaylor Electric

- The discussion will be moderated by Heather Hass, CEO and Owner, ADVISA. "We are incredibly

Established in 1991, Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) is the premier leadership program in Hamilton County. Through education and connection, HCLA empowers those who live and/or work in Hamilton County to positively impact their community.

fortunate to have this phenomenal panel of leaders from well-respected Hamilton County employers," said Maria Kanger, Executive Director of HCLA. "Those who attend the Leadership Summit are bound to benefit from their wisdom and willing-

ness to dig into key questions, like what is needed from workplaces in this particular moment, and how AI factors into workplace culture."

In addition to the panel discussion, the event will also feature HCLA's Distinguished Alumni and Honorary Alumni Awards. Each year, HCLA recognizes an alumni and community partner for their commitment and service to the organization and their impact in Hamilton County. Recipients of these awards will be announced at a later date.

The HCLA Leadership Summit is open to the public, and both individual tickets and sponsorships are now available for purchase. Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased here. Registration closes on Monday, June 1.

FRAUD

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financial loss, well above the national average. Total losses came to about \$6.9 million.

In Arizona, fully 32% of reports resulted in a financial loss, nearly eight percentage points above the national average.

Across 14,116 reports the state's victims lost a combined \$128 million, with the typical loss per victim sitting at \$2,467.

New Hampshire rounds out the top five. With a total of 3,495 filed reports, fewer than one in five complaints involved a monetary loss. That 19% rate is the second lowest of any state. Those who did lose money lost a typical \$1,572, with total losses of about \$11.4 million.

Texas had more complaints than any state except California and Florida (31,458 in all, with total losses of roughly \$238 million) and about one in four ended with money changing hands. The typical loss per victim there was \$1,571.

Maine ranks last for financial impact, with a typical loss of just \$430 per victim, a fraction of what Nebraska's victims hand over. It is, by that measure, the safest state in the country for older consumers who do fall victim. The state filed 2,250 reports with about \$10.9 million in total losses. About 22% of reports involved a financial loss.

Investment fraud dwarfs every other category when it comes to the money older Americans lose. Categorized by the FTC as miscellaneous investments and advice, the category drew

only 14,028 reports from older consumers, a small fraction of the total, but no other fraud type costs its victims anything close to as much. Total losses surpassed \$1 billion, which is more than 38% of all fraud losses among older consumers, and the median victim handed over \$23,418.

Romance scams are the second costliest per victim, with a median loss of \$8,048. Romance victims collectively filed roughly 10,500 reports and lost \$384.1 million between them. Fake check scams are a smaller category altogether, just 577 reports, but the median victim still lost \$5,959 and total losses came to \$8.4 million.

The sheer number of complaints looks quite different. Business impersonators generated the most complaints by far, with nearly 123,000 reports and \$421.6 million in total losses; the typical victim, though, lost just \$1,119. Government impersonators were the second most reported category (99,855 complaints) and the second costliest in total dollars at \$447.4 million, but at a median of \$4,116 per victim they were nearly four times more expensive per case. Tech support scams cost \$126 million (21,735 reports, median \$3,747) and prizes, sweepstakes and lottery scams \$143.1 million (20,145 reports).

Online shopping fraud (41,309 complaints, \$59.4 million in losses) had the lowest median loss of any category at just \$107. Job scams (9,203 reports, \$55.9 million)

and family and friend impersonators (8,884 reports, \$37.5 million) filled out the rest of the table.

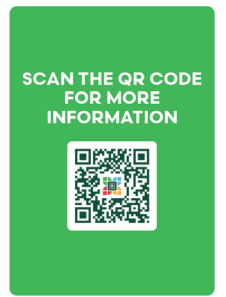
"What stands out in states like Nebraska and Utah isn't necessarily a higher volume of scams, but the scale of the damage when they do land," Toni Koraza, founder of MADX Digital, said. "These are typically higher-value fraud types – often investment-related or long-running schemes where trust is built gradually. By the time money changes hands, the amounts involved are much larger. The variation between states is particularly telling. In some areas, scams are more frequent but involve relatively small sums, while in others they are less common but far more financially severe. That points to very different fraud ecosystems at play, which matters when it comes to prevention and awareness strategies. In a state like Indiana, where typical losses are below the national average, the risk often comes from the volume of lower-value scams rather than headline-grabbing investment fraud. Investment scams are a clear outlier. They are designed to feel legitimate over time, often involving repeated contact and convincing narratives that build credibility. That's why the eventual losses are so high. On the other hand, things like online shopping scams are far more frequent but tend to involve smaller amounts. Individually they may seem less damaging, but at scale they still contribute to tens of millions in losses."



STAMP PROGRAM

HOW TO PLAY

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 - The Peoples State Bank
 - The Courthouse Club
 - The Velvet Plum
 - Go & Do
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City Urges Everyone to Visit Downtown

As construction continues for the Embrace Downtown project, the City of Noblesville is launching a program to promote shopping and dining in downtown Noblesville.

