

■ TODAY'S VERSE

1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."



I know it's only a few pennies, but I get ticked off every time I get shorted change because they "don't do pennies anymore."

■ HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

GRAMMY Award winning artist and Noblesville native, STEVE WARINER, is showcasing his FLIP SIDE as a visual artist. What few know is that Steve has been drawing and painting for as long as he's been making music and he's pursued these parallel passions for the majority of his life. Painting is his sanctuary and his escape and now, at 71, he will stage a stunning 60 piece solo art exhibit that spans more than 30 years of his artistic work. Mon-thaven Arts and Cultural Center in Tennessee will shine a spotlight on Wariner's visual art in The Flip Side: Paintings by Steve Wariner. The solo exhibit, on view June 21 through July 26, is his largest to date and will feature 60 of Wariner's works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, encaustic and mixed media. The Flip Side is a colorful collection establishing Wariner as a virtuoso of the paint brush, representing the most prominent and retrospective display of Wariner's artworks since 2013's Wariner's Watercolors at the Tennessee State Museum.

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force: You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hope and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely. But this is the year 1944! The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to victory! I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory! Good luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

*Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower
Supreme Allied Commander
June 6, 1944.*

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

What's the best day to go to the beach?
SUN-day.

■ ADOPT A PET CLAIRE



Claire is a young, energetic pup with a zest for life and a love of playtime. This 2-year-old female German Shepherd has been available for adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) since 5/9/25. She's always ready to chase after her favorite toys or enjoy a peanut butter treat. To meet Poppy, please fill out an adoption application at hamiltonhumane.com/ adopt, then stop by HSHC anytime 12-5 PM daily (closed Wednesday).

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BOOMER BITS... Tips and Advice from Boomers to Boomers

Help! SSA Says I'm Not Eligible for Benefits

Dear Rusty:
Help!! The Social Security Administration says I didn't pay enough into my Social Security account, despite being a business owner and paying taxes. What can I do?

Signed: Self-employed American

Dear Self-employed:
For all potential SS beneficiaries, it is very important to know how Social Security determines if you are eligible for retirement benefits: Everyone (including the self-employed) must have earned at least 40 "quarter credits" contributing to the SS program, which is usually about 10 years' worth of earnings.

You can earn up to four "quarter credits" per year, depending on your earnings, including your net



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Social Security Advisor

earnings from self-employment. For example, this year (2026) you will get one "quarter credit" for each \$1,890 of earnings, up to four credits maximum for the year. As a self-employed business owner, only your net earnings are counted (e.g., after all your reported business deductions are taken). The SSA gets your earnings information from the IRS,

so SSA goes by whatever information you submitted in the self-employment income tax returns you submitted to the IRS over the years. If you don't have at least 40 "quarter credits" over your lifetime, you won't be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits.

The best way to further investigate this is to create **See Rusty Page 3**

Indiana Senior Health Ranks in Lower Third Nationally

Indiana ranks 35th in the overall health of its older adults when compared to other states. This is according to America's Health Rankings Senior Report released by the United Health Foundation. (State-by-state summaries, which include Indiana, are linked here.)

The AHR Senior Report examines 56 measures from 25 sources to provide a comprehensive view of older adult life in each state.

The health of Indiana's seniors has consistently ranked in the lower third nationally. In the AHR 2025 report, Indiana ranked 37th. In 2024,

it ranked 36th. Among Indiana's border states,

A summary of this report can be found on Page 3

Ohio is 36th, Michigan 27th, Illinois 33rd, and Kentucky is 48th.

Factors that most negatively impact Indiana's 2026 ranking include:

- Obesity (Indiana ranks 49th)
- Physical inactivity (42nd)
- SNAP Reach (participants per 100 older adults living in poverty; 47th)
- Internet crime (complaints per 10,000

older adults; 49th)

Early deaths (deaths per 100,000 adults 65-74; 42nd)

Cigarette smoking (38th)
Some bright spots for the health of Indiana seniors found in the rankings include:

- Excessive drinking (7th)
- Percent of residents in low-care nursing homes (4th)
- Fruit and vegetable consumption (13th)
- Falls (17th)
- Older adults with a dedicated health-care provider (7th)

For further information, contact Dan Hartlage on behalf of UnitedHealthcare dan@guthriemayes.com

■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture is accepting submissions for the 19th annual Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest. The contest is open to all Indiana residents and was created to recognize the hard work and contributions of Hoosier farmers, as well as the beauty of the state's agricultural landscape. Participants are encouraged to submit photos reflecting the wide array of agriculture. Ten winners will be selected and invited to attend a special ceremony at the Indiana State Fair. Contestants can submit up to five photos in digital format accommodated by a submission form for each photo. Photos will be evaluated based on creativity, composition and category representation. Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. (ET) on June 30, 2026. Visit ISDA.IN.GOV for more information.

2. Speaking of the State Ag folks, they are accepting nominations for the 2026 AgriVision Award, the highest agricultural honor presented by the State of Indiana. This award, now in its 19th year, was established by the lieutenant governor and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture to recognize Indiana's agricultural leaders who are ensuring Indiana is, and remains, a global center for food and agricultural innovation and commercialization. The AgriVision Award is open to any Indiana resident and all sectors of the agriculture industry—from bioenergy to livestock to the agbiosciences. Any person or organization may submit a nomination through July 1, 2026. "Indiana agriculture continues to benefit from leaders who make a lasting difference," said Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith. "As we celebrate past Agrivision Award recipients, we're also excited to recognize another outstanding Hoosier this August." Award nominations are currently being accepted and close on July 1. To nominate an individual, you must complete a form found on the ISDA website and email it to the department. Once a winner has been selected, the award will be presented by Lt. Gov. Beckwith and ISDA Director Lamb during the Celebration of Agriculture at the 2026 Indiana State Fair. Visit ISDA.IN.GOV to learn more about the award or to nominate someone.

