

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Spotty shower in the early morning, then some sunshine and warmer. Wind gusts to 35 mph.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Shower and storm chance after midnight.
HIGH: 69 LOW: 46



The site of a former Speedway gas station and Burger King restaurant located at U.S. 31 and 236th Street was recently purchased by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). INDOT is planning to construct a 236th Street overpass and U.S. 31 will remain at its current elevation.

Public input welcomed on U.S. 31/236th Street interchange project

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold two events to educate residents and gather feedback on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Interchange Project at U.S. 31 at 236th Street.

The proposed project will include the construction of an interchange at U.S. 31 and 236th Street. The project will grade separate 236th Street over U.S. 31 in a tight diamond configuration. U.S. 31 will remain at the same elevation. The ramp terminals will be single-lane roundabouts with single lane exits. The proposed project will provide free flow operations for U.S. 31 through the corridor and will maintain corridor consistency with most other interchanges on U.S. 31 in Hamilton County, providing driver familiarity. Additional project information is available at [this link](#).

A virtual public meeting will be conducted using Microsoft Teams from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 25. For the virtual meeting information, including a call-in number, residents should email US31Interchange@cmtengr.com or call (317) 983-3242.

A public hearing will be conducted from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

on Tuesday, March 30, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., Sheridan, with the presentation occurring at 6 p.m.

Both events will provide an opportunity for the public to provide testimony.

The public hearing will follow Indiana State Department of Health guidance for health and safety protocols. Project team members will wear face masks and/or coverings and attendees are encouraged to do so. Attendees may make a public comment at the hearing, provide verbal comments to a court reporter, or may return or mail a comment form available at the public hearings and online.

Those that want to review a printed copy of the environmental study may do so at one of the following locations:

An Environmental Assessment (EA) document has been prepared for the project. INDOT and FHWA published the EA for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance for the Interchange Project at U.S. 31 and 236th Street on Monday, March 8. It is available online at [this link](#).

Those who want to review a printed copy may do so at:

- Sheridan Public Library,

Major road closures coming in April

The REPORTER

Hamilton County motorists will see two major east-west corridors close on April 5.

As part of the State Road 37 project, 146th Street between Herriman Boulevard and the entrance to Jagger's (approximately 700 feet east of SR 37) will be closed for approximately one week to all thru traffic for road construction. The estimated completion date is Monday, April 12.

County highway officials recommend using the posted detour route of Allisonville

Road, 141st Street, and Cumberland Road.

Also closing on April 5 will be 236th Street between Deming Road and Devaney Road to all thru traffic. The closure is Phase II of the 236th Street East Rehabilitation Project. The estimated project completion date is Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Local traffic on 236th Street will continue to have access to their homes, while thru traffic is asked to use the posted detour route of 256th Street, Anthony Road, and Devaney Road.

103 W. 1st St., Sheridan
• Hamilton North Public Library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero

• Crawford, Murphy & Tilly's (CMT) office, 8790 Purdue Road, Indianapolis
• INDOT Greenfield District – 32 S. Broadway St., Greenfield

In addition to providing

written or verbal comments at the public hearings, the public may submit comments on the EA through April 15 via:

- Email to US31Interchange@cmtengr.com
- Mail to CMT's office at 8790 Purdue Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268
- A telephone line with voice mailbox at (317) 983-3242

Amanda Engle fills vacancy on Arcadia Town Council

By FRED SWIFT

ReadTheReporter.com

Amanda Engle has been appointed to complete the unexpired term of the late Mitch Russell on the Arcadia Town Council. Engle is Russell's daughter and a teacher at Hamilton Heights Schools.

Republican County Chairwoman Laura Campbell made the appointment Monday as prescribed by state law when a vacancy of this type occurs. Because Russell was elected on the Republican ticket, the party chooses his successor.

Russell, a lifelong resident of Arcadia and a career police officer in Hamilton County, died last month at age 67. He had been elected to the council in 2019 to a term that runs through Dec. 31, 2023.

Engle, who takes office immediately, joins Maurice St. Louis and Randal Hill on the three-member council.

Westfield teachers to stage 'walk-in' protest Thursday against two bills in state legislature

The REPORTER

As a show of solidarity against **HB 1005** and **SB 413**, and in conjunction with the rest of Hamilton County's teachers, Westfield Washington Schools teachers are planning a walk-in on Thursday, March 25 at all district schools.

