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## Carmel teacher, student nominated for Best Buddies Champion of the Year

By **BRITTANY LEWIS**  
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

A Carmel teacher and student are being recognized for their work with the Best Buddies program.

The Best Buddies program creates opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The teacher and student are both up for Best Buddies Champion of the Year.

For the next several weeks, they'll be raising money and awareness for a program that helps build friendships for people living with and without disabilities.

"The buddies I've worked with love me for who I am," said Christine Ellis.

Ellis started with the Best Buddies program when she was a freshman at Butler.

"I told them about my experience with people with disabilities in the past. I have a cousin who is severely autistic and she's a year younger than me so I've kind of grown up next to her my whole life, and I've realized the biggest challenge that she always had was making friends, and because of that I wanted to make that change and I wanted to join a friendship and inclusion for people



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Christine Ellis (right) is a teacher at Carmel High School. She has been involved with Best Buddies since she was a freshman at Butler. Her buddy is Kylene (left).

with disabilities," said Ellis.

She was partnered with her buddy, Kylene.

"You get to make new friends, talk to your buddies," said Kylene.

Ellis is now a teacher at Carmel High School, helping run a Best Buddies chapter of around 300 students.

One of those students is Gabi Stigter.

"It really helps people with IDD (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) but it has especially helped me, like I have learned to be more patient and to be more loving and just to see everyone as a person not if they have a disability or not," said Stigter.

Ellis and Stigter are two of 11 people up for Best Buddies Champion of the Year.

"I've really learned to really understand what a genuine friendship is," said Ellis. "It spreads inclu-



Photo provided

Gabi Stigter (top center), a sophomore at Carmel High School, is the youngest Best Buddies Champion ever in Indiana.

sion and it spreads the word that people are people." They are on a mission to bring people together, one friendship at a time.

To learn more about the work Gabi and Christine are doing and to donate to their cause, [click here](#).

The Best Buddies Champion of the Year will be named in November and is based on the money each person raises.

## 911 service restored for Frontier customers

**The REPORTER**

On Thursday, Oct. 4, the Hamilton County Public Safety Communications Department was notified that Frontier Telephone customers in Westfield, portions of Carmel, portions of Noblesville, Eagletown and Jolietville now have restored 911 service from a landline. Frontier Telephone investigated the situation and re-established connectivity.

Any Frontier customer who experiences an emergency may dial 911 from any landline or wireless device as usual.

*Shankland joins Reporter as weekly columnist . . .*

## "Sandwiched"

I've had nudges here and there over the years to start up my column again since I discontinued it with the Noblesville Times. People have been literally stopping me on the street asking about it and saying kind words. It's been humbling and I've appreciated it more than I can say.

Three weeks ago, however, I felt a GIGANTIC push from two persistent ladies in Noblesville, Julie and Joan (pronounced JO-Ann.) This mother-daughter duo sought me out during the Historic Home Tour and bought two of my books. They then proceeded to tell me that I absolutely must start my column again and gave me instructions about what the first one should contain.

Wow. Spurred on by their insistence, I reached out to the Hamilton County Reporter, and here I am today. According to Julie and Joan, here's what I need to tell you all.

My sons, Jonathon and Jacob, are no longer in the little boy stage. Jonathon is



AMY SHANKLAND  
New Columnist

## Shanehsaz running for Noblesville City Council

**The REPORTER**

Long-time Noblesville entrepreneur and real estate developer Rocky Shanehsaz is running for the at-large City Council seat recently vacated by Mary Sue Rowland. Rowland's replacement will be chosen by a caucus of precinct committeemen convening Oct. 22 at Noblesville City Hall.

"The city needs visionary people who think independently and innovatively," says Shanehsaz. "I have developed a variety of businesses and I believe my background in developing and renovating real estate reflects my passion for this city. I look forward to bringing my unique perspective to

the council."

An Iranian immigrant, Shanehsaz moved to the United States more than 40 years ago and became a citizen as a teenager. He has lived in Noblesville since 1990. He is married to Terri Shanehsaz and has two children: Abe, a lawyer with Faegre Baker Daniels in Indianapolis, and Ava, a freshman at Noblesville High School.

He is best known for converting the historic Model Mill building into a successful events center called The Mill Top. He also



Shanehsaz

relocated three historically significant homes to preserve them, paving the way for the construction of Noblesville City Hall in 2005. He has helped plant three churches in Noblesville, which allowed them to further their community-based projects. Shanehsaz was front and center as a volunteer for many of these projects.

"I would like to introduce diversity to our City Council," said Shanehsaz. "Noblesville needs to be in the forefront of

*See Shanehsaz . . . Page 3*

## Robin Mills named president of Cicero Kiwanis

**The REPORTER**

The members of the Cicero Kiwanis Club inducted their officers and board for the 2018-2019 year at its annual meeting on Saturday. Robin Mills will serve as President; Keith Ecker, Immediate Past President; Mitch Russell, President Elect; Rhonda Gary, Treasurer; and Dottie Carlson, Secretary. Directors At Large include Nick Barger, Dick Blöse, Tony Heath and John Kidwell.

Keith Ecker, who officially turned the reins over to Mills at the dinner, said he is confident that the new board will continue to provide great direction and energy in the year ahead.

"We remain strong in our mission of service to the greater Northern Hamilton County area," noted Ecker of the Club, now 41 years strong.