3. The 40th anniversary celebration of the movie Hoosiers is being planned at Milan 1954 Museum in Milan, Ind. The gala event is set for Nov. 7 at the Milan High School gymnasium. The event will not only celebrate one of the most iconic sports films of all time, but of course the 1954 state champion Milan High School team as well. Tickets are on sale now and those who purchase before July 15 are automatically entered in a raffle to win a basketball signed by Milan team members. Go to <http://milan54.org/> for more information.

2 Indiana Hot Spots Among Best Places for Slow Sunday

For a lot of people, the perfect Sunday morning has become something oddly difficult to find. In much of the country, weekends now feel almost as rushed as weekdays — chain coffee on the go, errands squeezed into traffic and downtowns that lost their rhythm somewhere along the way.

But there are still pockets where Sunday mornings seem to unfold the way people imagine they should: slow, walkable, comforting and quietly full of life.

Calgary.com, a real estate platform, surveyed 3,022 respondents to reveal which towns and neighborhoods are best suited to that ideal version of a Sunday — the kinds of places where people linger over coffee, browse independent bookstores, wander farmers markets, sit outside at brunch, or simply stroll streets that still feel personal and lived-in.

Two spots in the great Hoosier state were named among the best in the country for a slow Sunday:

#113. Downtown Chesterton, Chesterton
Coming in at No. 113, Chesterton has quietly developed the kind of small-town Sunday atmosphere people increasingly romanticize. The walkable downtown, local cafés, bakeries, antique stores, and nearby Indiana Dunes create a rhythm centered around slowing down rather than staying busy. On weekends, people drift through patios without much urgency, giving the town an easygoing feel that's become harder to find in many suburban communities.

#140. Irvington, Indianapolis

And at No. 140, Irvington feels built for slow Sundays. The neighborhood's old homes, leafy streets, independent cafés, bookstores, and historic character create a pace that encourages wandering rather than scheduling. Mornings here often revolve around coffee, porch sitting, farmers markets, and aimless walks through the neighborhood's quiet side streets. It has enough age and texture to feel authentic, which increasingly makes it attractive to people searching for community-oriented places rather than polished master-planned environments.

Here's the top 10 list for the entire country.

#1. Old Village, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina
Old Village captures the quieter coastal version of South Carolina life that people increasingly search for. The neighborhood's cottages, waterfront views, shrimp boats, cafés, porches, and shaded streets create a Sunday atmosphere that

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Jennifer Hughes Named First Female Partner

Church Church Hittle and Antrim has named Jennifer "Jenni" Hughes as Managing Partner, becoming the first woman to serve in this role in the firm's history.

Jenni is a partner in the firm's Family Law practice, where she represents individuals in complex divorce and family law matters, including high-net-worth cases involving sophisticated financial issues. Her practice includes the division of complex assets, business valuations, parenting time, and child support. In addition to her responsibilities as Managing Partner, she will continue to actively serve clients and maintain her family law practice.

"Jenni is deeply respected throughout our firm and is highly trusted by her clients," said outgoing Managing Partner Alex Pinegar, who had served in the role since 2021. "She leads with care and holds herself to a high standard. The partnership and I are highly confident that Jenni is the ideal person to lead CCHA Law into our next chapter, and I am excited to see what the future holds for our firm."

"CCHA Law has a strong foundation and a talented team, and I am honored to step into this role," said Hughes. "I look forward to continuing to serve our clients while supporting the firm's continued growth."



Jenni Hughes

Jenni joined CCHA Law in 2009 and has built a practice centered on helping clients navigate complex family law matters, including business valuations, division of assets, and prenuptial and postnuptial agreements. She is known for her strategic approach and dedication to achieving thoughtful, effective outcomes for her clients.

Outgoing Managing Partner Alex Pinegar will continue his practice with the firm, focusing on litigation, school and education law, and appellate matters.

Jenni earned her Juris Doctor from DePaul University College of Law and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University. She is admitted to practice law in Indiana and before the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, and is an active member of the Indiana State, Indianapolis, Hamilton County, and Boone County Bar Associations.

GRILLIN' ON THE SQUARE TODAY!



The Noblesville Lions Club will be hosting their annual Grillin' on the Square today from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Chicken or pork chop meals are \$17 and hot dog meals are \$9. Meals include 2 sides (potato salad, baked beans or applesauce), dessert, and iced tea, lemonade or water. Soda and extra meats, sides, and desserts are also available for purchase. Saturday morning, from 7 to 11 a.m., they will be serving a pancake, sausage and juice / coffee breakfast for \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids 12 and under (kids 2 and under are free). Don't miss this summer tradition on the courthouse square and support the Lions!

Touch-a-Truck Back in Westfield June 17

Join the City of Westfield for Touch-a-Truck at the Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus (Lot F) on Wednesday, June 17, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. This free hands-on event provides time for children to explore vehicles, meet the people who operate them, and discover the world of transportation and machinery.

"Touch-a-Truck is a great way for kids to see the vehicles that keep Westfield moving up-close and personal," said Mayor Scott Willis. "It's one of our most memorable events for the whole family, and I hope to see you there."

To create a more inclusive experience, the first hour of Touch-a-Truck will be a sensory-friendly experience. From 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., loud noises such as honking horns, flashing lights, or sirens will not be permitted.



Photo courtesy city of Westfield

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After 5:30 p.m., complimentary ear plugs will be available at the informational tents for those who would like to enjoy a quieter experience.

More than 20 vehicles will be on display for exploration, including a fire

engine, police cruiser, command bus, dump truck, skid steer, concrete truck, and more. Additional activities and attractions will include lawn games, inflatable activities, and airbrush artists.

The event is free and is open to families of all ages. Free parking is available at Lots E and G with shuttles provided to-and-from Lot F. For more information about Touch-a-Truck, visit westfieldin.gov/touchatruck.

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Drowning and Near-Drowning Strong Reminders of Water Safety

One outing ended in relief, another in tragedy. Both are a reminder that water safety is of paramount importance now that warm weather has fully arrived.