As part of its commitment to assisting business owners throughout the construction, the Embrace Small Business stamp card program has been implemented to encourage residents and visitors to continue supporting local in downtown Noblesville. The project website has a page detailing the new program, participating businesses and how to play. <https://www.embracedowntown-noblesville.com/business-support>

"We understand the challenges that come with construction and how that impacts our

downtown businesses," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "We are committed to helping business owners while we make the improvements that are part of the Embrace Downtown project to promote a vibrant, healthy downtown economy."

The stamp cards can be picked up at any participating business. Completed cards can be returned for a chance to win \$250 in gift cards to downtown businesses. Ten winners will be drawn each month in April, May, and June.

"This program creates excitement and gives customers a reason to visit multiple small businesses in downtown Noblesville. It's a win for everyone!" said Cheryl Schulz, owner of Alexander's on the Square.

The Embrace Downtown project is a multi-phase initiative to create a more welcoming, accessible, and vibrant downtown Noblesville. Phase 1B construction began on Logan Street from Eighth Street through the intersection at Ninth Street.

Phase 1B is anticipated to last until this fall, weather dependent. Access will remain to businesses in the construction area, but there will be no parking on Logan Street between Eighth Street and Ninth Street.

Overall construction is anticipated to be complete in November.

Visit www.EmbraceDowntownNoblesville.com to learn more about the project or follow the project on X, Facebook, and Instagram.

Noblesville Meijer Participating in National Drug Take Back Day

As National Drug Take Back Day approaches this Saturday, April 25, the Meijer Pharmacy in Noblesville is prepared to properly dispose of Hoosiers' unused over-the-counter and prescription medications.

The year's first of two National Prescription Drug Take Back Days is here and Meijer pharmacists are prepared for an influx of customers to come in and dispose of their unwanted, unused, and expired medications.

Meijer first participated in the national program in February 2019 and has since collected more than 300 tons of unneeded medications in easily identifiable kiosks near each of its in-store pharmacies.

At Meijer, every day is drug take back day. Customers can access the kiosks year-round for disposal of over the counter and prescription medications, including controlled substances, during normal pharmacy hours, no

questions asked. Items not accepted as part of the program include needles or other sharps, inhalers, mercury thermometers, medications that contain iodine, and illicit drugs.

Assistance is available, if needed.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. Meijer is encouraging its customers to take advantage of the program.

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aware of since you were both married before: if either of you die, and your first marriage lasted at least 10 years and your ex-spouse has also died, the surviving spouse will have a choice to collect a survivor benefit from either the ex-spouse, or the most recently deceased spouse, whichever amount is more. But, again, you can only collect one benefit payment as a surviving spouse – either from your ex-spouse or from your recently deceased spouse, whichever benefit is higher.

FYI, survivor benefits are a confusing area of Social Security, so you might also find informative this article I recently published, as it goes more deeply into surviving spouse benefits (including benefits for surviving minor children and surviving adult disabled children). Read the article titled "Demystifying Social Security Survivor Benefits" at www.amacfoundation.org/demystifying-social-security-survivor-benefits/. Of course, if you have any further questions, please contact us

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Every Eligible Scholarship Player Returns to Purdue, Painter



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role as an outside shooting threat. Benter shot nearly 41 percent from 3-point range as a redshirt freshman.

Benter was possibly miscast this past season as the backup power forward to Trey Kaufman-Renn. With Caden Pierce recruited specifically to take on that role, Benter could be more effective at small forward.

Antoine West Jr.

Strictly a guess. The 6-3 guard from Toledo, Ohio, was a four-star recruit who chose Purdue over Nebraska, Dayton, Michigan and Ohio State.

There's an opening for a guard coming off the bench who can score and provide defensive energy. This could be West's role as a redshirt freshman.

Luke Ertel

Hopefully, fans won't compare Ertel's rapid rise in high school to Braden Smith. Smith is a pure point guard, while the 6-2 Ertel is more of a scorer. Although, these quotes from Matt Painter do sound familiar:

"I don't know if I have ever seen a player that we have taken with more fortitude than Luke has," Painter said on National Signing Day. "He's very determined, tough, hard-nosed, picks you up full-court and birddogs the basketball."

Ertel is the 41st ranked player in the Class of 2026 by 247sports.com. He ran away with the voting for Indiana Mr. Basketball after leading Mt. Vernon to the Class 4A state championship.

Raleigh Burgess

Preseason leg surgery led to the decision to redshirt the 6-11, 245-pound Burgess.

Could the sophomore be the X-factor against oppo-



Gicarrri Harris

nents who play two big men on the front line?