"Thanks to his leadership, it will be much easier for me to step into the role of club president," said Mills, who serves as the Auditor of



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The Cicero Kiwanis Club's 2018-2019 leadership team: (From left) John Kidwell, Mitch Russell, Keith Ecker, Dottie Carlson, Robin Mills, Dick Blöse and Rhonda Gary. Not pictured: Nick Barger and Tony Heath.

Hamilton County. She has been an active member since joining the club in 2014.

"Changing the world one child at a time is a powerful motivation to do good," said Mills. "Service leadership is a great way to make positive contributions while getting to know your community

and those who live there."

Ecker presented Martyn Furnish, Lieutenant Governor of the Sycamore South Division of Indiana District of Kiwanis, and two-term President of the Cicero Kiwanis Club, with a Bronze Level Legacy Circle Award for opening a new club.

Furnish took a moment to share his thanks and pride in the great strides and work of the Cicero Kiwanis Club, who served as the sponsor for one of the Sycamore South Division's newest club in Fishers. Furnish credited

*See Kiwanis . . . Page 2*

## Go Purple with Prevail

Every year, more than 3 million children witness domestic violence in their homes. Breaking the cycle is possible. It all begins with a conversation.

1) Take the lead. Don't wait for children to come to you; they're likely scared and uncomfortable to bring the topic up, too.

2) Start with a message of support. Try something like, "I care about you and I will listen to you."

3) Find out what they know. Ask your children what they've seen or what they understand about what's happening at home.

4) Show support. Acknowledge children's feelings and their versions of events, which may not line up with what actually happened.

5) Tell them it's not their fault. Children are naturally self-centered and are likely to think they're the reason for the violence. Assure them they are not.

6) Tell them violence is not okay. It may feel hypocritical to say, but it's still an important message to get across.

7) Try to stay calm. Speaking confidently conveys a sense of security. If your children ask something you're not comfortable answering right then, tell them it's an important question and you need some time to think before you can answer. Most importantly, make sure you do get back to them.

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# Re-Elect John Chalfin

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### KIWANIS

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Cicero Kiwanis Club founding member Steve Holt and member Brent Harrison, along with former member Debbie Frankel, for their leadership and involvement with the new club over the past year.

In addition, member Jennifer Templeton, Hamilton County Treasurer, was recognized for her recently being named Treasurer of the Year at the Association of Indiana Counties' (AIC) annual award ceremony.

“Keith has been an excellent leader and inspiration as an individual and a leader,” said Mills. “As we start a new Kiwanis year, it is my hope that we can continue to build our club in membership, programs and services to help our club remain strong and vibrant. I look forward to working closely with members to continue the good works our Kiwanis Club is doing in our community in the year ahead.”

*About the Cicero  
Kiwanis Club*

Cicero Kiwanis Club is

part of the Sycamore South Division of Indiana District of Kiwanis. Its members are volunteers committed to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Club provides scholarships to graduating high school students, grants for play and educational equipment, supports local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and much more. For information on membership, contact the Club on its [Facebook page](#) or by emailing [mfurnish@ckcsales.com](mailto:mfurnish@ckcsales.com).

### SANDWICHED

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17 and a Noblesville High School (NHS) senior dividing his time between NHS classes and the J. Everett Light Career Center. You can also find him working at the Pizza Hut on Cumberland Road.

Jacob is 16 and a junior at NHS. He is a musician involved in both Jazz One and the “Milltonez” choir. Jacob’s musical abilities surpassed my own years ago. When he’s not playing piano or singing, he’s working at El Camino as a bus boy.

My husband John is still with Leafguard selling gutters and floor coverings. We’re celebrating 20 years of marriage in December!

The City of Noblesville eliminated my position three years ago, which was awesome because it was the kick in the butt that I needed to become an author and grant consultant. I just published a book about bringing joy to the workplace and I’m having a blast.

All four of us still live in a Victorian cottage just south of downtown Noblesville, although it’s had quite a facelift in recent years.

And finally, my siblings and I moved my elderly mother down here almost two years ago from Mishawaka, Indiana. Mom now lives in an assisted living facility just five minutes from home. Therefore, I’m a member of the “Sandwich Generation.”

For those of you not familiar with this term, Wikipedia says, “The Sandwich Generation is a generation of people who care for their aging parents while supporting their own children.” Now you understand the title of this column.

According to the Pew Research Center, just over one of every eight Americans aged 40 to 60 is both raising a child and caring for a parent, in addition to between 7 and 10 million adults caring for their aging parents from a long dis-

ance. So I have a feeling a lot of you are going to relate to my stories. It’s both a crazy and rewarding time of life, and oh, the adventures we’ll share!

Thanks to The Reporter for giving me this chance. It’s great to be back.

And thank you from the bottom of my heart, Julie and Joan – I hope I followed your instructions well.

*Amy Shankland’s writing career began long before she received her degree in Journalism and English from Indiana University. She was an “Erma Bombeck wanna-be” columnist from 2003 to 2008 for the Noblesville Daily Times, a former freelance writer for Indy’s Child and the editor for her church’s bulletin for almost 11 years. Shankland self-published a novel called Hoop Mama in 2013 and published a book through Tell-Tale Publishing last summer about bringing joy to the workplace called Joy to You and Me (At Work!). She now writes every day as an author and grant consultant.*

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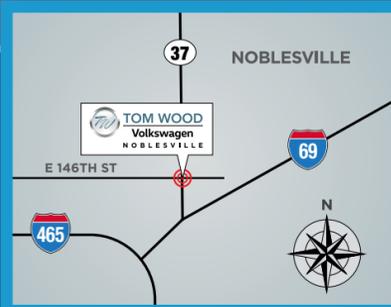
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(From left) Christina Sorensen, Tim White and Corey Crump.