In Parke County, a woman is alive and recovering from a near drowning accident that occurred Saturday, thanks to the quick actions of several bystanders along Sugar Creek.

Earlier this week, Indiana Conservation Officers and Parke County first responders responded to a report of a possible drowning along Sugar Creek. The incident occurred in a remote area of Sugar Creek that is nearly a mile from the nearest roadway and surrounded by steep cliffs and dense forest.

Bobbie Barker, 35 from Indianapolis,

was canoeing with her boyfriend when they struck a log, causing her to fall into the water. Cole Riggelman, a bystander, witnessed the incident and swam into the creek and brought Barker to shore. Barker was under the water for about one minute.

Barker was unresponsive and did not have a pulse once back to shore. A licensed physician, James Malenkos, MD, witnessed the event and led a group of bystanders through administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Barker. After approximately 12 minutes, Barker regained a pulse. Within 30 minutes, Barker was responsive and alert.

A Bloomingdale EMT and another bystander, Casey Bault, transported Barker via canoe to the nearest

access point nearly two miles downstream where an ambulance was waiting. Barker was then transported via helicopter to IU Methodist Hospital. Barker was not wearing a life jacket at the time of the incident.

Agencies assisting with the incident were Bloomingdale Fire Department, Marshall Fire Department, Parke County Sheriff's Department, Parke County EMS, and IU Lifeline Helicopter Services.

Unfortunately, another event did not turn out as well as Conservation Officers are investigating a drowning that occurred Saturday evening at Witmer Lake in LaGrange County.

At approximately 5 p.m., the LaGrange County Dispatch Center received a report of a drowning at Witmer

Lake. Upon arrival, officers on scene determined that a juvenile jumped from a boat into the water and did not resurface.

Other passengers on the boat immediately jumped into the water to help locate the juvenile but were unsuccessful.

At approximately 8:15 p.m., Indiana Conservation Officers recovered the juvenile's body, and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

The incident is under investigation. Assisting agencies include the LaGrange County Sheriff Department; Indiana State Police; Johnson and Orange Township Fire Departments; Kendallville, Ashley, Salem, and Fremont Fire Departments; Parkview EMS and LaGrange County Coroner's Office.

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CRACKS IN THE BASEMENT?

Katie Furgal Named April Husky Hero

Katie Furgal, Resource Teacher at Hamilton Heights Middle School, has been named the April Husky Hero. Furgal meets students where they are, lifting them up, and helping them discover what they are capable of. Her impact is felt not only in classrooms, but in families, futures, and the confidence of the students she serves.

In her role, Furgal supports students with diverse learning needs through individualized instruction, skill-building, and long-term relationship development. Her work often happens behind the scenes, yet its impact is profound and lasting. Over the years, families have repeatedly nominated her for the Husky Hero Award, each time highlighting the extraordinary difference she makes in their children's lives.

Her nominations tell a powerful story:

2022: "She is amazing and very helpful with her students! I wish my daughter had her again this year."
-Tammy Roberts

2024: "She goes above and be-

yond for my child's well-being and education." -Brittany Gills

2026: "There are no adequate words for the impact she has had on my son and daughter for the last five years... She made them feel confident, loved, empowered, smart, and capable of anything... My fears about middle school were put at rest because I knew they were in great hands. Hamilton Heights is so very lucky to have her. She loved my kids each and every day and was a world changer for both of them."
-Amanda Engle

This most recent nomination, spanning five years of trust and transformation, deeply moved Furgal. "Being nominated and receiving the Husky Hero award means the world to me," she shared. "In a role where success isn't always clearly visible through student testing data, being seen as a world changer for kids is both humbling and inspiring."

For Furgal, the heart of her work lies in the relationships she builds over time. "My favorite part of being a special education teacher is



Photo Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

From left, Craig Bowen of FC Tucker, Katie Furgal, Amber Bowen and Laken Bowen.

the relationships that are built over the years," she said. "What motivates me most is helping students grow throughout their four years of middle school watching them gain confidence, develop their strengths, and ultimately soar as they move on to high school."

Do you know Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about

this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at: <https://bit.ly/hhschuskyhero>. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

STATE SUMMARY

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Overall Rank

35

Indiana

State Health Department Website: in.gov/health

AMERICA'S HEALTH RANKINGS
INTEGRATED HEALTH FOUNDATION

Summary

Key Findings

Internet Crime
315%▲
from 78 to 32.4 complaints per 10,000 adults age 60 and older between 2023 and 2024.

Early Death
10%▼
from 2,338 to 2,102 deaths per 100,000 adults ages 65-74 between 2022 and 2024.

Flu Vaccination
8%▼
from 67.7% to 62.5% of adults age 65 and older between 2022 and 2024.

Strengths

- Low prevalence of low-care nursing home residents
- Low prevalence of excessive drinking

Challenges

- High prevalence of obesity
- Low SNAP participation among older adults in poverty

Visit AmericasHealthRankings.org for the full list of measures, source details and methodologies.