Led by Westfield Classroom Teachers Association President Chris Sluder, teachers will make remarks in support of the cause, give the group action steps to continue to let their voices be heard, and sign a county-wide petition. After that, as a show of unity, teachers will walk into the building together.

Below is information on the timing of the event at each school.

7:15 a.m. at the flagpole

- Maple Glen Elementary
- Oak Trace Elementary
- Washington Woods Elementary
- Shamrock Springs Elementary
- Monon Trail Elementary
- Carey Ridge Elementary

8 a.m. in the bus lot (joint event)

- Westfield Intermediate School
- Westfield Middle School

8 a.m. at the flagpole

- Westfield High School

Carmel Gala goes virtual, register now for April event

The REPORTER

The annual Carmel Gala - Design Bright Futures, to benefit the Carmel Youth Assistance Program has expanded the opportunity to take part in the event by offering all activities from the comfort and safety of your own home.

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard is once again Honorary Chair and will be featured live at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 24 on the Carmel Youth Assistance Program [Facebook page](#) and [CarmelTV](#) with appearances by other surprise local celebrities and partners.

Registration is free and serves as your ticket to the event. A Bourbon & Bling raffle and silent auction are just a few of many surprises in store for virtual attendees. You must register in order to receive updates and follow along with the fun.

[Click here](#) to register, then click on SIGN IN at the

top right corner of the page and select Carmel Gala Details from the menu to learn how you can participate in the event.

"We have done a lot in Carmel to help the next generation thrive in education, the arts, health and well-being," Brainard said. "We're also building a city with a high quality of life, one that our children will want to return to when they are ready to work or raise a family. However, we can do more. We must also reach out to children who are at risk of falling through the cracks of society. This is why we started the Carmel Youth Assistance Program."

Corporate sponsorships are available at a variety of levels for individuals and companies wishing to support the youth of Carmel. More details on sponsor-



Brainard

ships and registration information can be found at CarmelGala.org.

You can ext CarmelGala21 to 243725 from your smartphone to join and register for the event now. Also follow the Carmel Youth Assistance Program on [Facebook](#) for special videos, announcements and surprises along the way, including when bidding opens on the silent auction on April 9.

About the Carmel Youth Assistance Program

The Carmel Youth Assistance Program is a 501(c)(3) and supports at-risk youth and their families in Carmel by coordinating prevention services such as tutoring, mentoring, mental health counseling, pro social activities, food and clothing assistance, and financial assistance.

The future of HSE Schools, Noblesville and Wayne Township

The school situation in the area is going to be a bit more complicated in the future, based on a presentation by Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen before the Hamilton Southeastern

(HSE) School Board last Tuesday. If the mayor's projections are correct, both the City of Noblesville and HSE Schools will see dramatic growth in Wayne Township during the next five to 10 years.

For as far back as I can remember, the local school district situation was fairly clear. For the most part, Noblesville Schools handled students in the City of Noblesville and HSE Schools took in all of Fishers, unincorporated parts of Fall Creek



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and Delaware townships, as well as all of the mostly-rural Wayne Township.

Jensen made it clear his city plans to expand eastward into Wayne Township with both residential and commercial development. The mayor told HSE Schools officials he expects Noblesville to double in size in the coming five to 10 years and most of that growth will be into Wayne Township. That projection would mean HSE Schools would see dramatic growth in the student population.

Keep in mind that HSE Schools is already the fourth-largest school system in the state, based on student population, with a

count of roughly 21,500. The largest district in Indiana is Fort Wayne (29,404), followed by Indianapolis Public Schools (26,410), and Evansville Vanderburgh Schools (22,601). If Noblesville expands as projected into Wayne Township, HSE Schools would rise on that list.

This would create a much larger school system than HSE is now and would bring burdens as well as opportunities. More buildings would be required for more students, but the tax base would also increase with all the projected growth.

After posting my original story on Mayor Jensen's appearance before the board last Tuesday, plenty of comments followed about HSE giving up any territory annexed

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by Noblesville into Wayne Township. I have covered the HSE school board for more than nine years, and school officials have said consistently that there is no intention of giving up Wayne Township as part of HSE Schools.