## Janus receives \$3K donation from IFMA

### The REPORTER

Corey Crump, President of the Indianapolis chapter of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA), recently presented Janus President/CEO Christina Sorensen and Janus Vice President of Client Services Tim White with a generous donation of \$3,000 from the funds raised during IFMA's 2018

Charity Golf Outing at the Sagamore Club in Noblesville.

IFMA is the world's largest and most widely recognized international association for professional facility managers. The Indianapolis Chapter of IFMA strives to give back to the community by supporting charitable organizations in addition to the IFMA Foun-

ation's scholarship program.

Last spring, volunteers from IFMA spent a day at Janus' Golf and Batting Center and provided valuable assistance on the driving range and in refinishing chairs that had been donated by Bub's Burgers. In addition, the IFMA volunteers also presented Janus with a generous donation.

## Drug epidemic gets top billing at GOP gathering

By FRED SWIFT  
[ReadTheReporter.com](#)

Hamilton County's drug abuse epidemic, the increasing toll it is taking and what is being done about it will be the topic at a meeting of the Republican Breakfast Club on Wednesday, Oct. 17. County Prosecutor Lee Buckingham, Coroner John Chalfin, Sheriff's officer Dennis Quakenbush and State Sen. Jim Merritt will present their findings and plans.

The local impact of the nationwide epidemic was presented last year to the Breakfast Club. Speakers will update the status of the struggle against the often fatal use of drugs.

Quakenbush, now the GOP candidate for county sheriff, will discuss the effects of the epidemic and the future plans of juvenile services and the sheriff's department. Chalfin will report on the epidemic's death toll which has been especially severe among the younger population.

Sen. Merritt, who represents a portion of Hamilton County, will reveal his plans and progress on state legislation, and Buckingham will discuss the prosecutor's role in combating illegal drug sale and use.



Buckingham



Chalfin



Quakenbush



Merritt

The Hamilton County Breakfast Club meets monthly to hear from speakers on topics of concern to the county, state and nation. The Oct. 17 meeting will be held at the Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St., beginning at 7:30 a.m. Further information can be learned by calling 317-849-9600.

### Meeting Notice

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in the Mayor's Conference Room in Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The discussion will be regarding E911 operations.

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## SHANEHSAZ

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inclusion. Many international companies are eyeing our community for their headquarters, which will provide opportunities and growth. I think outside the box and have been able to provide reasonable solutions to many challenges facing our city. I belong to many community organizations, and have created several of these organizations in the last two decades."

Shanehsaz said his priorities lie in economic development and government transparency. "Often, eco-

omic impacts are not quantitatively communicated with the public, and a lack of understanding leads to a lack of support," he said. "The result is a delay, or in some cases, abandonment of wonderful projects. Let's work together to plant the seeds of growth."

Shanehsaz noted that, at \$70,726, Noblesville's median household income is nearly \$20,000 lower than the county median, according to USA Data. "This is due to a lack of business opportunities," he said. "At-

tracting international industries wanting to invest in Noblesville, rather than moving here to take advantage of tax breaks or free hand-outs, will provide for an increase in the standard of living."

Shanehsaz also says he will provide more transparency to educate the public about current city projects. "This will create community acceptance and trust and provide for much needed economic development," he said. "I will serve Noblesville with integrity and put people first!"