Unknown

Sinan Huan

Barring another injury to Jacobsen and Burgess, it would seem the 7-1 center from Beijing via Georgetown Prep in Washington, D.C. will redshirt. Then again, it was assumed by many that Zach Edey would redshirt as a freshman.

Huan is the seventh 7-footer to sign with Purdue since 2012 (AJ Hammons, Isaac Haas, Matt Haarms, Edey, Will Berg, Jacobsen).

"He's a player that can change the game on the defensive end, not just blocking shots but by being a deterrent in the lane," Matt Painter said in a statement back in November on National Signing Day.

Jacob Webber

On paper, Webber would seem to be the perfect candidate to step into Fletcher Loyer's role as a dangerous 3-point shooter. But carrying just 175 pounds on a 6-6 frame entering his senior year at La Lumiere makes one wonder if he could take the physical beating Loyer endured as a freshman at Purdue.

"Jacob gives us great positional size as a guard and is the best move-and-shoot player in the country," Painter said of Webber, ranked 64th nationally by 247sports.com. "We think he's the most prolific shooter in the country."

Rivers Knight

Webber's teammate at La Lumiere, the 6-8 Knight caught Painter's attention after injury kept Knight off the summer basketball circuit. Also like his teammate, Knight's best attribute is his



C.J. Cox



Daniel Jacobsen

long-distance shooting touch.

"He can really stretch the defense at that four position," Painter said. "He has range to 25 feet and can consistently knock them down."

Walk-ons

Sam King

King is intriguing for two reasons: Walk-ons are seldom asked to redshirt before their senior year. The other reason? King is 6-9, 230 pounds. Best case scenario is a repeat of walk-on turned scholarship forward Grady Eifert's impact in 2019.

Jack Lusk

The son of assistant coach Paul Lusk will enter his third season in the program. The 6-4, 195-pound guard has yet to score a point in a Boilermaker uniform.

Jace Rayl

The 5-11 senior guard played eight games this past season. He is the grandson of 1959 Indiana Mr. Basketball Jimmy Rayl.

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.

For many years, the sign "Defense Lives Here" has been displayed in Mackey Arena.

Maybe there also should be a placard declaring "Loyalty Lives Here."

Do not underestimate the fact that every eligible scholarship player is returning to Purdue for the 2026-27 season.

Whether or not Purdue adds a player or two from the transfer portal, the Boilermakers will be a young team entering the 2026-27 season. As of now, Princeton graduate transfer Caden Pierce is the lone scholarship senior.

Who will coach Matt Painter write into the official scorebook as his starting lineup come November? Here's my best guess.

C.J. Cox

The 6-3 guard has started 62 consecutive games. Is he ready for a leadership role after playing alongside Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer?

Cox played well in Purdue's Elite Eight run, averaging just under 10 points a game while shooting nearly 47 percent from 3-point range and 61 percent overall from the field. Cox protects the ball, turning it over just 12 times in 39 games this past season. He's also a solid defender like fellow junior Gicarrri Harris.

Purdue will need more games like Cox's performance at Northwestern, when he matched his career high of 27 points on 10 of 13 shooting.

Omer Mayer

The 6-4 sophomore was recruited from Israel specifically to take over Braden Smith's point guard duties in 2026-27. Mayer flashed his offensive potential in a home victory against Indiana, putting up 18 points on 6 of 8 shooting (4 of 5 from 3-point range).

In Big Ten play, Mayer led

all conference freshmen with 44.2 percent shooting (23 of 52) from 3-point range. If Mayer develops into the NBA prospect some foresee, he could be the difference in Purdue contending again for a league title.

Gicarrri Harris

The 6-3 guard's season almost mirrored that of the Boilermakers. At home, Harris shot below 20 percent from 3-point range. But on a neutral court or on an opponent's home floor, he was a 45.6 percent (26 of 57) shooter behind the arc.

Consistency will be the key to Harris' playing time. He has an edge of being one of Purdue's best perimeter defenders.

Caden Pierce

It seems obvious that the 6-7 Pierce was brought in to step into Trey Kaufman-Renn's large shoes at forward.

The 2024 Ivy League Player of the Year at Princeton visited Connecticut, Duke, Louisville and Gonzaga before choosing to play his final season at Purdue. Torn ligaments in an ankle spoiled his junior season. It's presumed the year off to earn his bachelor's degree helped Pierce heal completely.

Daniel Jacobsen

The 7-4 center is still trying to catch up in his development after a freak broken leg during the second game of his freshman season in 2024-25.

He needs to bulk up from his listed weight of 250 pounds. But with big man whisperer Brandon Brantley and the recent hire of Kenneth Lowe to upgrade the defense, it is hoped Jacobsen will break out in 2026-27.