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Measures	State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
Social and Economic Factors	29	-0.019	
Community and Family Safety			
Internet Crime (Complaints per 10,000 adults age 60+)	49	32.4	174
Motor Vehicle Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 adults age 65+)	31	15.4	13.5
Economic Resources			
Community Support Expenditures (Dollars per adult age 60+)	31	\$39	\$53
Food Insecurity (% of adults age 60+)	31	8.5%	9.2%
Poverty (% of adults age 65+)	17	9.7%	11.2%
SNAP Reach (Participants per 100 adults age 60+ living in poverty)	47	35.5	86.8
Social Support and Engagement			
High-Speed Internet (% of households with adults age 65+)	34	86.0%	88.2%
Low-Care Nursing Home Residents (% of residents)	4	3.5%	9.0%
Risk of Social Isolation (Index from 1-100)	27	49	
Volunteering (% of adults age 65+)	23	30.7%	26.3%
Physical Environment	29	0.417	
Air and Water Quality			
Air Pollution (Micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	44	9.5	8.8
Drinking Water Violations (Average violations per community water system)	29	2.0	2.5
Housing			
Housing Cost Burden (% of households with adults age 65+)	15	27.2%	33.3%
Clinical Care	20	0.198	
Access to Care			
Avoided Care Due to Cost (% of adults age 65+)	22	5.1%	3.8%
Geriatric Clinicians (Clinicians per 100,000 adults age 65+)	12	42.1	41.5
Home Health Care Workers (Workers per 1,000 adults age 65+)	24	45	65
Preventive Clinical Services			
Cancer Screenings (% of adults ages 65-75)	27	76.3%	76.8%
Flu Vaccination (% of adults age 65+)	29	62.5%	62.5%
Pneumonia Vaccination (% of adults age 65+)	22	71.6%	69.8%
Quality of Care			
Dedicated Health Care Provider (% of adults age 65+)	7	97.7%	96.0%
Hospice Care (% of Medicare decedents)	16	49.5%	46.9%
Nursing Home Quality (% of beds rated four or five stars)	19	37.5%	34.0%
Preventable Hospitalizations (Discharges per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries ages 65-74)	38	1,695	1,477
Behaviors	36	-0.324	
Nutrition and Physical Activity			
Exercise (% of adults age 65+)	28	28.1%	29.0%
Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (% of adults age 65+)	13	8.2%	7.3%
Physical Inactivity (% of adults age 65+ in fair or better health)	42	30.4%	26.5%
Sleep Health			
Insufficient Sleep (% of adults age 65+)	28	27.6%	28.1%
Tobacco Use			
Cigarette Smoking (% of adults age 65+)	38	10.3%	8.3%
Health Outcomes	39	-0.456	
Behavioral Health			
Drug Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 adults age 65+)	16	11.5	13.7
Excessive Drinking (% of adults age 65+)	7	6.2%	7.6%
Frequent Mental Distress (% of adults age 65+)	31	8.8%	8.7%
Suicide (Deaths per 100,000 adults age 65+)	29	19.2	17.6
Mortality			
Early Death (Deaths per 100,000 adults ages 65-74)	42	2,102	1,773
Physical Health			
Falls (% of adults age 65+)	17	27.5%	27.8%
Frequent Physical Distress (% of adults age 65+)	37	18.7%	17.6%
Multiple Chronic Conditions (% of Medicare beneficiaries ages 65-74)	32	56%	53%
Obesity (% of adults age 65+)	49	35.7%	29.5%
Tooth Extractions (% of adults age 65+)	41	15.5%	11.4%
Demographics			
Population - Age 65+ (% of population)*	-	17.5%	18.0%
Population - Age 65+ - Rural (% of adults age 65+)*	-	33.1%	24.1%
Functional Disability (% of adults age 65+)*	-	32.6%	32.5%
Overall	35	-0.124	

*Additional measure that does not contribute to a state's Overall Rank.
-Data not available, missing or suppressed.

2026 Senior Report

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much more in annual net earnings from self-employment you must have to become eligible for SS benefits. When you create your online SS account, you will also be able to see your entire lifetime record of your earnings reported to Social Security, and you should review that record to make sure that your lifetime earnings have been correctly reported to Social Security. If there are any discrepancies in your lifetime earnings record, they can be corrected by using form SSA-7008.

You can find additional guidance on this at the following SSA web link: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf
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Things Began to Change for Purdue in Fall of 2014

In the fall of 2014, no one outside of Mackey Arena realized that it was the eve of the most successful period in Purdue men's basketball history.

The freshman class of Vincent Edwards, Isaac Haas, Dakota Mathias and P.J. Thompson were about to change the Boilermakers' trajectory after a last place Big Ten finish in the 2013-14 season. But coach Matt Painter was searching for another point guard in case the underrecruited Thompson didn't develop as he hoped.

Painter thought he found his point guard of the future in C.J. Walker of Indianapolis Tech, who committed on Oct. 28. That commitment lasted five months.

Walker announced March 29, 2015, on Twitter that he was reopening his commitment.

Walker said he changed his mind after visiting Purdue and attending games during the 2014-15 season. That season Purdue went 21-13 and tied for third in the Big Ten at 12-6. Jon Ocutus was departing after his lone season in West Lafayette and Thompson remained unproven.

"I felt like I wouldn't really fit in that well with Purdue, with the offense they played," Walker told the Journal and Courier's Nathan Baird. "After going on visits and stuff like that, I didn't feel like that would be a place where I could reach maximum success for myself."

Walker also said Purdue's recent history with point guards gave him second thoughts. Two-year starter Ron-

nie Johnson transferred to Houston following the 2013-14 season. Johnson gleefully celebrated Walker's decision to decommit on Twitter.

"CJ Walker has too much sauce to his game. Great decision," Johnson wrote.

In basketball terminology, "sauce" describes a player with confidence, skills and a noticeable swagger.

Walker was coming off a junior season when he averaged 23.8 points, 3.7 assists and 2.5 assists. He also helped Tech win the Class 4A state championship as a sophomore. The decommitment was seen as a major loss among the fan base.

Instead, Walker did Purdue a favor. His decommitment opened the door for one of the Boilermakers' greatest players of the 21st century.

The first public mention of Carsen Edwards as a potential recruit was tucked away on page 4D of the July 8, 2015 edition of the Journal and Courier. A recruiting update story by Kyle Neddenriep of the Indianapolis Star had a brief mention about the Boilermakers.

"Purdue is looking to build off the 2015 class with Caleb Swanigan and Ryan Cline. The Boilermakers are in the mix for Ohio guard Xavier Simpson (No. 88 by Rivals) and three-star Texas guard Carsen Edwards."

Edwards, Simpson and Milwaukee's Te'Jon Lucas were offered scholarships. The first one to say yes would lock out the other two. Simpson and Lucas had scheduled official visits when Edwards com-

mitted to Purdue on Aug. 11. Coincidentally, the morning Edwards committed to Purdue, Baird had written a detailed scouting report on Simpson, Edwards and Lucas.