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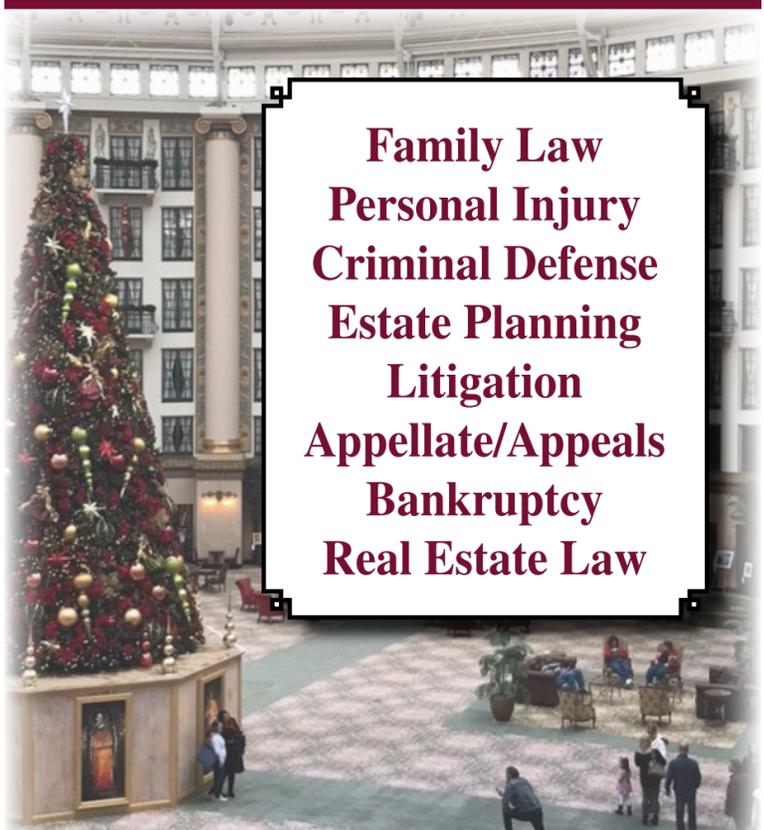
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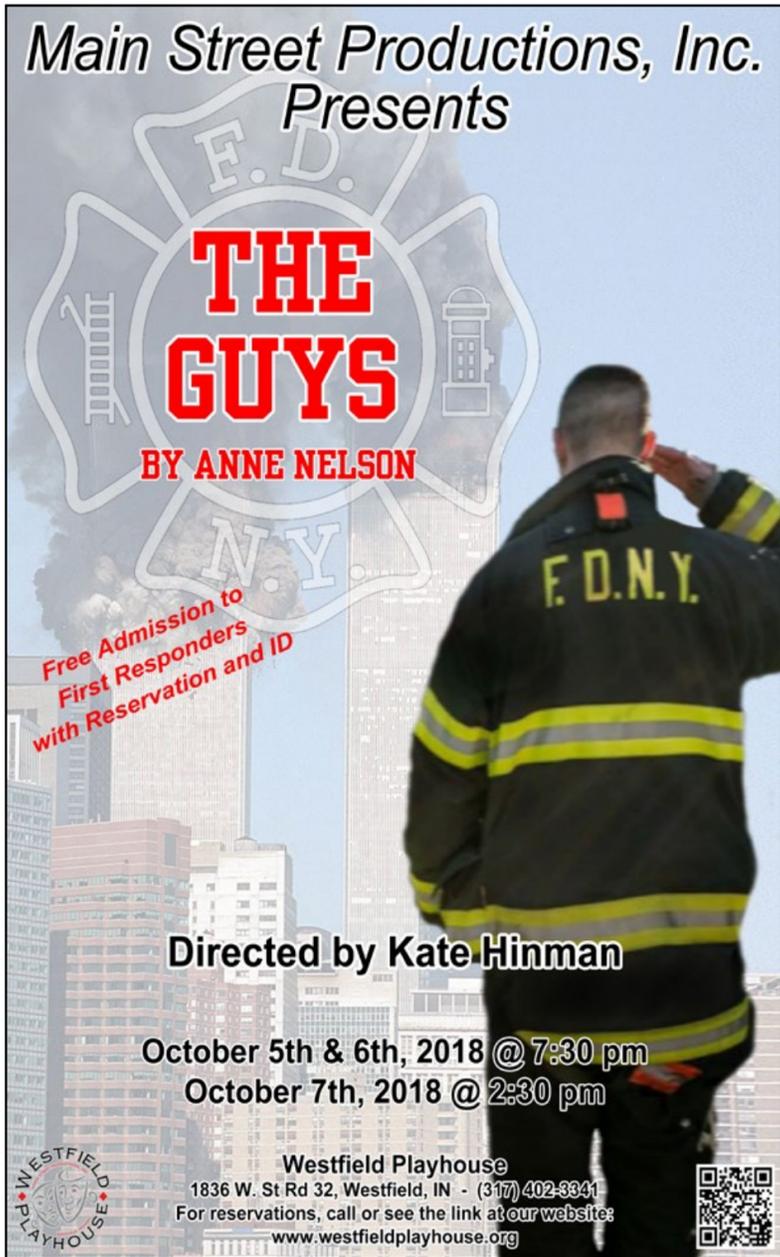
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## Fishers announces Trick or Treat hours

By LARRY LANNAN  
[LarryInFishers.com](#)

Every parent of a child at trick-or-treating age would like to know the hours for venturing throughout the neighborhood in costume well before Halloween. The Fishers Police Department did just that on Monday.

Police Chief Ed Gebhart said Trick or Treat hours within the city of Fishers will be 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Chief Gebhart also wants to pass along some safety tips:

- Give and accept wrapped

or packaged candy only.

- Only go to houses where you know the owner.

• Have children bring treats home for adult inspection before they are eaten.

• A parent or adult should accompany children when they are trick-or-treating.

- Carry a flashlight.

• Stay within your neighborhood; only visit homes you know.

• Use make-up or face paint instead of masks. If masks are used, make sure the child has good visibility.

- Choose costumes that are flame-retardant.

- Wear light-colored

clothing, short enough to prevent tripping. Add reflective tape to dark colored costumes.

• Watch for vehicle traffic and use caution when crossing the street.

Police cars will be patrolling the neighborhoods to help ensure everyone's safety. If you see or find anything suspicious, please immediately call 911.

Also, the annual Boo Bash, an event for all ages, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 at the Central Green. [Click here](#) for more information on this year's Boo Bash.

## Fishers-based Ultimate Automation acquires Carmel's Electronic Evolutions

### The REPORTER

Fishers-based Ultimate Automation on Wednesday announced the acquisition of Electronic Evolutions to form Ultimate Technologies Group. The new entity will be headquartered in Ultimate Automation's existing offices as well as expanding into the IoT Lab facility in Fishers.

Founded on the brand promise of unparalleled customer service and responsiveness, Ultimate Technologies Group offers innovative audio-visual, information

technology, building controls and technology integration capabilities providing a winning combination for customers, employees and the marketplace.

Ultimate Automation has become a market leader in integrated technology solutions for its customers. It has built the standard in

customer responsiveness and service for customers around the world. Founded in 1985, Electronic Evolutions provides a rich heritage in audio-visual technology

solutions together with an impressive list of long-standing customers.

According to Ultimate Automation's founder and president, Will O'Brien, Electronic Evolutions' loyal and impressive customer base will be a perfect fit with his team's service-oriented business model.