Top reserves

Jack Benter

I considered the 6-6 Benter for the starting lineup, stepping into Fletcher Loyer's

BRAIN HEALTH

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behaviors are very important for reducing the risk of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Only 50% report getting at least seven hours of sleep daily or most days, 39% say they eat a healthy, balanced diet regularly, 42% engage in mentally stimulating activities such as reading or puzzles, and just 34% report regular physical activity. Nearly one-third say they exercise less than weekly or not at all.

At the same time, Americans express strong interest in programs designed to support brain health. Seventy-three percent say they would consider participating in such programs, particularly those focused on cognitive exercises (57%), health monitoring (46%), nutrition (36%) and physical activity (26%).

Many adults view midlife — ages 35 to 64 — as a critical window

for protecting brain health. Nearly two in five (38%) believe people should begin taking steps during midlife, and 46% say formal brain health programs are most appropriate during this stage. At the same time, about one-third view brain health as a lifelong priority.

Health care providers are seen as trusted sources of guidance, but conversations about brain health rarely occur. Eighty-six percent of adults would welcome these discussions during routine visits. Yet only 14% report ever discussing how to maintain brain health with their provider, and just 11% say they have talked about reducing dementia risk.

"These findings highlight an opportunity to better integrate brain health into routine health care," Snyder said. "People are motivated to protect their brain

health, and actionable guidance can support those efforts."

To address these gaps, the Alzheimer's Association is working with partners across communities, workplaces and health care systems to deliver research-backed resources and programs. These efforts are informed by the landmark U.S. POINTER study, which found that combining multiple healthy lifestyle habits can help protect cognitive function.

Learn more at alz.org/facts.

"The takeaway from this report is clear: brain health is a lifelong priority, not an issue limited to older age," Snyder said. "By connecting individuals, communities, workplaces and health care, we can build a more equitable framework to support cognitive health and help reduce dementia risk for everyone."

CFB Honors Employees

In recognition of April as Community Banking Month, Community First Bank of Indiana is highlighting the impact of its employees' service and commitment to strengthening local communities.

Through CFB's volunteer program, employees receive 12 paid volunteer hours annually to support ongoing commitments such as nonprofit board service or regular volunteerism. During 2025, employees contributed 3,018 community hours, supporting 159 nonprofit organizations. The bank also provided \$269,266 in community donations, \$16,778 in employee-given funds, and helped serve more than 400 veterans.

Each year, CFB recognizes employees who make a meaningful difference through community service. For their service in 2025, Barb Alexander and Jack Scott were selected as recipients of two internal volunteer awards. Each award includes a \$1,000 donation to a nonprofit of the recipient's choice.

Jack Scott was named the recipient of the Community Service Distinction Award, which recognizes employees who make a broad community impact through sustained volunteer involvement and who inspire others to serve. Scott volunteers with several organizations in Hamilton County, including the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Family Promise of Hamilton County. He recently joined the Family Promise board and chose the organization as the recipient of his \$1,000 donation.



Photos courtesy Community First Bank
Jack Scott



Barb Alexander

Barb Alexander received the Bill Hingst Servant Leadership Award, which honors employees who demonstrate long-term commitment and servant leadership through nonprofit board service. The award is named in honor of Bill Hingst, whose CFB board leadership reflected these values. Alexander serves on the board of the Kokomo Humane Society and also volunteers weekly caring for adoptable cats at Petco. She selected the Kokomo Humane Society as the recipient of her \$1,000 donation.

Community First Bank of Indiana is proud to recognize Alexander and Scott for their dedication to serving their communities and to support the nonprofit organizations strengthened by their time and leadership.

Have a Great Weekend!

A.G. Announces Nearly 30 Items Recalled in March

Attorney General Todd Rokita alerted Hoosiers to nearly 30 recalled products during the month of March. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission listed recalled items in multiple areas, from children's toys, furniture, outdoor equipment, and more.

"Hoosiers deserve to know their families are safe in their own homes," Rokita said. "That's why we're sounding the alarm on nearly 30 dangerous recalled products this month – from children's toys and furniture to power tools and grills. If you own any of these items, stop using them immediately and contact the manufacturer for a refund, repair, or replacement. Your family's safety is too important to take chances."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports the following products were recalled in March:

Outdoor equipment:

Petzl America Recalls Nomic and Ergonomic Ice Climbing Axes Due to Fall Hazard; Risk of Serious Injury or Death | CPSC.gov

- The ice axe shaft can break at the handle during use, posing a fall hazard, which can result in serious injury or death.

Amazon Recalls Amazon Basics Camping Folding Pocket Knives Due to Laceration Hazard | CPSC.gov

- The folding mechanism on the blade can fail to remain properly secured in the closed position, posing a laceration hazard.

Children's Toys/Products/sleepwear:

HALO Dream Recalls Magic Sleepsuits Due to Choking Hazard | CPSC.gov

- The zipper head can detach from certain sleepsuits, posing a choking hazard to infants.