So, with growth comes change. At HSE Schools, that change will likely come with more growth in the next decade, this time in Wayne Township and Noblesville rather than Fishers. The new superintendent of schools yet to be hired by the HSE school board will be facing all that change.

Some people think this change is not a good idea, others say it will be good for all of us. Only time will tell. But I will be watching and reporting on whatever happens.

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Rep. Spartz meets with hospital leaders to discuss ongoing healthcare challenges

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05), along with healthcare leaders from hospitals across Indiana’s Fifth District, met virtually Monday morning to discuss a variety of topics important to the health and well-being of Hoosiers.

Participants of Rep. Spartz’s virtual Hospital Roundtable, held in collaboration with the Indiana Hospital Association, discussed COVID-19 response, the current capacity and status of hospitals in Indiana, lessons learned, and a variety of healthcare challenges and solutions.

“The current state of healthcare, especially as

we make our way out of this pandemic, is a critical issue here in Indiana and across the country,” Rep. Spartz said. “I appreciate the important work our hospitals have done over the past year to adapt their practices of care to meet the needs of Hoosiers battling COVID-19, while continuing to provide outstanding care and services to other patients.”

The future of telehealth was also discussed in depth during the roundtable. Congresswoman Spartz is a co-sponsor of the Telehealth Modernization Act, which



Spartz

would permanently codify and expand many of the telehealth authorities that were authorized during the pandemic but are set to expire when the current Public Health Emergency declaration is terminated.

“We must look at how to make our healthcare system more robust to deliver quality, transparency, and value for patients,” Rep. Spartz said. “Healthcare is a high priority for me, and I am working with my colleagues to effect real, positive change in our healthcare system.”

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn’t something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don’t often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we’re breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Community News

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Delta Chapter will receive 15 percent of all sales during that time to help the organization raise money for cancer research and other projects.

Please come enjoy some good food at one of Indiana's favorite restaurants while supporting a local non-profit.

Easter Bunny hopping through Sheridan

The Easter Bunny is coming to the Sheridan Public Library this Saturday. The library will hold a drive-thru event from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 27. Visit with the Easter Bunny and pick up a goodie bag and craft.

Live Music At Pasto Italiano



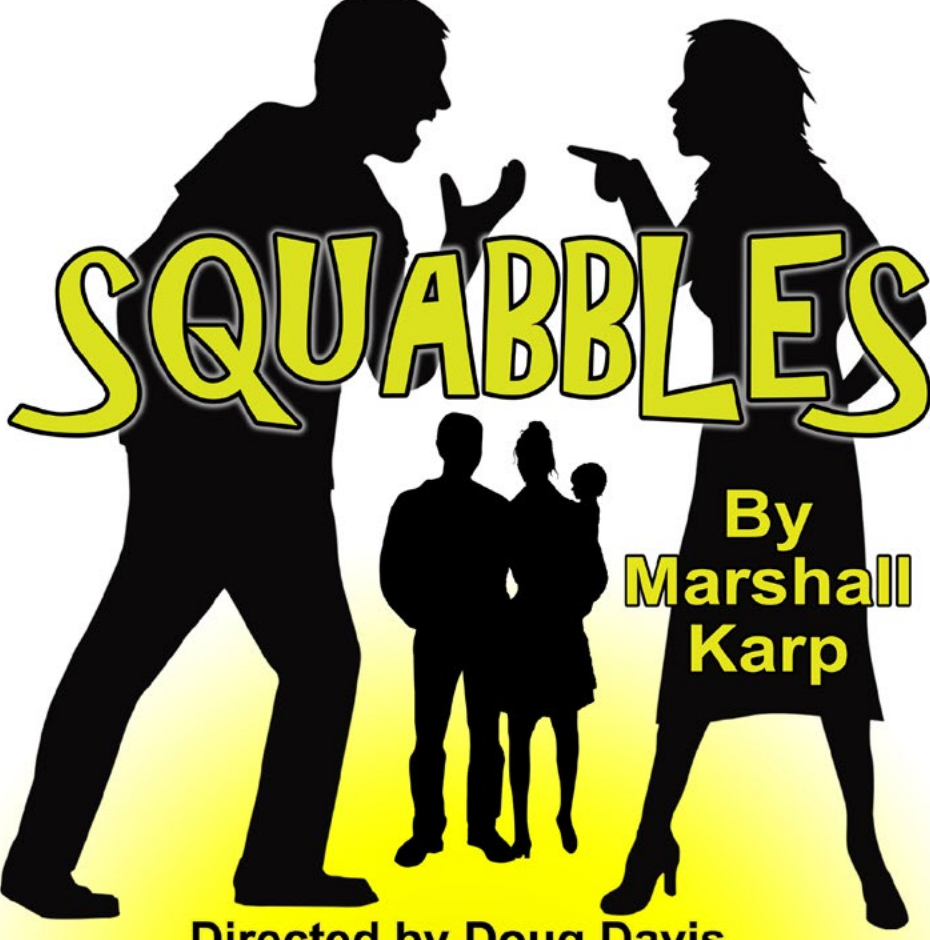
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Investigation by AG Rokita leads to settlement with medical device manufacturer to benefit women