"Ultimate Technologies Group provides a significant opportunity for our existing and future customers

See *Ultimate* ... Page 5

# NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

## REFERENDUM 2018

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### Strong Schools, Strong Community

Strong schools make for a strong community. The ability to attract new businesses to Noblesville, prepare our future workforce, and achieve a high quality of living as a community are all directly related to the strength of our school system.

The 2016 referendum was about maintaining the status quo and was a reduction in the tax rate. The 2018 referendum is about enhanced mental health, increased safety and retaining top-quality staff. It's about keeping our schools and our community strong.

Due to the teacher shortage and recent pay increases by neighbor districts, our teachers are leaving for positions that can pay \$5,000-\$15,000 more.



Since 2009, Noblesville Schools has lost \$46.5 million in funding.

The 2018 referendum will replace the 2016 referendum and will provide funding through 2026.

53% of the additional funding would be spent on mental health & safety, while 47% would be spent on staff pay.

The current referendum rate is 18.9 cents and the new proposed rate is 37 cents.

This referendum would raise an additional \$6.25 million/year for Noblesville Schools.

For more info visit [noblesvilleschools.org](#)

#### MENTAL HEALTH

Enhanced focus including student screenings & more counselors

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#### SAFETY

Expanded protections including more police officers & safety equipment

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#### STAFF PAY

Pay competitively with neighbor district to keep good teachers & staff

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### How Much Will This Referendum Cost Taxpayers?

A median Noblesville home valued at \$206,000 currently pays \$192/year for the 2016 referendum. The new 2018 rate would cost this home \$376/year. That's an additional \$184/year—an additional \$15/month—for enhanced student mental health, school safety and teacher pay.

## AT&T soon beginning fiber connectivity projects in Carmel

### The REPORTER

AT&T has been granted approval through the Carmel Board of Public Works to add additional fiber connectivity within existing utility easements and city right-of-way. The project will install new fiber optic cable over existing communication lines that will upgrade services in existing subdivisions.

The projects will impact multiple subdivisions and involve a mix of aerial line replacement on existing poles and underground placement either in existing conduit or by boring new conduit, depending on how each area's service is currently provided.

As part of the permit approval process, AT&T is required to notify each property owner and relevant Homeowners Associations to provide contact information for citizen inquiries and to coordinate location of private utilities such as invisible fences, sump discharges and irrigation lines. The notifications will be placed at least 14 days prior to starting work.

Below you will find AT&T contact information for citizen inquiries and a listing of subdivisions impacted by the work.

### AT&T contact info

General Info can be found at [att.com/fiberfaqs](http://att.com/fiberfaqs). For general inquiries and property damage, call 1-800-894-0374. For lawn restoration, call 1-800-246-8464.

The following neighborhoods will be impacted:

### Primarily aerial placement

Concord Village, Carmel Village, Auman's Addition, Newark Addition, Cool Creek Estates, Penn View Heights, Foxwood, Northridge

### Primarily underground placement

Enclave of Carmel, Brookshire Estates, Brookshire Overlook, Brookshire Section 6A (Carmel Drive south of 126th Street), Eden Woods, Heritage Square, Old Town Village, D. Wilkinson (1st Street NE to 3rd Street NE)

## ULTIMATE

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through an unmatched, four-hour response time service offering, remote monitoring service to proactively solve 75 percent of technology issues and comprehensive and innovative technical capabilities," O'Brien said.

According to Ultimate Technologies Group owner Tiffany O'Brien, "Merging a stable, 30-year-plus company with an innovative, customer-centric one is a win-win-win for our customers, employees and the market."

"We have been impressed with Ultimate Automation's industry knowledge and skilled staff, as well as their commitment to customer satisfaction," said Electronic Evolutions CEO Daniel Knotts.

"Ultimate Automation has rapidly become a true innovator and technology leader not only in Fishers but throughout our state due in part to their dedication to service and strong leadership in Will O'Brien," said Fishers

Mayor Scott Fadness. "Their latest growth acquisition of Electronic Evolutions, in addition to their rapid organic growth is a prime example of our smart, vibrant and entrepreneurial business community. We are thrilled they will not only remain headquartered in Fishers, but continue their growth and innovation at the Indiana IoT Lab."

Effective immediately, the two companies have rebranded and will operate as Ultimate Technologies Group.

# White River Vision Plan enters idea development phase

## The REPORTER

The next phase of community meetings to collect feedback from residents for The White River Vision Plan kicks off Oct. 23.

The White River Vision Plan is a community-driven effort led by the City of In-

dianapolis, Visit Indy and Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. to enhance 58 miles of the White River in Indianapolis and Hamilton County. Community members also can provide thoughts and ideas directly using a survey posted on [mywhiteriver.com](http://mywhiteriver.com).

Public meetings during the second “Envision” phase of the White River Vision Plan will involve discussions and ideation around the community-led vision for the plan. Participants will help prioritize potential focus areas for further study, including destinations, recreational opportunities and accessibility opportunities. Programming, market research and unique riverfront events and features all will be considered. New destinations and recreational assets will focus on areas with ecological, historical, cultural, significance and important neighborhood adjacencies.

“The second phase of the White River Vision Plan is very exciting because it gives the community a moment to think really big,” said Emily Mack, director of the Department of Metropolitan Development for the City of Indianapolis. “Because access to the river is practically non-existent in a large part of the study area, how we transport ourselves by foot, car, or bicycle will be one of the largest points of discussion during this time.”

