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BuffaLouie's aims for November opening on Main Street

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A Bloomington restaurant known for its wings is coming to Carmel.

COMING SOON

BuffaLouie's is aiming for a November opening in the adjacent spaces that were previously home to the Carmel Chocolate Cafe and Main Street Barber Shop on the southeast corner of Main Street and Veterans Way in Carmel's Arts & Design District.

The restaurant, selected as one of the top 10 wing joints in the U.S. by USA Today, opened in Bloomington in 1987. Besides wings, BuffaLouie's offers salads, burgers, sandwiches and more.

BuffaLouie's was founded by Jay Lieser, a Buffalo, N.Y., native, during his junior year at Indiana University. The restaurant is named after his late grandfather, Louie Lieser. Lieser family recipes inspired many of the restaurant's offerings, and Jay Lieser's mother, Trudy, plans to attend the grand opening.

The Carmel restaurant will be the second BuffaLouie's location and includes former Indiana University basketball standout Yogi Ferrell as a partner. Lieser said he hopes



BuffaLouie's is known for its wings. (Photo courtesy of BuffaLouie's)

the expansion into Carmel will serve as a "springboard" to open additional restaurants in the Indianapolis area.

"As I travel the state, the country and even outside the country, and you mention Indiana University or BuffaLouie's and it definitely has some notoriety," Lieser said. "We take pride in what we create in our name and our brand and really are looking forward to coming to Carmel."

Previous tenants in the space Main Street Barber Shop relocated to 2462 E. 116th St. in Merchants' Square in the fall of 2022, and the Carmel Chocolate Cafe closed last month.

Learn more about BuffaLouie's at BuffaLouies.com.

DISPATCHES

Lucas transitions from CEO to chairman – Lucas Oil Products, a distributor of automotive additives and lubricants, has announced the transition of Forrest Lucas from CEO to chairman of Lucas Oil. In his new role, Lucas, owner of Lucas Estate in Carmel, will step away from day-to-day activities and move into an advisory role to help guide the strategic direction of the company. The transition also allows Lucas more time to focus on the Lucas Cattle Company, the Lucas Ranch and other personal initiatives.



Lucas

Free legal advice – Legal Line, a free legal advice call-in service, will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 11 with local attorneys answering calls at 317-269-2222. Licensed Indianapolis attorneys participating in Le-

gal Line are prepared to answer questions on topics like divorce, child custody, child support, landlord/tenant issues, wills, bankruptcy, personal injury, employment law and more. All calls are confidential.

Telamon hire – Roger Sartain has joined Carmel-based Telamon Corporation as senior vice president of revenue in the Telecom Division, the largest division of the company booking over \$500 million in annual revenue. Sartain has held several senior management positions and brings more than 30 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. He holds a bachelors degree in business administration, management and finance from Columbia College.



Sartain

The Pursuit Institute – Back to School

Carrie Lively,
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Over the past two years, career and technical education (CTE) has undergone a transformation in Hamilton County. The Pursuit Institute is a prime example of how collaboration, innovation, and public-private partnerships are instrumental in cultivating a talented workforce while empowering students with the skills, knowledge, and experience needed to thrive in diverse industries that drive our local economy.

Innovation in CTE is pivotal in preparing students for the 21st-century workforce. The Pursuit Institute has expanded beyond vocational training, to include career pathways such as advanced manufacturing, healthcare, information technology, education, agriculture, and other high-demand fields. Emphasizing work-based learning, Pursuit programs foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and adaptability, equipping students with the versatility required in the modern workplace.

Strategic public-private partnerships have been essential. Educational institutions, businesses, and local governments have created an ecosystem that bridges the gap between education and industry. These partnerships not only facilitate the development of industry-aligned curricula, but also provide students with real-world experience.

The Pursuit Institute's Impact on Talent Pipeline:

- 1. Industry-Relevant Skills:** Public-private partnerships align CTE programs with the needs of the job market, ensuring students acquire the skills most sought after by local employers. This fosters a pipeline of job-ready graduates.
- 2. Career Exploration and Guidance:** Students gain access to mentorship and guidance from industry professionals. This exposure demystifies career paths, enabling students to make informed decisions about their future.
- 3. Employment Opportunities:** By collaborating with local businesses, CTE programs facilitate direct employment opportunities for students. Employers often prefer to hire from within the community, leading to a mutually beneficial relationship.
- 4. Addressing Workforce Demands:** Public-private partnerships enable

stakeholders to anticipate workforce demands accurately. This proactive approach allows tailored programs that address skill shortages and emerging industry needs, ensuring Hamilton County remains at the forefront of workforce development.

- 5. Economic Growth:** A well-developed talent attracts businesses and industries to the region. Hamilton County's reputation for producing a skilled and diverse workforce enhances its appeal to potential investors and employers.

Innovation in CTE in Hamilton County has reshaped the landscape of workforce development. CTE programs empower students with relevant skills, preparing them for success. Public-private partnerships play a crucial role in cultivating a talented workforce pipeline by aligning educational offerings with industry needs.

The collaborative efforts in Hamilton County demonstrate the power of partnerships in shaping a brighter future for the community and its workforce.

Want to learn more about The Pursuit Institute?

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