"If I were to wait and let them get there, I may miss a good opportunity, so I went ahead and took it," Edwards told Baird. "When you feel you're needed, that's always a good spot."

Edwards said he was preparing himself to play as a freshman.

"It's not like I like the attention, but I like the big stage," he said. "To be able to perform and compete at the highest level, that's always fun."

Edwards, listed at 6-foot, 175 pounds, was the reigning Houston Chronicle Player of the Year after he averaged 23 points, 2.3 assists and two steals as a junior while leading Atascocita High School to a 35-2 season. A consensus three-star recruit, Edwards chose Purdue over Kansas State, Baylor, Houston, SMU and Vanderbilt.

At the time, Edwards was playing point guard exclusively for his summer Houston Hoops team. But at Atascocita, Edwards was a shooting guard.

"With his size, I think most high major coaches would be concerned with, No. 1, can he guard bigger guards?" Atascocita coach David Martinez told Baird. "No. 2, can he get shots off against bigger guards? He's proven that. He has really big hands, gets great separation and makes tough shots at big times."

"He's a competitor. He wants the ball in his hands. He's not afraid

to play against the best competition out there. He plays with a chip on his shoulder."

Edwards was the only player to sign with Purdue on Nov. 11.

"He has the ability to score in bunches," Painter said at the time. "He can really shoot the ball, can really score off the dribble. From a production and physical ability standpoint, there's no doubt he can play at this level. He's a hard worker, a good student and comes from a good family. I just felt it was a great fit for Purdue."

Senior guard Rapheal Davis told Baird he was impressed after two pickup games Edwards played with the Boilermakers during his official visit.

"He can shoot the ball, he can score the ball, he can guard, can jam — he can do everything Purdue looks for a point guard to do," Davis said.

The scouting report from Martinez, Painter and Davis was accurate.

Edwards started 21 games as a freshman in the 2016-17 season and quickly earned Painter's trust with his shooting skills. Edwards averaged 10.3 points, collected 36 steals and made 49 3-pointers. He meshed well with Swanigan, Edwards, Mathias and Thompson and helped the Boilermakers win the Big Ten championship.

Edwards won the Jerry West Award as the nation's best shooting guard as a sophomore. Edwards led Purdue to a then-school record 30 wins while averaging 18.5 points a game on 40.6 percent shooting from 3-point range.

His scoring aver-



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with Ken Thompson

age surged to a Big Ten-leading 24.3 points a game as a junior. Edwards capped his career in a Boilermaker uniform with a record-setting NCAA Tournament performance. It began with 26 points against Old Dominion, followed by a career-high 42 points in the second round against defending champion Villanova. Edwards added 29 points in the Sweet 16 against Tennessee, sinking the free throws that allowed Purdue to win in overtime. A 10 of 19 shooting performance on his way to 42 points nearly carried the Boilermakers to victory against Virginia in the Elite Eight. His 28 3-pointers in the tournament broke Glen Rice's record set over six games to Edwards' four.

Had Edwards returned for his senior season, it would have been he and not Zach Edey a few years later who would have eclipsed Rick Mount's career scoring record. As it is, Edwards' 1,920 points rank ninth in Purdue history.

As for C.J. Walker? He chose Florida State on the rebound. After Walker's sophomore season, which saw him start 34 games and average 8 points, he transferred to Ohio State and averaged 9.4 points as a senior while

shooting 26.5 percent from 3-point range.

Xavier Simpson started 96 games during his four-year career at Michigan. He averaged 12.9 points and 7.9 assists as a senior. Simpson played 11 NBA games with Oklahoma City in 2021-22 and Memphis in 2023-24. He now plays for the Ningbo Rockets of the Chinese Basketball Association.

Lucas chose Illinois, where he started 34 games over two seasons and averaged just over 5 points a game. He returned home to play two seasons with Milwaukee and was outstanding. Lucas put up 14.6 points and 5.1 assists as a junior and 14.9 points and 5.8 assists in his senior season. Thanks to the NCAA granting an extra year of eligibility following the COVID-19 pandemic, Lucas finished at BYU. In 34 starts, he averaged 10.4 points and 4.7 assists.

Lucas now plays for the Bristol Flyers of the British Basketball League.

Next time: The roller-coaster recruitment of Caleb Swanigan

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Postal Service Shines Light on Dog Attacks

Last year, U.S. Postal Service employees suffered more than 5,200 dog attacks, 159 of which occurred in Indiana. To combat this, USPS is sharing vital safety guidance to help pet owners protect mail carriers and ensure uninterrupted mail delivery.

June is Dog Bite Awareness month with the theme of "Don't turn your back on dog bite prevention."

"Every single day, our postal employees serve their communities across dynamic, fast-changing environments," said Leeann Theriault, employee safety and health awareness manager. "Preventing dog-related incidents requires constant, shared vigilance. This campaign reinforces a vital truth: Animal behaviors can change in an instant, but proactive awareness from both our carriers and the customers we serve can stop painful injuries before they ever happen."

Keep Mail Delivery Safe: Tips for Dog Owners

Even the most predictable pets can act unpredictably when defending territory or feeling startled. Because dogs rely on protective instincts, owners must manage their dogs during delivery times to prevent accidents. Keep your

dog in a separate closed room before opening the front door. If you step outside, ensure the door is firmly latched. Always use a leash if your dog is outdoors during mail delivery. Finally, never accept mail directly from a carrier in the presence of your dog, and teach children to avoid doing so, as dogs can misinterpret the interaction as a threat.

Sign up for USPS Informed Delivery and See the Mail on Your Electronic Device Before It Arrives

By using the free Informed Delivery feature, customers can digitally preview incoming mail and packages from a computer, tablet or mobile device. Over 70 million customers have enrolled since the service was launched in 2017. Sign up at informedelivery.usps.com. This service can help dog owners anticipate when their carrier might arrive.

The Financial and Emotional Damage of a Dog Attack

Protecting your carrier protects your wallet. If your dog attacks a postal worker, you could owe thousands of dollars out of pocket to cover their medical care, lost shifts, replacement clothing and emotional distress.

