MadHop brings music downtown this weekend

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MADISON, Ind. — The MadHop Music Festival is back for its seventh edition this weekend with two music venues on Friday night and a full schedule of performances at seven venues on Saturday. Overall, there will be 28 performances during the weekend.

"The whole concept of MadHop is that it's a mad hop around Madison to the different music venues. Our stage is downtown Madison," said Tony Novello, MadHop coordinator, noting those attending will need to look at the schedule and plan out which acts they want to see.

"We do occasionally get people who complain they can't see everybody they want to see," said Novello, but there are "some artists playing more than one set" to provide additional opportunities to see some of the acts, and also some of the set times are longer. "People will have a better chance to go see exactly who they want," while emphasizing MadHop "is not a one-stage festival where you can sit and wait, and listen to everybody. You've got to plan it out. You've got to move around" amongst the venues.

The festival, which began in 2019, was originally a one day event on Saturday, but the last three years there has been a Friday kickoff event on the outdoor stage. "It's been a great stretch of growth since 2019," said Novello, noting MadHop isn't one of the biggest local events but it's one that adds to the opportunities for music entertainment in Madison. "Our goal is to find the up-and-coming bands that will be super famous in five years, or find someone who we'd like to have here in Madison."

On Friday, all performances will be on the Outdoor Stage on Mulberry Street between Main and Third streets, and inside nearby Red Bicycle Hall. On Saturday, in addition to music at the Outdoor Stage and Red Bicycle Hall, there also will be music at Madison City Hall, Electric Lady, Thomas Family Winery, Ohio Theatre and MadPaddle Brewstillery — all within about a city block.

Music on Friday starts at 6 p.m. at the Outdoor Stage with Keagan Hatton followed at 7 p.m. with Ramblewood. Performances at Red Bicycle Hall begin at 8 p.m. with Vance Gilbert followed at 9:30 p.m. with Holy Roller.

Saturday's performances begin on the Outdoor Stage when Villa Mure plays at 11 a.m. followed by Whiskey Bent Valley Boys at 12:35 p.m., Holy Roller at 2:20 p.m., Tan and Sober Gentleman at 4:15 p.m. and Scythian at 6 p.m.

Performers at Red Bicycle Hall are Ramblewood, 11:20 a.m.; Cam Clark and His Orchestra, 1:05 p.m.; Kinda Greasy, 2:50 p.m.; and Shelby Lore, 4:35 p.m.

Performers at Electric Lady are Danny Flanigan + LittleBand, 11:30 a.m.; Richard Powell, 1:15 p.m.; Cody Ikerd and the Sidewinders, 2:55 p.m.; and BG Johnson's Big Brass Band, 4:40 p.m.

Performers at City Hall include Vance Gilbert, noon; Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers, 2 p.m.; and Andrea Davidson, 4 p.m.

Performers at Thomas Family Winery include Evan McMillan, 11:30 a.m.; Casey Campbell, 1:30 p.m.; and Danny Flanigan, 3:30 p.m.

Performers at the Ohio Theatre include Billy Fortune Unit, 11 a.m.; Jordan Wilson Coalition, 12:45 p.m.; Rusty Bladen and the Livin' Daylights, 2:30 p.m.; and Buffalo Wabs and the Price Hill Hustle, 4:25 p.m.

Performers at MadPaddle Brewstillery include Maria Carrelli Band, 11:10 a.m.; Scott T. Smith, 12:55 p.m.; King Bee and The Stingers, 2:40 p.m.; and David Faul Trio, 4:25 p.m.

"Our lineup is very eclectic. We try to get all sorts of genres," said Novello, ranging from the gospel acapella group, Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers, to the high energy Scythian rock band, and "everything in between" including local artists Jordan Wilson and Rusty Bladen. "There's something for everyone. There's rock, there's blues, folk, bluegrass, gospel and everything."

Novello encourages festival patrons to move around and check out all of the music genres. "I promise you, you will find your new favorite band, and it's the truth."

Tickets are available through Madtix from a link off the madhopmusicfest.com website. Will call is located near the Outdoor Stage on Mulberry Street, where tickets can also be purchased.