Attendees may meet with city and county officials and core team members from the consulting team. Those who cannot attend are encouraged to participate in the discussion by completing a survey on the White River Vision Plan website. There will be three meetings held in Hamilton County and Indianapolis on the following dates:

**Tuesday, Oct. 23, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Founders Park/Wilfong Pavilion  
11675 Hazel Dell Pkwy., Carmel

**Wednesday, Oct. 24, Noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Rhodius Park  
1720 W. Wilkins St., Indianapolis

**Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**  
ROWPort, Edison School for the Arts  
777 S. White River Pkwy., Indianapolis

“We look forward to hearing ideas from Central Indiana residents and visitors about ways to increase accessibility to the river,” said Brenda Myers, President/CEO of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. “Community feedback is vital to creating a plan that will allow the community to live, work and play around the river.”

Following the 12-month planning period slated for completion in April 2019, the final plan will be shared with the public and a variety of stakeholder groups and organizations. For more information on the White River Vision Plan or to take the community survey, visit [mywhiteriver.com](http://mywhiteriver.com). You can also follow My White River on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

### About White River Vision Plan

The White River Vision Plan is a joint effort between the City of Indianapolis and Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. in partnership with Visit Indy’s philanthropic arm, Tourism Tomorrow, Inc. to develop a comprehensive and coordinated regional, community-driven plan to enhance 58 miles of the White River in Indianapolis and Hamilton County. The goal of the vision plan is to create an accessible, recreational and cultural environment that encourages a unique sense of place for the community.

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Mark 9:19-23 (KJV)

### Connie Nelson

December 19, 1946 – September 25, 2018

Connie Nelson, 71, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on December 19, 1946 to Robert Thomas and Reka Gennell (Cridlin) Nelson in Saint Charles, Va.



Connie retired in 2004 after 30 years in IT for the City of Los Angeles. She then worked for many years at the Noblesville Library. Connie was Southern Baptist and a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Noblesville. She enjoyed listening to music and enjoyed reading, especially Tom Clancy and James Patterson novels.

Connie is survived by her sisters, Sandi Whitacre and Carol Swain (Scott Sievers); great-nephew, Gabriel Cooper-Whitacre; uncle, Walker Cress, many aunts; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Connie was preceded in death by her brother, Thomas R. Nelson; sister, Brenda L. Nelson; and nephew, Jason Andrew.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation from 11 a.m. to the time of service. Pastor Jerry Rairdon will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. Condolences: randallroberts.com

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## Girls soccer

# Fishers beats Noblesville in shootout

By RICH TORRES

NOBLESVILLE – Regulation wasn't enough. Neither were two overtime periods or the ensuing five shootout kicks.

On Thursday night, the Class 3A No. 9 Fishers Tigers needed defense, an all-out effort and a "little luck" in the clutch. They found all three during the Sectional 8 semi-finals and used them to upset No. 2 Noblesville at the White River Elementary School Soccer Complex.

Down 1-0 in their overtime shootout against the Millers, the Tigers regrouped and converted six consecutive penalty kicks, capped by the game-winner from Johanna Strueder, to win 6-5 and advance into Saturday's sectional championship.

"That's not a game most people would pick us to win, and to be honest with you, we knew we had our hands full. For what those kids did today is special," Fishers head coach Ben Beasley said. "It's like those old school runs. I'm happy to see a lot of alums here, and I think they knew it was special, too. It was a special win for the program."

According to the state rankings, it was a game Fishers (10-3-1) was destined to lose, let alone challenge for 94-plus minutes, but despite getting out shot 14-4, the Tigers believed.

They didn't flinch as Noblesville (9-2-5) posted five shots in the first half and another seven in the second with near goals sailing just high or wide.

Instead, the Tigers' goalkeeping tandem of Jordan Imes and Kaitlyn Hicks combined for nine saves overall, and not even a shot on goal by Kaysey Castro that drew crossbar for the Tigers' lone shot in the first half could rattle their poise.

"Yesterday, we talked about playing for each other, and we made a contract with each other. We're going to love each other no matter what," Beasley remarked while sporting a fresh red mohawk. "I think that was the difference from a confidence standpoint. We knew we couldn't lose, even if they pulled away."

The Millers tried.

Coming off an emotional 2-1 win against



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Fishers' Taryn McFarland (2) and Noblesville's Jenna Chatterton (13) keep their eyes on the ball during the Tigers-Millers girls soccer sectional semi-final game Thursday at the White River Elementary School Soccer Complex. Fishers won the game in penalty kicks and will play Pendleton Heights in Saturday's championship game.

No. 1 Hamilton Southeastern on Tuesday night in the sectional opener, Noblesville attacked repeatedly but met immediate resistance as Fishers' defense clogged the mid-field.

Hicks stone walled the Millers during the 37th minute as Keely Hoopingarner tried

to line a header into the net off Jensen Summers' free-kick feed, and Imes had four saves in the second half, including against a one-on-one, breakaway shot on goal from Millers' leading scorer Carly Hudnall in the 77th minute.

"The other night, those went in for us, and we beat the No. 1 team in the state. Tonight, they didn't and your season ends. Soccer is a fickle sport," Noblesville head coach Michael Brady said. "Yeah, (HSE) was a big game, and it took a lot out of us, but we showed up to play tonight." Fishers lost to Noblesville 5-2 during the regular season on Aug. 29, but after posting a season-best eight goals against Anderson for a shutout win in the first round on Tuesday, the Tigers were ready for the rematch.

"We knew they would be a different team than they were earlier in the season. They're well coached and that's a good soccer program," Brady said. "We didn't expect by any means that this game would be a several goal difference. We knew it would be a one-goal difference. We obviously were hoping it would be one goal in our favor."