"I was walking my route when a dog jumped the fence and

lunged at me," said San Antonio Letter Carrier Fiona Hudson. "I used my dog repellent and mail bag to defend myself, but it was too late. I was rushed to the hospital bleeding, with a broken bone, a severe arm sprain and was barely able to move. While my physical wounds have healed, the trauma of that vicious attack stays with me. Customers must take responsibility and secure their dogs during delivery hours."

Take Action: Unsecured Dogs Stop Mail Delivery

When a carrier feels unsafe because of a roaming dog, mail service can be temporarily suspended.

Until the carrier feels safe enough to restart delivery, the mail will have to be picked up at the dog owner's local Post Office.

If a carrier feels a house or neighborhood is unsafe to deliver to and there is no way to inform residents their mail service has been suspended, the residents will have to contact the supervisor at their local Post Office for more information. The residents would also have to pick up their mail at the Post Office until it is safe to resume delivery.

If a dangerous dog issue is not resolved, owners can be required to rent a Post Office Box

to receive mail.

Armed with Awareness: How Carriers Prevent Dog Bites

Postal carriers undergo extensive safety training to spot potential canine hazards. Carriers are instructed to remain vigilant and exercise the precautions below:

Announce entry. Rattle a fence gate or make a non-threatening sound before walking into a yard.

Maintain visual contact. Never startle an animal and always keep eyes locked on the dog.

Assume dog poses risk. Avoid petting or feeding any animal on the assumption that any dog has the potential to bite.

Block exits. Secure outward-swinging doors with a foot to prevent a pet from escaping.

If a dog attacks, carriers are trained to stand their ground, use their mail satchel as a protective shield and deploy dog repellent if necessary. To stay ahead of these risks, USPS also provides carriers with awareness tools, including handheld scanners that feature built-in dog warning alerts and physical warning cards that are placed into mail sorting cases to alert a carrier of a dog at a certain address.

Cities and States with the Most Dog Attacks

2025 Dog Bite/Dog Incident Data			
	City	Number of Incidents	Ranking
1	LOS ANGELES	70	1
2	DALLAS	50	2
3	DENVER	45	3
4	HOUSTON	44	4
5	CHICAGO	43	5
6	ST. LOUIS	40	6
7	INDIANAPOLIS	35	7
8	SAN DIEGO	32	8
9	SAN ANTONIO	31	9
10	CLEVELAND	30	10
11	KANSAS CITY, MO	30	10
12	CINCINNATI	29	11
13	MINNEAPOLIS	29	11
14	OAKLAND, CA	27	12
15	PHOENIX	27	12
16	COLUMBUS, OH	26	13
17	DETROIT	24	14
18	LOUISVILLE, KY	23	15
19	MEMPHIS, TN	21	16
20	OKLAHOMA CITY	21	16
21	PITTSBURGH	21	16
22	SACRAMENTO, CA	21	16
23	FORT WORTH, TX	20	17
24	LONG BEACH, CA	20	17
25	MILWAUKEE	20	17
26	PHILADELPHIA	20	17
27	PORTLAND, OR	20	17
28	DAYTON, OH	19	18
29	JACKSONVILLE, FL	19	18
30	OMAHA, NE	17	19
31	MIAMI	16	20
32	ROCHESTER, NY	16	20
33	SAN FRANCISCO	16	20

These 33 cities are the top 20 localities with the greatest number of dog bite incidents

2025 Dog Bite/Dog Incident Data			
	State	Number of Incidents	Ranking
1	California	673	1
2	Texas	358	2
3	Ohio	287	3
4	New York	269	4
5	Pennsylvania	267	5
6	Illinois	260	6
7	Florida	183	7
8	Missouri	182	8
9	Michigan	174	9
10	Indiana	159	10

These are the 10 states with the greatest number of dog bite incidents. Dog bite awareness events will be held across the country throughout June, and USPS will share information on social media using the hashtag #dogbiteawareness.

in 2025
For the 2025 dog attack rankings in your specific city or town, contact your local USPS Corporate

Communications representative at [about.usps.com/newsroom/media-contacts/local.htm](https://usps.com/newsroom/media-contacts/local.htm).



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It was a time for celebration for the new Sheridan graduates.

Sheridan Celebrates 138th Graduating Class

On Saturday, May 30th, at 10 a.m., Sheridan High School celebrated the Class of 2026 with its commencement ceremony. As the 138th graduating class from Sheridan Community Schools, it was an exciting event for these young adults as well as their family, friends, educators, and administrators who watched them grow.

As seniors made their way into Larry Hobbs Memorial Gymnasium, attendees got to see an inside look at the banter and creativity of this year's graduation class. Each student partnered up and did a pose for the audience. Some chose a fun handshake, movie-inspired pose, or something else unique to their relationship.

The ceremony consisted of several individuals speaking and sharing the pride that they have for the Class of 2026. Emily Will, Senior Class President, opened the morning by sharing pride and awe not only in her fellow graduates, but also in everyone who helped them along the way. Will notably said, "Be proud of how far you've come, but be more proud of who you've become."

The Valedictorian for the Class of 2026 was Brianna Duke. Duke shared a brief message with the class and audience through various memories together and apart. She notably said "Hold onto your roots, embrace your passions, let your light shine, and let's show the world what this class can really do." The Salutatorian was Elisabeth Henderson. Henderson advised the class of 2026 to "Slow down, and take it all in...What matters most is that you become the type of person that you want to look up to."

The Sheridan High

School Band shared a performance of "Espresso" by Sabrina Carpenter, with a special highlight from senior Jasmine Godbey on the drums. The High School Choir shared their musical talents with the song "Children Will Listen" from the musical Into the Woods. The choir then transitioned into the popular hit song "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield. Senior choir members Ryleigh Hampton, Ruby Mason, Anaija Mondesir, Bella Keeler, Cheese Chumphet, Jasmine Godbey, Scarlett Wittbrodd, Kailee Barnette, Ethan Kissling, Devyn Newark, Anna Knochel, Norah Stites all were highlighted within the songs.