4our Kiddies Tip Restraint Kits Recalled Due to Tip-Over Hazard; Risk of Serious Injury and Death | CPSC.gov

- The recalled plastic tip restraint kits (also referred to as furniture straps) can break or degrade, posing tip-over and entrapment hazards that can result in serious injuries or death to children or elderly consumers interacting with furniture that is secured to the wall with the defective plastic tip restraints. This is a hidden defect because consumers who purchase and install this product may be under a false sense of security that their furniture is safe from a tip-over incident.

AirClub Convertible Bassinets Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Fall Hazard; Violates Mandatory Standard for Bedside Sleepers | CPSC.gov

- The recalled convertible bassinets violate the mandatory standard for bedside sleepers because the mechanism used to attach the product to the adult bed creates an opening between

the bedside sleeper and mattress, posing a deadly fall hazard to infants.

FUNTOK Ride-On Trucks Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Risk of Serious Injury or Death; Imported by Shenzhen Luobei Trading | CPSC.gov

- The truck's circuit board can overheat and ignite, posing fire and burn hazards.

Infant Walkers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Fall Hazard; Violate Mandatory Standard for Infant Walkers; Sold on Amazon by Goregent Official Store | CPSC.gov

- The recalled infant walkers violate the mandatory standard for infant walkers because they can fit through a standard doorway and fail to stop at the edge of a step, posing a risk of serious injury or death due to a fall hazard.

LFTE USA Recalls Playground Swing Set Seats Due to Fall Hazard | CPSC.gov

- The rivets used to support the swing seat can fail, posing a fall hazard to children.

Stoney Games Recalls Kluster Magnet Chess Games Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Magnet Ingestion; Violates Mandatory Standard for Toys | CPSC.gov

- The recalled magnet games violate the mandatory standard for toys because they contain loose high-powered magnets that fit within CPSC's small parts cylinder, posing an ingestion hazard to children. When high-powered magnets are swallowed, the ingested magnets can attract each other, or other metal objects, and become lodged in the digestive system. This can result in perforations, twisting, and/or blockage of the intestines, blood poisoning and death.

GLMZZ Fidget Magnet Ball Toys Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Magnet Ingestion; Violates Mandatory Standard for Toys | CPSC.gov

- The magnet ball toys violate the mandatory standard for toys because they are high-powered magnets, posing an ingestion hazard to children. When high-powered magnets are swallowed, they can attract each other, or other metal objects, and become lodged in the digestive system. This can result in perforations, twisting, and/or blockage of the intestines, blood poisoning and death.

Cubimana Island Storm 3 In 1 Building Sets Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion; Violates Mandatory Standard for Toys; Sold on Amazon by RBS Toys | CPSC.gov

- The Island Storm Building Sets violate the mandatory safety standard for toys because the battery compartment within the LED light piece contains button

cell batteries that can be easily accessed by children. When button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns and death.

Unique Brands Com Recalls Forever 21 Pajama Pants Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Burn Hazard; Violates Mandatory Flammability Standards for Children's Sleepwear | CPSC.gov

- The recalled children's pajama pants violate the mandatory standards for flammability of children's sleepwear, posing a burn hazard and risk of serious injury or death to children.

Home furniture:

17 Stories Furniture 14-Drawer Dressers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Violates Mandatory Standard for Clothing Storage Units; Imported by Hong Kong Baojia International | CPSC.gov

- The recalled dressers are unstable if they are not anchored to the wall, posing tip-over and entrapment hazards that can result in risks of serious injuries or death to children. The dressers violate the mandatory standard as required by the STURDY Act.

LIVEHOM 11-Drawer Dressers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Violates Mandatory Standard for Clothing Storage Units; Sold on Amazon by Simple-home | CPSC.gov

- The recalled dressers are unstable if they are not anchored to the wall, posing tip-over and entrapment hazards that can result in risks of serious injuries or death to children. The dressers violate the mandatory safety standard as required by the STURDY Act.

Tainoki Fine Furniture Recalls Office Chairs Due to Risk of Serious Injury and Fall Hazard | CPSC.gov

- The recalled chairs' base can bend, posing a fall hazard.

MPINOI Adult Portable Bed Rails Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Asphyxiation; Violate Mandatory Standard for Adult Portable Bed Rails; Sold on Amazon by Bioenrrty | CPSC.gov

- The recalled bed rails violate the mandatory standard

for adult portable bed rails because users can become entrapped within the bed rail, or between the bed rail and the side of the mattress, posing a serious entrapment hazard and risk of death by asphyxiation. In addition, the bed rails do not bear the required hazard warning labels.

Vive Health Recalls Adult Portable Bed Rails Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Asphyxiation; Two Deaths Reported | CPSC.gov

- When the recalled bed rails are attached to a bed, users can become entrapped within the bed rail or between the bed rail and the side of the mattress. This poses a serious entrapment hazard and risk of death by asphyxiation.