The REPORTER

An investigation led by Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has resulted in a \$188.6 million multistate settlement with a medical manufacturing company accused of deceptively marketing its transvaginal surgical mesh devices to patients.

Indiana will receive \$5,982,218 as a result of the settlement, in which 46 other states and the District of Columbia also participated.

"Women across the country have suffered serious health complications caused by surgical mesh devices, and I will continue to hold companies accountable that misrepresent or withhold information about the risks associated with the devices," Rokita said.

Boston Scientific Corporation allegedly misrepresented the safety of its surgical mesh products and failed to disclose the full range of potential serious and irreversible complications caused by mesh. Surgical mesh is a synthetic knitted or woven fabric that is implanted in the pelvic floor through the vagina to treat pelvic organ prolapse and stress urinary incontinence. These are common conditions faced by women due to a weakening in their pelvic floor muscles caused by childbirth, age, or other factors.

Although the use of sur-



Rokita

gical mesh poses a risk of such complications and is not proven to be any more effective than traditional tissue repair, millions of women have been implanted with the devices. Thousands are alleged to have suffered serious complications resulting from the devices.

The settlement provides comprehensive injunctive relief. In addition to paying \$188.6 million, Boston Scientific Corporation must reform its practices related to surgical mesh, including its marketing, training, and disclosures regarding clinical studies.



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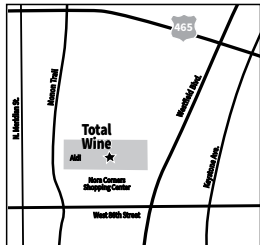
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Sen. Young sends letter to Secy. of Homeland Security on terrorists getting into U.S.

Submitted by U.S. Senator Todd Young

As the crisis at the southern border worsens, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations' subcommittee that has responsibility for counterterrorism issues, sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Secretary Mayorkas requesting DHS provide accurate statistics regarding the number of known or suspected terror-

ists apprehended at land borders or ports of entry.

In a 2019 fact sheet, DHS reported more than 3,700 known or suspected terrorists were detained in fiscal year 2017. However, because these numbers differ with other published estimates of arrests, Congress is hard-pressed to accurately assess and address the threat posed by terrorists infiltrating our borders.



Young

In light of recent reports, including from [Axios](#), of the capture of individuals on the FBI's Terror Screening Database along the southern border, it is imperative that Congress possess all the relevant information so we can develop policies that keep Americans secure.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of Sen. Young's letter.

Sen. Yoder disappointed about lack of legislative leadership on issues of racism in the Statehouse

Submitted by Indiana Senate Democratic Media Office

on behalf of State Sen. Shelli Yoder

On Feb. 18, Black Indiana legislators were speaking in committee when they were heckled by white legislators after pointing out the discriminatory consequences of a bill.

For a month now, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC) has repeatedly called on legislative leadership to implement specific changes to improve equality in the statehouse – with no response. State Senator Shelli Yoder (D-Bloomington) sent a letter to the legislative leadership, offering support for the IBLC recommendations and also has received no commitment from the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate to address racism in the General Assembly.

"I offered this letter because the behaviors experienced by our Black Colleagues in the House of Representatives should infuriate us all. White people must not only speak up when we hear it or see it, but also do the work to understand our role in systemic racism and carry the responsibility to address it head on," Sen. Yoder said. "This unacceptable harassment must be thoroughly rebuked. But not only by our Black colleagues, and not only by Democrats, but by every member of the General Assembly who takes seriously the responsibility of



Yoder



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representing the people of our state. I am disappointed that so far leadership has not stated the same.