The keynote speaker for the morning was Garland Cooper, 2026 Alumni of the Year, and a 2006 SHS graduate. Cooper currently works as a detective for the IMPD. Garland opened his speech with "Your past does not get the final vote on your future" as he jokingly questioned why he had been selected due to his attitude in his younger years as a student of Sheridan. He noted that the staff at Sheridan never gave up on him. They always held him accountable, encouraged him, and he credits them for why he was standing on stage. He left the graduating class with a piece of advice: "Your future is not determined by where you started. It's determined by the decisions you take moving forward." He also highlights that in order to move forward you must remember that "Character matters. Work ethic matters. Integrity matters. Doing the right thing when nobody is watching matters. The people you choose to surround yourself with

matter."

Principal Rick Davis continued on Cooper's notion by sharing how as graduates they are completing one of life's major milestones. The steps to graduation are not easy ones, but the steps are a celebration because there are now new opportunities. He leaves the class with four challenges: Don't Settle, Discover and Share, Be Positive, and Follow Your Dreams. He shares with the graduates that the secret to success is to never stop dreaming about your potential. Davis shared how grateful he was for this class and said "I truly believe they will build a future bigger and brighter than their present by using the lessons that they have learned and the experiences they have had in their time at Sheridan High School". He commended the graduates for their athletic prowess and academic success, as well as how their efforts made Sheridan High School a better place.

Following the speeches and music the graduates were able to take the final steps of high school as they walked across the stage and received their diplomas. Several exchange students were also able to participate in this tradition. Dave Mundy, SCS Superintendent, then certified the students and pronounced them as graduates.

As the Class of 2026 goes off into the world, whether that is to college, the work force, military, or something else, Sheridan Community Schools is proud of the hard work that they have done and the many accomplishments they have achieved. This is only the end of one chapter, but it is the beginning of the rest of their lives.

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feels deeply tied to the water and the community around it. Even with Charleston nearby, Old Village still moves at its own pace. Sundays here revolve around walking, sitting outside, and letting the day unfold slowly.

#2. Old Colorado City, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Old Colorado City has a Sunday rhythm that feels more lived-in than polished. Locals wander from old brick storefronts, coffee shops, bakeries, galleries, and quiet side streets with the mountains always nearby. It has enough history to feel grounded, but enough everyday life to avoid becoming a postcard. Sundays here are less about doing something impressive and more about lingering — breakfast that turns into a walk, a gallery stop, then one more coffee before heading home.

#3. West Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina

West Asheville has a slightly scruffier and more neighborhood-oriented Sunday charm than Asheville's better-known downtown core. The area's cafés, bookstores, patios, bun-galows, and independent shops create a pace that feels relaxed and deeply local. Sundays often unfold slowly here — breakfast becoming lunch, errands becoming conversations, and people drifting through the neighborhood without much urgency. It still feels creative and lived-in rather than heavily curated.

#4. Downtown Ocean Springs, Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Ocean Springs delivers the kind of coastal Sunday people quietly fantasize about. Locals move between oak-lined streets, cafés, galleries, beach walks, and small restaurants at a pace that feels unforced and easy. The town has enough artistic energy to feel lively, but never so much that it becomes hectic. Sundays here are less about plans and more about atmosphere — coffee, conversation, wandering, and staying outside as long as possible.

#5. Eureka Springs Historic District, Eureka Springs, Arkansas

The historic core of Eureka Springs feels built for long, unhurried Sundays. The winding streets, old staircases, hidden cafés, local galleries, and Victorian storefronts create the sense that people are meant to explore slowly rather than move efficiently. Even when visitors are around, the town still carries an introspective, slightly eccentric calm. It's the kind of place where people spend half the morning wandering without a destination, which is exactly the atmosphere many Americans increasingly crave from the places they live.

#6. Downtown Beaufort, Beaufort, North Carolina

Beaufort delivers the softer, slower coastal Sunday people often imagine when they picture North Carolina at its best. The waterfront, old homes, cafés, docks, and oak-lined streets

create a pace that naturally encourages wandering. It feels historic without becoming overly touristy, and calm without feeling sleepy. Sundays here revolve around coffee by the water, slow walks past boats and porches, and simply staying outside as long as possible.

#7. Historic Franklin Square, Franklin, Tennessee

Franklin's historic core captures the kind of Southern Sunday people increasingly romanticize. Brick sidewalks, porches, cafés, boutiques, old churches, and tree-lined streets create a rhythm centered around wandering rather than rushing. Even with growth around it, the downtown still feels grounded in everyday community life. Sundays here often revolve around slow breakfasts, browsing shops, and simply spending time outside because the atmosphere itself feels comforting.

#8. Old Town, Winchester, Virginia

Old Town Winchester captures a quieter and more old-fashioned version of the perfect Sunday morning. Brick sidewalks, historic storefronts, cafés, porches, and tree-lined residential streets create a pace that feels gentle and grounded. It's the kind of place where people wander without a destination and where ordinary routines still shape the atmosphere of the weekend. Sundays here feel personal, familiar, and pleasantly unhurried.

#9. Historic Wickford Village, North Kingstown, Rhode Island

Wickford Village delivers a quieter and more understated version of New England coastal charm. The old houses, tiny shops, cafés, marinas, and harbor views create a Sunday pace that feels almost naturally slow. Even with visitors around, the village still feels grounded in everyday community life rather than tourism alone. Sundays here revolve around wandering the waterfront, sitting outside with coffee, and enjoying the rare feeling that nobody seems especially hurried.

#10. Starland District, Savannah, Georgia

The Starland District feels like Savannah's slower, more creative younger sibling. Instead of the heavily touristed historic core, Sundays here revolve around cafés, bookstores, bakeries, patios, galleries, and shaded streets filled with old houses and converted storefronts. The neighborhood has enough energy to feel alive, but never rushed. It's increasingly the sort of place people fantasize about living in because the everyday pace feels softer, more social, and less transactional than life in larger cities.