After Cecilia Goad buried the first overtime shootout kick, and goalkeeper Makenna Mundy blocked Castro's attempt, the Millers seized their first lead, 1-0.

A save by Imes against Makenna Maloy on the Millers' second shot gave the Tigers a chance as the shootout went beyond the required best of five.

"Nobody beats Noblesville without (defense) or a little bit of luck, ever, and a great effort," Beasley said. "We're fortunate that Noblesville had to come off a huge win

two days ago. It was a perfect storm for us."

Imes and Hicks were the cyclones, swapping spots, once again, before the Millers' seventh shootout kick attempt. Tied 5-5, Hicks smothered a shot by Hudnall to setup Strueder's walk-off heroics.

"Hicks came up big. She was fired up, so we got her in to make that big save," Beasley said. "This goalkeeper duo is a special group. I've never seen two goalkeepers support each other more, and they go first and second half. It's a really cool story."

Strueder made certain the Tigers' tale continued at least two more days. Fishers will face Pendleton Heights (10-4-2) for their potential fourth sectional title all-time and first since 2015.

The Tigers won back-to-back sectional championships in 2014 and 2015, reaching the state title match both years and winning it all the second time against rival Carmel.

Beasley believes the same could unfold again for his team, if the Tigers don't allow themselves to become the third top-10 team to fall in Sectional 8.

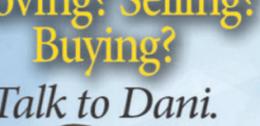
"We knew Day 1, we had the right culture for it. Even our bus driver said so," Beasley said. "There's a lot of youngsters who worked hard to develop, and without those freshmen turning into really good players, I wouldn't say we would have been a favorite when you look at the way the season started. It wasn't exactly like we were dominating our opponents. We got hot at the right time, and here we are playing for a sectional."

Noblesville was vying for its 10th sectional title run after reaching the semistate final last season. With "WAT" written on a few of the Millers' arms, echoing the team's mantra of "We Are Together," the loss was collectively absorbed.

"Like I just told them, all 25 of us lost that game tonight. What we do, we do together. We all beat HSE the other night, and tonight was a loss for the team, not individuals," Brady said. "They stepped up, but again, that's just what happens."


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# Trailblazers beat Blackhawks to reach sectional final

On Tuesday night in its Sectional 37 opener against Tri-Central, No. 10 University didn't lead for nearly a whole hour of play. On Thursday night against host Sheridan, the Trailblazers played to a different tune, scoring early and often in a 9-0 semi-final victory over the host Blackhawks.

Eight minutes in, senior midfielder Lillian Klemsz opened up the floodgates, tapping in a cross from junior midfielder Tessa Hudson to put the Trailblazers ahead 1-0. Three minutes later, Klemsz went from goalscorer to goal creator — her pass to Lily Snyder put the senior midfielder in a good

position to dribble a couple defenders and fire past Blackhawks sophomore goalkeeper Cierra Garrison to make it 2-0.

It was 3-0 in the 13th minute, as Hudson picked up her second assist after playing a good through ball for senior forward Halle Von Ah, who put it past the goalkeeper to make it 3-0.

Garrison made a number of saves throughout the half to keep the Blackhawks in it, but University would extend its lead once more in the 24th minute, when Hudson got her third assist of the half, feeding senior midfielder Lucy Snyder for the fourth goal.

Freshman midfielder Sydney Epstein got in on the scoring kick in the 32nd minute, tapping in after Lily Snyder hit the woodwork on her shot. Lucy Snyder became the first Trailblazer to bag a brace just a minute later, hitting a well-struck ball off a feed from her sister Lily to put University ahead 6-0 at the half.

The Trailblazers wasted little time getting back on the score sheet in the second half, as Lucy Snyder bagged her hat trick, converting off another assist from sister Lily in the 43rd minute. After a nice save from Sheridan's Garrison, Klemsz turned provider for the second time in the 50th

minute, feeding a perfect cross in for Von Ah to put past Garrison to secure her brace.

After several more solid Garrison saves, the Trailblazers reached the 9-0 final in the 70th minute, as freshman midfielder Audrey Blocksom played a perfectly weighted through ball for Lily Snyder, who scored to grab her second goal of the game.

University will be in a rematch of last season's championship game Saturday, looking for a repeat performance of last year's win over Western Boone. The Trailblazers won the meeting between the teams last month, 6-1.

# Huskies, Greyhounds advance to respective finals

Hamilton Heights cruised into the final of its own Class 2A Sectional 24 by beating Delta 11-1 in a Thursday semi-final game.

The Huskies got on the board in the ninth minute when Elaina Page scored off an assist by Katy Beery. The goals came fast and furious after that, with Maria Mitchell getting the second one, then Berry scored the third goal off a Page assist, all within three minutes of the first goal.

Delta scored its lone goal with exactly 20 minutes left in the half. Heights added three more before halftime: Jenna Peterson scored from a Madison Nickel assist, Page added her second goal, then assisted Emily Stirn for the Huskies' sixth goal.

In the second half, Page got her third goal a minute-and-a-half in, with Makenna Trew making the assist. Caitlin Hartwick scored in the game's 53rd minute, then Stirn put in her second goal with 10:02 left in the half. Hartwick added her second goal about a minute later, then Kyndall Ferguson finished up the scoring with a goal at the 5:38 mark.