US stocks rally, and the Dow soars more than 1,000 points

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NEW YORK — Most of the U.S. stock market is rallying Wednesday as Wall Street tries to sort the winners from the losers following stunning losses for President Donald Trump's party in the midterm elections.

The early winners appear to include solar-power companies, for example. Investors meanwhile see risks ahead for Trump's social-media company, the artificial-intelligence industry and businesses owned by Elon Musk, who donated heavily to Republicans. But the moves may not last, and uncertainty about what the election will mean had futures for U.S. stocks swinging from losses to gains before the U.S. market even opened.

For now, at least, the S&P 500 jumped 1.2% in early trading and was potentially on track for its best day in six weeks. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1,178 points, or 2.3%, as of 9:35 a.m. Eastern time, and the Nasdaq composite was 1.1% higher.

Strategists along Wall Street had been urging investors not to get swept up in the election because it may not matter much in the long term. Historically, U.S. stocks tend to do well in the six months following any midterm election, regardless of who wins. Prices for stocks depend more on where profits for companies and interest rates are heading than anything else.

"Earnings trump elections," according to Brian Jacobsen, chief economic strategist at Annex Wealth Management.

Wall Street also may have gotten a preferred political scenario with Democrats set to take control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives. That could provide a counterbalance to the White House, which is still led by Trump, and Wall Street generally prefers split control of Washington because it lessens the risk of transformative changes to the economy.

Much remains impossible to predict, of course, and Trump retains executive authority over key areas such as defense, foreign policy and in some instances trade.

A downbeat forecast could be that "Trump is not now a lame duck, but an angry duck" who might restart tensions over tariffs and NATO allies' levels of military spending, said Carsten Brzeski, global chief of macro at ING Bank.

An optimistic view, Brzeski said, is that Trump becomes "a tame duck ... that he will slow down any disruptive efforts and that he will put more focus on trying to win the Nobel Peace Prize by ending the two big wars without big disruption, and on trade, nothing happens but a few words."

Here's a look at some of the moves rippling through financial markets:

TRUMP MEDIA AND TESLA ARE DOWN

Trump's social-media company, Trump Media & Technology Group, was one of the market's bigger losers following the election and dropped 9.1%. It had already come into the day with a loss of 55.1% for the year so far as Trump's approval ratings had weakened.

Since briefly touching a peak of $175 five years ago, it's dropped toward $5. Its main business is Truth Social, which is most well known for Trump's postings on the platform.

Elon Musk's businesses also struggled. Tesla fell 5.2%, and SpaceX sank 4.8%. Musk, a former top Trump adviser, is among the possible targets for investigations by a Democratic-controlled Congress.

AI COMPANIES IN GENERAL ARE UNDER PRESSURE

Trump has been a big backer of the AI industry, and a Democratic counterweight on Capitol Hill could mean more regulation or restrictions for the industry. Concerns have grown across political parties about AI in general.

Investors see Democratic victories in Texas in particular, including for the state's governorship, as possibly slowing the buildout of further AI data centers.

Nvidia, the chip company that quickly became the poster child of the frenzy around AI-related stocks, fell 1.5% and was the heaviest weight on the S&P 500. Advanced Micro Devices, another chip giant, rose a modest 0.3% despite reporting much stronger profit for the latest quarter than analysts expected.

GREEN POWER COMPANIES ARE UP

Democratic control of Congress could light the way for companies in the solar and wind industries. First Solar jumped 15.1%, and Enphase Energy climbed 12.1%.

EMPLOYMENT

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CARROLLTON SEEKS A DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

The Deputy Director would assist the Executive Director in the Management of all Housing Authority activities as outlined by the Board of Commissioners, State and Federal Legislation, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. The Deputy Director ensures completion of maintenance of all HAC owned property; supervises HAC employees; planning and management of the HAC as directed by the Executive Director.

Requirements include a minimum of an associate's degree and/or experience of 3 years of administration in the public sector. Knowledge of applicable federal, state and local laws, as well as rules and regulations regarding the administration of federally assisted housing programs.

TO APPLY: SEND A LETTER OF INTEREST WITH A DETAILED RESUME TO ADDRESS BELOW BY NOVEMBER 6, 2026. THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CARROLLTON, 1201 9TH STREET, P.O. BOX 305, CARROLLTON, KY. 41008.