Senator Eddie Melton (D-Gary) joined Yoder in her frustration.

"I appreciate Senator Yoder's commitment to fighting for justice and equity not only in the statehouse, but all of Indiana," Sen. Melton said. "I support her call for action, and hope that legislative leadership will recognize that people of all backgrounds and races see racism as a problem that we must work together to eradicate."

Sen. Yoder said, "The fact that an entire month has passed since our colleagues were heckled and nothing has been done is shameful. I will continue to fight for justice and speak out when I see it here in the people's house."

[Click here](#) to read the full text of Sen. Yoder's letter.

Bill to benefit ALS patients signed into law

The REPORTER

A bill introduced by Senator Mike Braun, Senator Tom Cotton, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, and Senator Chris Coons to help ALS patients was signed into law on Wednesday by President Biden.

The bill is a technical clarification that will ensure ALS patients are given access to their Social Security Disability Insurance benefits without a five-month waiting period whether they applied prior to the passage of the ALS Social Security Disability Insurance Act or not.

The ALS Social Security Disability Insurance Access Act was introduced by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) and signed into law in December. This law eliminated the five-month waiting period for Social Security disability benefits for those with medically-diagnosed ALS, because due to the quick and devastating effects of the disease many of those diagnosed do not have five

months to wait.

Due to how the Social Security Administration interpreted this law, ALS patients who had already applied for their disability benefits were still being forced to wait the five months. Senators Braun (R-Ind.), Cotton, Whitehouse, and Coons (D-Del.) introduced a bill to clarify how that part of the law is to be applied: All Americans with medically-diagnosed ALS should be able to access their Social Security Disability benefits without the five-month waiting period – not just those who haven't applied yet.

"The financial burden of ALS is staggering, and those who are diagnosed have no time to waste," Sen. Braun said. "With this technical fix which is now signed into law we will ensure timely access to Social Security disability benefits is available to ALS patients and the ALS



Braun

Social Security Disability Insurance Access Act fulfills its promise to help those fighting this terrible disease."

About the Senate ALS Caucus

The Senate ALS Caucus founded in January 2020 by Senators Chris Coons and Mike Braun. The caucus brings together senators from both sides of the aisle who share a commitment to working collaboratively to advocate on behalf of ALS patients and their families to raise awareness about the difficulties faced by ALS patients and their families; advance policies that improve the quality of life for ALS patients; expand the network of support for those suffering from ALS; and advocate for investments in research that will enhance our understanding of the causes of ALS, identify effective treatments, and eventually discover a cure.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Hamilton Heights School Corporation ("Owner"), by and through its Board is requesting sealed bids for furnishing all labor, services, supplies, materials, tools, equipment, and transportation necessary for the *Hamilton Heights School - Pavement Improvements* (the "Project").

The sealed bids will be received until, April 7, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. (EST).

Bids must be delivered to:

Ms. Kristin McCarty, Business Manager
Hamilton Heights School Corporation
410 W. Main Street
Arcadia, Indiana 46030

All Bids received at such place, date, and time will be opened and read aloud in public at the address listed above immediately after the posted time. All bids received after such time will not be considered and returned to the respective bidder unopened.

All work for the complete construction of the Project shall be performed under one or more prime contracts with the Owner. The form of the contract is set forth in the Bidding Documents. Two copies of bid forms shall be submitted on forms provided in the Bidding Documents and project manual, and shall be properly executed in accordance with the current edition of the Indiana State Board of Accounts Form 96 – "Contractor's Bid for Public Works." Bidders must complete the entire bid forms including a statement of experience, proposed plan or plans for performing the work, the equipment the Bidder has available for performance of the work, non-collusion affidavit, and financial statement complying with Form 96. Bidders must include a satisfactory Bid Bond or certified check pursuant to Ind. Code 36-1-12-4.5, payable to the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. Bid Security shall be in the amount of not less than 10% of the Bidder's total contract price. Should a successful Bidder within ten (10) days after written notice of acceptance of bid withdraw its bid, fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds, or execute a satisfactory contract, the Owner may then declare that Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as a penalty.