Home cleaning:

Wagner Spray Tech Recalls 900 Series Power Steamers Due to Burn Hazard | CPSC.gov

- The attached hose can get excessively hot and the nozzle/gun can expel hot water during use and after the trigger is engaged, posing a serious burn hazard to consumers

Mechanical:

DuraTrac Recalls Stainless Steel Gas Connectors Due to Fire Hazard | CPSC.gov

- The recalled DuraTrac gas connectors contain a manufacturing defect that could cause a gas leak, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Cookware/Drinkware:

Nexgrill Recalls Over 10.2 Million Metal Wire Bristle Grill Brushes Due to Ingestion Hazard; Sold at Home Depot | CPSC.gov

- Small metal wire bristles can detach from the brushes and stick to the grill or food, posing an ingestion hazard and risk of serious internal injuries that could require surgery.

Electrolux Group Recalls Frigidaire Gas Ranges Due to Burn Hazard | CPSC.gov

- The ovens in the ranges can experience a delayed ignition of the oven's bake burner, posing a risk of burn hazards to users.

Lifetime Brands Recalls BUILT LUUM Light Up Tumblers Due to Risk of Choking and Battery Ingestion Hazards | CPSC.gov

- The recalled LED tumblers can break,

making the button cell batteries accessible to children and posing choking and ingestion hazards. When button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns and death.

Electronics:

CCCEI Brand Power Strips Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Fire; Sold by Middle Way Electronics | CPSC.gov

- The power strips do not contain supplementary overcurrent protection, which creates a risk of fire if the power strips are overloaded. The resulting fire can cause serious injury or death from smoke inhalation and burns.

DIY Cold Plunge Recalls Sauna Heater Kits Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Fire Hazard | CPSC.gov

- Electrical conductors within the sauna heater kits can overheat, posing a fire hazard and risk of serious injury or death.

Sunnyes LED Mini Lights Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Battery Ingestion; Violates Mandatory Standard for Consumer Products with Coin Batteries | CPSC.gov

- The recalled LED lights violate the mandatory standard for consumer products containing button cell or coin batteries because the lights contain lithium coin batteries that can be accessed easily by children, posing an ingestion hazard. Additionally, the screw used on the remote controls to secure the battery compartments that contain a lithium coin battery does not remain attached. Also, the packaging does not have the warnings as required by Reese's Law. When button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns and death.

Bicycle gear/helmets:

Specialized Bicycle Components Recalls Specialized Turbo Como SL Electric Bicycles Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Fall Hazard | CPSC.gov

- The bike's fork steerer tube can develop a small fatigue crack that can lead to a progressive failure of the fork, posing a fall hazard.

Aisstxoer Adult Bicy-

cle Helmets Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Head Injury; Violates Mandatory Standard for Bicycle Helmets; Sold on Amazon by YXTDZ Store | CPSC.gov

- The recalled helmets violate the mandatory safety standard for bicycle helmets because the helmets do not comply with the impact attenuation, positional stability, and certification requirements. The helmets can fail to protect the user in the event of a crash, posing a serious risk of injury or death due to head injury.

ProRider Recalls Bicycle Helmets Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Head Injury; Violates Mandatory Standard for Bicycle Helmets | CPSC.gov

- The recalled helmets violate the mandatory safety standard for bicycle helmets because the helmets do not comply with the impact attenuation, positional stability, labeling and certification requirements. The helmets can fail to protect the user in the event of a crash, posing a serious risk of injury or death due to head injury.

Hair products:

Tomum Minoxidil Hair Serum Spray Bottles Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Child Poisoning; Violates Mandatory Standard for Child-Resistant Packaging; Distributed by Belleka | CPSC.gov

- The hair serum contains minoxidil, which must be in child-resistant packaging as required by the Poison Prevention Packaging Act. The hair serum's bottles are not child-resistant, posing a risk of serious injury or death from poisoning if the contents are swallowed by young children.

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued before March, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.

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Westfield Library Foundation Hosts Inaugural 1902 Society Summit

The Westfield Library Foundation welcomed members of its 1902 Society for an inaugural Spring Summit this week at the Westfield Washington Public Library. The 1902 Society is named for the year the library was founded. It is an exclusive donor circle for individuals and businesses dedicated to supporting the library's services and programs.

"The generosity of our 1902 Society members fuels innovative programs and experiences for our entire community," said Erin Downey, Executive Director of the Westfield Library Foundation. "Events like the summit are one way we can thank them with meaningful, behind-the-scenes opportunities they simply wouldn't get anywhere else."

The evening featured dinner and appearances from a dynamic lineup of speakers, including Indiana University football players Jackson Wasserstrom, a 2022 Westfield High School graduate and wide receiver, and Quinn Warren, a kicker/punter for the Hoosiers.