ATTENTION: PATRICIA BAKER, DIRECTOR
502-732-4330

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of PHA CAPITAL FUND 5-Year Plan

The Housing Authority of Carrollton (HAC) will hold a public hearing at noon on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, regarding the 2027-2031 Capital Fund Program (CFP) 5-Year Plan. The public hearing will be held at noon at the Housing Authority's main office, 1201 9TH Street, Carrollton, KY 41008. The hearing will act as a forum for public comments relevant to HAC's CFP 5-Year Agency Plan as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
Comments shall be made via email to pbaker@carrollton-housing.org before 8:00 a.m. November 10, 2026. Only written comments will be considered.
The CFP 5 Year Plan changes will be available for review by request.
Mailed comments should be sent to:
Housing Authority of Carrollton
Attn: Pat Baker
Re: Public Hearing comments
CFP Plan 2027-2031
1201 9th Street
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If any further information is needed, contact the Housing Authority of Carrollton at (502)732-4330.

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 104 PARKSIDE DRIVE, CARROLL COUNTY, KY IDENTIFIED AS TRACT 1 OF LOT 104

The City of Carrollton has previously declared surplus and is currently accepting sealed bids for the purchase of real property located at 104 Parkside Drive, Carroll County, KY identified as tract 1 of lot 104. Said real property is not currently being used by the City or Carrollton Utilities. It is in the best interest of the public to dispose of the said real property to reduce the amount of property the City must maintain and to place the property back on the tax roll. A more complete description of the property being sold, including a plat showing Tract 1 of Lot 104, may be obtained at City Hall, and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Having determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Carrollton to sell the property, for some amount of compensation, the City of Carrollton is hereby seeking sealed bids from any person wishing to purchase the above-described property.

Sealed bids must be submitted on bid forms supplied by the City and available at the City Treasurer's Office, 750 Clay Street, Carrollton, Kentucky 41008. **All bids must be submitted by 4:00 P.M. EST OR 3:00 P.M. CST ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 2026**, to the City Clerk, City Hall, 750 Clay Street, Carrollton, Kentucky 41008. Bids will be opened at 4:15 P.M. EST OR 3:15 P.M. CST and bidders may, but are not required to be, present for their bid to be considered. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Melinda Wright
City Clerk-Treasurer



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Sealed Bids for the **"Clay and 11th Street Sidewalk Construction (Item No. 06-3032.00)** for the City of Carrollton, Kentucky will be received in the City Clerk's Office, 750 Clay Street, Carrollton, KY 41008 until **10:00 AM (EST)/9:00 AM (CST)** on **Monday, November 30th, 2026. Bids will be opened on Monday, November 30th, 2026, at 10:15 AM (EST)/9:15 AM (CST)** at which time they will be publicly read aloud.
The scope of work includes the construction of approximately 2,430 linear feet of new concrete sidewalk and entrances, intersection curb ramps, and drainage.
The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement Forms, Performance and Payment Bonds, Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:
Carrollton City Hall
750 Clay Street
Carrollton, Kentucky 41008
Phone (502)732-7060
Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, phone (859) 255-1021, Plans may be viewed and/or purchased online through www,lynnimaging,com, Plan holders will be responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the bid package from Lynn Imaging, Partial sets of documents will not be provided, **Bids will only be accepted from plan holders who have obtained the bid package from Lynn Imaging and are subsequently registered as "official plan holders". Bidders and DBE subcontractors must be prequalified with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and possess a Certificate of Eligibility at the time of the bid opening.** The general contractor **must be prequalified** by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in **one** of the following: "Grade & Drain", "Bridges", or "Sidewalks". All subcontractors must be prequalified in the work functions they will perform when accepting subcontracts, The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for the project is 0%.
Bid Bond (5%) must be provided with bid.
Bidders are to submit their bid in a sealed envelope; the bidder shall clearly mark the sealed bid with the bid number and description listed above. The City of Carrollton is not responsible for the premature opening of, or the failure to open, a sealed bid not properly addressed or identified.
Bidders are invited to be present for the opening of the bids submitted.
Honorable Robb Adams, Mayor of Carrollton