Wage rates shall not apply to this Project. All Contractors and Sub-Contractors shall comply with all applicable laws including but not limited to the requirements of Ind. Code 5-16-13 et seq. and as detailed in the Bidding Documents. Contractor must also be able to and meet all requirements found in applicable public works and contract statutes.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Eastern Engineering Supply, Inc., 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN, (317) 598-0661, www.easternengineering.com. Costs associated with digital and printed plans and specifications obtained from Eastern Engineering Supply Inc. are and will be incurred by and at the expense of the contractor and are non-refundable.

Prior to approval and execution of the Owner's contract, the Contractor(s) who is the successful Bidder shall furnish an approved Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, which shall cover the faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising hereunder. Performance and payment bonds shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one year after the Owner's acceptance of the work and Owner's final settlement with the successful Bidder.

The Owner expects to award the contract(s) for the work to the lowest, responsible and responsive Bidder(s). The Owner reserves the right to hold bids, including any alternates, for up to 60 days from the date of the bid opening. The Owner reserves in its sole discretion the right to reject any and all bids, is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid, and may waive any irregularities, discrepancies, omissions, variances or informalities in the bidding procedure.

A pre-bid meeting for discussion of the Project, reviewing the scope of work, project specifications and drawings, bid documents, the bidding qualifying requirements and other important matters will be held at Hamilton Heights High School in the LG1 Room, 25802 State Road 19 Arcadia, Indiana 46030 on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 11:30 p.m. (EST).

Please enter at Entrance B of the Hamilton Heights High School building. Immediately following the pre-bid meeting, an opportunity to tour the project site will be offered. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend this meeting. Bidders will be responsible for complying with items discussed at the meeting.

Questions regarding the project, or requests for equal status, can be directed in writing to:

Justin Olashuk, Project Manager
American Structurepoint
(317) 547-5580
jolahuk@structurepoint.com

RL4347

3/22/21, 3/29/21

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:

By: Westfield Washington Schools
1143 East 181st Street
Westfield, IN 46074

For: Westfield High School Wellness Center Masonry Re-Clad
18250 North Union Street
Westfield, IN 46074

At: Westfield Washington Schools Facilities Building
18160 Market Court
Westfield, IN 46074

Until: 2:00 PM(local time), April 8, 2021

Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 PM (local time), in the Westfield Washington Schools Facilities Building, 18160 Market Court, Westfield, IN 46074 or via **Microsoft Teams**.

Microsoft Teams meeting
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All work for the complete construction of the Project will be under one or more prime contracts with the Owner based on bids received and on combinations awarded. The Construction Manager will manage the construction of the Project.

Construction shall be in full accordance with the Bidding Documents which are on file with the Owner and may be examined by prospective bidders at the following locations:

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Prime and Non-Prime Contract Bidders must place an order on www.skillmanplanroom.com to be able to download documents electronically or request printed documents. There is no cost for downloading the bidding documents. Bidders desiring printed documents shall pay for the cost of printing, shipping and handling. Reprographic Services are provided by:

Eastern Engineering 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038, Phone 317-598-0661.

WAGE SCALE: Wage Scale does not apply to this project.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on March 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM, local time, via Microsoft Teams. Attendance by bidders is optional, but recommended, in order to clarify or answer questions concerning the Drawings and Project Manual for the Project.

Microsoft Teams meeting
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
Or call in (audio only) +1 317-762-3960, 864246949#
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Bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The successful Bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds for one hundred percent (100%) of their Contract amount prior to execution of Contracts.

Contractors submitting bids for the performance of any Work as specified in this building Project should make such Bids to **Westfield Washington Schools**. Contractors are advised that the Contract as finally entered into with any successful Bidder may be entered into with either the School Corporation or the Building Corporation or certain portions of the Contract may be entered into by both the School Corporation and the Building Corporation.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid (or combination of Bids) and to waive any irregularities in bidding. All Bids may be held for a period not to exceed 60 days before awarding contracts.

Westfield Washington Schools
By: JOE MONTALONE

RL4366

3/24/21, 3/31/21

Letter to the Editor

McKinney: \$65M in federal money isn't a "blank check"

Dear Editor:

I am responding to two recent articles by Fred Swift, first one on [March 18](#) and the second on [March 21](#), both related to Hamilton County receiving \$65+ million in pandemic "relief" money from the federal government. They are both misleading and inaccurate.