The duo shared insights from their experience as part of IU's historic season, which culminated in the program's first national championship.

Guests also heard from Indiana native and author Tommy Short, whose book "The Call I Almost Missed" chronicles his year-long sabbatical from smartphone use and explores themes of intentional living, reclaiming personal presence, and overcoming digital distraction. Bestselling crime fiction author Lori Rader-Day, a Boone County native and author of eight novels also shared her personal story and signed books for the attendees.

1902 Society Membership begins with an initial gift of \$190.20 and a \$100 annual renewal. Membership includes recognition on the library's donor wall as well as invitations to special events like the Spring Summit. For more information about the 1902 Society or to become a member, residents can visit: <https://westfieldlibraryfoundation.com/1902-society/>



Author Tommy Short



Photos courtesy Westfield Library
From left, Quinn Warren, Jackson Wasserstrom and Foundation Board Member Scott Caulfield



Author Lori Rader-Day



A good crowd was on hand for the inaugural Spring Summit.

Westfield Schools Promote Huffman

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees approved the promotion of Maggie Huffman to Assistant Director of Early Learning Programs at the district's Early Learning Center earlier this week.

Huffman, who currently serves at the ELC as BAC Assistant Director, joined the team in fall 2023 and has been a key leader in supporting students, staff, and families within the program. In her new role, she will continue to support early learning initiatives while helping further strengthen programming at the ELC.

Huffman brings a strong background in both classroom instruction and educational leadership. Prior to joining Westfield Washington Schools, she served as an elementary teacher in Noblesville Schools, working across kindergarten and upper elementary grade levels with a focus on individualized instruction, collaboration, and student growth. She holds both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Ball State University and is licensed in elementary education.

Reflecting on her new role, Huffman shared:

"I'm most excited to step into this role and continue the great work happening in our building, especially when it comes to inclusion. Our Early Learning Center is unique in that we serve both a childcare setting and developmental preschool



Maggie Huffman

students with a wide range of needs. We are proud to support an inclusive environment where students learn alongside one another, whether that's students from developmental preschool classrooms joining general education settings or their peers spending time in those classrooms. These opportunities help kids build relationships, empathy, and a deeper understanding of all learners."

Marci Derado, Director of Early Learning Programs, and Caylie Dicken, current Assistant Director of Early Learning Programs (who will take over as Director in the 2026-2027 school year), expressed strong support for Huffman's transition into this expanded leadership role.

"Maggie joined the Early Learning Center in the fall of 2023 and has been a great addition to our administrative staff. She has supported the BAC families fully, which is something that that program needed, period. We are ex-

cited for her to move up into this new role with more of a support system in place for the Early Learning Center." — Marci Derado

"We are excited to keep Maggie on our team at the ELC and look forward to having her support onboarding a new BAC assistant principal in the new role as Assistant Director of Early Learning Programs. I think she's going to do great. She's already familiar with the staff and well respected and trusted by families and staff in our program." — Caylie Dicken

Known for her relationship-focused leadership style and commitment to inclusive practices, Huffman will play a key role in continuing to grow and support early learning opportunities across the district.

Westfield Washington Schools looks forward to the continued impact she will make in this new leadership position and is grateful for her dedication to students, families, and staff at the Early Learning Center.



Photo courtesy Sheridan Schools

Since January 2024, the Sheridan Education Foundation, Inc., has contributed over \$54,000 to SCS classrooms.

Sheridan Education Foundation Celebrates Student Members

On Tuesday, April 14th, the Sheridan Education Foundation, Inc. hosted a special celebratory dinner to recognize the contributions that the student board members have made. The evening specifically highlighted the senior leaders – Emily Will and Brianna Duke.

Both Will and Duke joined the board in November 2023 through the ACTS program. The ACTS or A Chance To Serve is a program designed for freshman students across Hamilton County to come together and get the opportunity, or chance, to serve in a local organization. This program is designed to promote already exceptional students and get them involved in their community.

Will and Duke joined SEFI when the board

was still relatively young, as it had only begun in August of that year. Since then, they have paved the way for an important role that the students have played in the organization.

Student members contribute ideas, help promote events, and serve as leaders and mentors to other SCS students. Student board members consist of Emily Will, Brianna Duke, Kameron Alexander, Jordan Byrne, John Crowder, Amiyah Doss, Marah Fausset, Brielle Garner, Henry Hewitt, and Sadie Timme. All of these young adults have supported the Foundation's ongoing efforts, which is to help and serve SCS teachers and faculty.

Since January 2024, the Sheridan Education Foundation, Inc., has contributed over

\$54,000 to SCS classrooms. These contributions help support all grade levels, from Kindergarten to Seniors, and help meet a wide range of student needs. The celebratory dinner helped to highlight the leadership and service that the SEFI and its student members have provided. Sharon Brimberry noted, "They have been a significant help to us. And they have provided valuable input into our organization. They will most definitely continue to make a positive impact on their school community and those around them."