Beyond the rankings, the survey suggests that the "perfect Sunday" is less about doing something grand and more about escaping the pace of the rest of the week. When respondents were asked what defines the ideal slow Sunday, the top answer was reading or relaxing at home, chosen by 21%. That was

followed by sitting outside with coffee at 17%, and walking through a quiet neighborhood at 14%.

When it comes to what makes a town feel "slow Sunday friendly," the most important factor was quiet streets and low traffic, selected by 24% of respondents. That ranked ahead of both walkability and friendly community atmosphere, which were tied at 15% each.

The biggest "slow Sunday" killers were:

Noise and congestion — 21%

Heavy traffic — 18%

Feeling pressured to stay productive — 16%

Feeling unsafe walking around — 13%

Everything opening late or closing early — 10%

Lack of green space — 9%

Crowded chain businesses — 7%

Overdevelopment — 7%

One of the strongest findings is how much this matters to people when thinking about where they want to live.

A combined 82% said a neighborhood's "Sunday atmosphere" is important when deciding where they would want to live, including 42% who said it is extremely important, 26% who said somewhat important, and 14% who said very important.

The type of place people most associate with an ideal slow Sunday was a quiet suburb with walkable streets, chosen by 25%. That beat more traditionally romantic settings, such as small coastal towns and lake communities, both at 16%, as well as mountain towns at 12%, and rural countryside towns at 13%.

The survey also found that genuinely relaxing Sundays are far from guaranteed. Only 16% of respondents said they feel relaxed every Sunday, while 28% said most Sundays. The largest group, 40%, said they only feel relaxed occasionally. Another 12% said rarely, and 4% said never.

In other words, the slow Sunday is still something many people want, but not something most people consistently get. That may help explain why neighborhoods with coffee shops, quiet streets, parks, porches, water views, bookstores, and a strong local rhythm feel so appealing. They represent a version of everyday life that feels increasingly hard to protect.

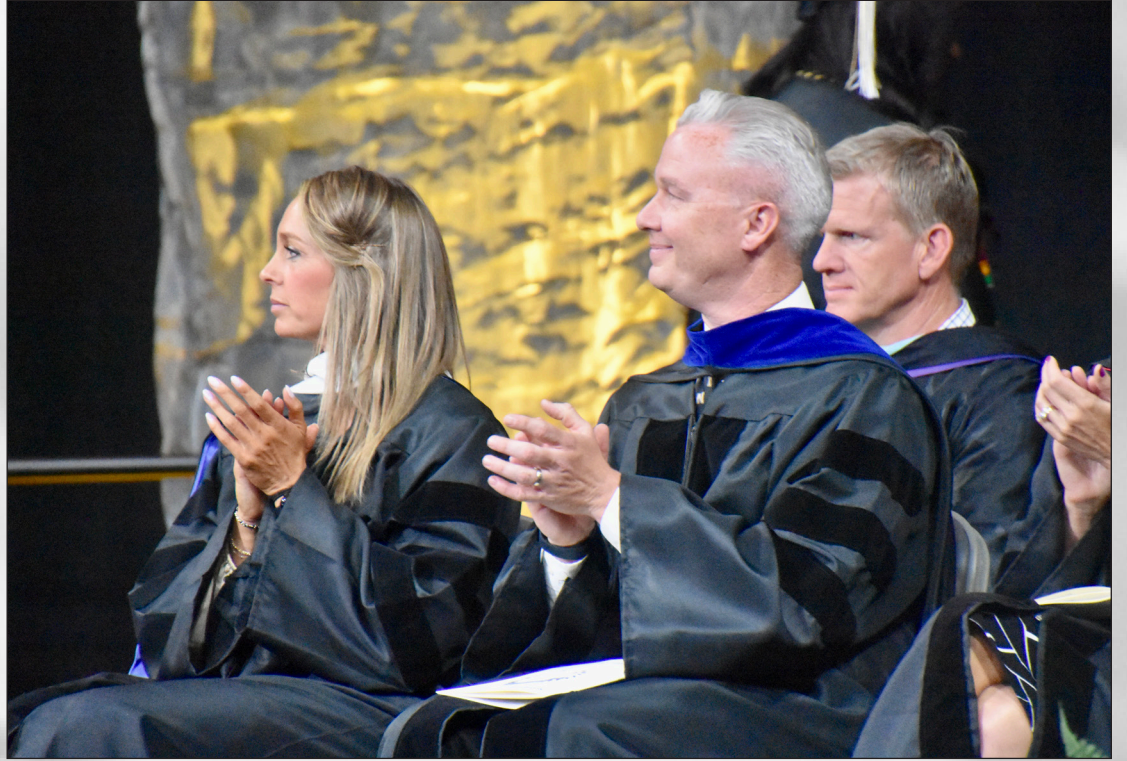
"Sunday mornings have become a kind of quiet luxury," said a spokesperson from Calgary.com. "People are not just looking for pretty streets or good coffee; they are looking for places where life still feels human-scaled. What stands out about these towns and neighborhoods is that they offer a rhythm many people feel they have lost elsewhere — walkable streets, familiar local businesses, outdoor spaces, and enough character to make an ordinary morning feel meaningful. In many ways, the ideal Sunday has become a shorthand for the kind of community people want to live in all week."

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 It surely is a lucky sign when 777 students graduate from Noblesville High School. The Class of 2026 from NHS earned more than \$6 million in scholarships, won numerous championships, laughed more times than they can count and shed a few tears. The school board of (from left) Dr. Joe Forgey, Misti Ray, Christi Crosser, Stephanie Lambert and Bret Richardson were all smiles. Now all you Miller Alums, be sure to join the Noblesville High School Alumni Association. A lifetime membership is cheaper than a couple of venti Caramel Macchiato with almond milk, light ice, extra drizzle, 3 pumps of vanilla, 2 pumps of hazelnut, shaken not stirred and double blended (thanks, AI).