"I thought we played well," said Heights coach Travis Kauffman. "At this point in the season, you don't want to hold anything back and we've talked a lot about that this week. Between whistle to whistle, we want to play hard, we want to play clean. We've talked about playing our game for the full 80 minutes, regardless of who we're playing, what kind of style they play, and I thought we did that."

Heights is now 13-6 for the season and will play Yorktown on Saturday afternoon for the championship.

Carmel beat Class 3A Sectional 10 host Guerin Catholic 1-0 on Thursday to advance to the championship game there.

The No. 4-ranked Greyhounds scored their goal in the game's 55th minute. Emily Speidel made a long pass to the head of forward Kelsie James, who nodded the ball to Emma Antoine for the goal.

Erin Baker had two goalkeeper saves for Carmel, while Bailey Cappella made five saves for the No. 19-ranked Golden Eagles.

The 'Hounds will play Zionsville for the Sectional 10 title on Saturday. The Eagles beat Westfield 2-0 in Thursday's second semi-final game.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Carmel's Erin Baker (32) makes a save during the Greyhounds' sectional game with Guerin Catholic on Thursday. Carmel beat the host Golden Eagles 1-0 to advance to Saturday's championship.



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Hamilton Heights' Elaina Page scored three goals in the Huskies' sectional win over Delta on Thursday. Heights advanced to the championship of its own sectional, where it will play Yorktown on Saturday.

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# Tigers fall to Panthers in regional final

The Fishers boys tennis team lost to host North Central 5-0 in the regional championship Thursday at the Barbara Wynne Tennis Center.

Four of the five matches were decided in straight sets. The Tigers' No. 2 doubles team of Sam Barrett and Owen McEldowney stretch its opponent to three sets before falling, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.

"I thought we played pretty well for the most part," said Fishers coach Dave Heffern. "North Central's got a really nice team."

The Tigers finished their season 12-4 and won Hoosier Crossroads Conference and sectional titles.

"We won our conference, which was our major goal and we won the sectional, which was our second goal," said Heffern. It was the first time Fishers had ever won the conference and the second consecutive time

it had won the sectional.

"Five seniors, I'm really proud of the kids, the way they conducted themselves all year long," said Heffern.

## North Central 5, Fishers 0

No. 1 singles: Nic Knoderer lost to Brady 6-2, 6-4

No. 2 singles: Marcus Luke lost to Mahenthiran 7-5, 6-3

No. 3 singles: William White lost to Shoultz 6-1, 6-2

No. 1 doubles: Drew Dixon and Peter Hallam lost to Branaman and McAuley 6-2, 6-2

No. 2 doubles: Sam Barrett and Owen McEldowney lost to Bailey and Gerstein 1-6, 6-4, 6-3

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The Fishers No. 2 doubles team of Owen McEldowney (left) and Sam Barrett stretched its North Central opponent to three sets Thursday at the North Central boys tennis regional championship.



## Volleyball

# Royals win on Senior Night, Tigers gets hard-fought sweep of 'Rocks

The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team clinched a share of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship with a straight-set Senior Night win over Franklin Central on Thursday.

The Class 4A No. 4 Royals won 25-13, 25-14, 25-18. Several seniors made their presences known: Taylor Shelton hit 13 kills, Zada Anderson put down eight kills and Julia Patras had two kills. Senior manager Lily Wray was honored as well.

Grace Hunter hit 11 kills on the outside, while Kayla Berg had a strong defensive night with 15 digs and two aces. Delaney Garner made three blocks.

"I am so grateful to these four seniors and the impact they have had on the program," said Southeastern coach Jason Young. "Two conference championships in three years speaks volumes about their leadership."

**Fishers** won an all-county match with **Westfield** on Thursday, 25-21, 25-22, 27-25.

Tigers senior Audrey Haworth led her team with 11 kills and three aces, also adding five digs and 1.5 blocks. Sophomore Camryn Haworth had 10 kills, eight digs and one ace. Rose Duffy reached double-double status with 31 assists and 10 digs, plus two kills, two block assists and one ace.

Senior libero Emma Rosenberg collected 18 digs and had a 2.00 rating for serve-receive. Junior Bryn Roberts also passed a 2.00, along with nine digs and seven kills. Senior Haley Soper put down six kills and had two block assists, while sophomore Jada Allen had six block assists and five kills.

Kinsey McAfee hit nine kills for the Shamrocks, with Kenzie Daffinee and Anna Johnsey both putting down seven. McAfee and Johnsey both made two blocks as well. Sarah Weglarz handed out 24 assists and passed the 1,000 set mark for her career. Bailey Mendler collected 17 digs, while Peighton Isley had 11 and Sydney Rader had nine.

**Noblesville** won its HCC finale on Thursday, beating Brownsburg in five sets, 25-23, 24-26, 14-25, 25-23, 15-8.

Lexie Almodovar hit 31 kills, and also had 17 digs and five aces. Ava Nichols dished out 49 assists to go with 11 digs and four aces. Ella Peter put down eight kills and also had seven digs and three blocks. Kayla Thompson collected 13 digs and served four aces, while Olivia Gulley made 21 digs.

**University** got a Senior Night victory over Bethesda Christian on Thursday, 25-9, 25-18, 25-22.

Soren Rothenberg led the team in blocks.



Reporter photos by Kirk Green

The Westfield volleyball team honored its seniors on Thursday night before its match with Fishers. Pictured: Manager Riley Fannelli, Raigan Stanifer, Sydney Rader, Kinsey McAfee and Bailey Mendler.



The match was paused in the first set so Westfield coach Sandra Burks could recognize Sarah Weglarz for achieving 1000 career sets.



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