You may make donations to the Sheridan Education Foundation, Inc. at <https://sheridan.revtrak.net/education-foundation>. The SEFI is a 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax-deductible.

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Heights Senior Signs to Cheer for Grace College

Hamilton Heights senior Lyla VanAlstine has committed to continuing her education and cheer career at Grace College, an NAIA institution competing in the Crossroads League. She is the daughter of Benjamin and Carrie VanAlstine.

During her time as a Husky, VanAlstine earned multiple honors, including Most Improved Cheerleader (2024, 2025) and Most Valuable Cheerleader (2026). She also contributed to several programs, participating in Competitive Cheer, Unified Track & Field, and Unified Bowling.

Grace College felt like home because VanAlstine's faith is the most important part of who she is. "Grace integrates biblical principles into academics, campus life, and community, creating an environment where I can grow spiritually and academically," said VanAlstine, who plans to major in exercise science. Their strong pre-chiropractic program will help me pur-

sue my goal of becoming a Doctor of Chiropractic. Cheering is another reason I chose Grace. At a smaller, faith-based college, athletics feel community-centered and relationship-driven. I love competing and supporting teams on game day, but I also value close connections and a faith-based community."

Her path to cheer began her sophomore year where she quickly found her passion. "Starting later than my peers pushed me to work harder," she recalled. "Every day, I focused on becoming a better cheerleader for myself, my teammates, and my coaches. Their encouragement shaped me into the athlete I am today."

VanAlstine credits Coach Engle and Coach Kuhn have played a major role in her growth. "They pushed me beyond my comfort zone, encouraged me to build strength and confidence, and believed in me even when I doubted myself," she said. "I'm incredibly grateful for

the lasting impact they've had on me."

Outside of cheer, VanAlstine is active in the community. She is a member of the Hamilton County Llamas 4-H Club, dances at Laura Hayden's School of Dance, volunteers with Our Town Cicero and Cicero Friends of the Park, and works at Cicero Chiropractic.

"It has been an absolute pleasure to coach Lyla throughout her high school cheerleading career," said Amanda Engle, Hamilton Heights Varsity Cheerleading Coach. "She is a natural-born leader who leads her teammates with quiet confidence, class, and respect. Lyla has dedicated countless hours to improving her skills and consistently strives to be the best version of herself. Not only is she a talented cheerleader, but she is also a kind, respectful, and self-driven young woman. Coaching Lyla has been a true joy, and she will be deeply missed. We are incredibly excited to



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools
From left, Dad Ben VanAlstine, Brother Levi VanAlstine, Lyla VanAlstine and Mom Carrie VanAlstine.

see all that she will accomplish at Grace."

Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director, said, "Lyla has been the epitome of everything we ask for from our student/athletes. She's a strong student,

a respectful young lady, and she's very much respected by both her peers and teachers here at Hamilton Heights. We are extremely excited that Lyla gets to continue the sport she loves at Grace College."

New Business Opens in Carmel City Center

A new destination for snack lovers and adventurous taste explorers is having their grand opening on Saturday, April 18, 2026, located in Carmel City Center. Flavor Bridge Snack & Beverage will open its doors at 846 S. Rangeline Rd. in the Nash Building, bringing a curated selection of specialty snacks, candy, and beverages with a particular focus on hard-to-find, premium Asian products

- you won't find on a typical grocery shelf.

Flavor Bridge is designed to be more than a store. It's an experience, a fun, welcoming environment where guests can wander, sample, and discover new flavors while learning about unique and thoughtfully sourced items from across Asia. The store will feature an ever-evolving assortment of snacks and drinks means there's

always something new to find, and in-store sampling makes it easy (and delicious) to take the leap on something unfamiliar.

Beyond retail, Flavor Bridge is designed to foster culture, connection, and community. The owners plan to host monthly and holiday-themed flavors and events and flavor drops, giving customers a reason to keep coming back — and new stories to share

over food.

"Carmel City Center was a natural fit for Flavor Bridge," said owner Isaac Sun. "We've always enjoyed spending time here shopping and dining with family and friends. The walkable atmosphere and strong sense of community made it the perfect place to bring our vision to life—creating a space where people can come together, discover something unexpected,

and leave with a little more curiosity about the world."

To celebrate the grand opening weekend, Flavor Bridge Snack & Beverage will offer special new customer promotions and featured product deals. Store hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., with occasional extended hours for special events and seasonal offerings.

Carmel City Center is located at the southwest corner of City Center Drive and Rangeline Road. Parking is available along the street and surface parking is available on plaza level (accessible from City Center Drive) and in the underground garage (accessible from Range Line Road as well as City Center Drive) and in the Veterans Way garage.