Defining the difference between WANTS and NEEDS was a cornerstone operating principle of my 24 years on the Hamilton County Council and it earned me the ire of the County Commissioners.

I have conferred with multiple members of both the Hamilton County Council and Auditors Office: the \$65+ million is indeed coming to the bank account of Hamilton County government but its use is highly restricted to replacing "lost revenue because of the pandemic." It is not a blank check to be spent on proposed 146th Street improvements, the cost overruns on SR 37 or other "want" wish lists of government officials.

When I left the County Council at the end of 2020, the "revenue loss" Hamilton County had experienced from the pandemic was zero: the tourism agency was down about \$2 million but quickly recovering into 2021 and County government was not expecting a decline in its property tax and income tax revenues until between 2022 and 2023, if then. Given all the stimulus money and sustained economic activity Hamilton County saw as a whole in 2020, I doubt the losses will occur to the extent originally feared.

Unless the County can establish enough "lost revenue" to warrant keeping all the money, which is extremely unlikely, it will have to be returned by the end of 2024. Most likely, the County will be able to establish \$8-12 million as "lost revenue."

Thankfully, the Auditors Office is

independent and the bulwark against pressure from County Commissioners who have no hesitation spending money, especially that which is called "surplus" and "free."

Lastly, the Hamilton County Council unanimously approved a \$2 million addition to the planned County parking garage which had a previous price tag of \$9.5 million. I have previously stated my position that the County should not bear the cost by itself but instead the City of Noblesville should be responsible for the extra cost. The County does not need the extra space now nor will it need the spaces in the next 20 years for its employees or visitors. The greatest need for parking spaces was tied to the Health Department but it was moved to an auxiliary building on the east side of SR 37 several years ago to alleviate the parking issue, which it did.

The County has always planned to allow downtown visitors to use the parking structure after 5 p.m. to help downtown restaurants and businesses: perhaps the REAL reason for the sudden request and subsequent approval is the upcoming announcement by the City of Noblesville to eliminate all downtown parking around "the historic courthouse square"? In the hopes of revitalizing the area, the City will widen sidewalks and ban on the street parking. So where will the cars go? Of course, the extra spaces the County plans to build.

Another free gift to a city, courtesy of the County Commissioners and a compliant County Council.

Rick McKinney
Senior Policy Analyst for Fiscal Conservatives of Hamilton County
Former 24 year At-Large member of the Hamilton County Council
Westfield

Meeting Notice

The Westfield Redevelopment Commission will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. The meeting can be viewed on the city's [YouTube channel](#).

Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader hopes bypass doesn't affect IDI

Dear Editor:

[Reading the article about the new bypass](#), I didn't see anything concerning IDI. Does that mean all has been settled and none of their property is needed? Certainly hope that is the case. We don't need to lose a company like IDI with so many close by cities being aggressive in their search for new companies.

Dick McDivitt
Noblesville

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Meeting Notices

The Westfield Oversight Committee will hold a public meeting at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The Atlanta Town Council will hold a regular meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2021, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me. Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

Romans 16:1-7 (NIV)

Carmel police seek ATM theft suspect



Photos provided

The Carmel Police Department is investigating a theft of money that happened on March 12 at the Circle K Gas Station, 545 S. Range Line Road, Carmel. The suspect pictured is believed to have taken another customer's money out of an ATM before placing it into his pocket. The suspect then exited the store and got into the vehicle pictured before driving away. If you have any information on this person, please contact Officer Eli Rebollar at the Carmel Police Department at (317) 571-2500 or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 2021-17216.

Earl H. Johns, Sr.

December 24, 1961 – March 15, 2021

Earl H. Johns, Sr., 59, Tipton, passed away on March 15, 2021. He was born on December 24, 1961 to the late William Gerald and Marjorie (Adams) Johns in Noblesville.



Earl wanted to see the country and he enjoyed driving. He decided to drive a truck; he thought what better way to see the country and get paid for it. Earl drove a semi for Syndicate Sales. Before Earl retired, he worked for O'Reilly Auto Parts.

When Earl was not working, he enjoyed working on car and just tinkering with stuff. He enjoyed collecting scale model semi-trucks. Earl looked forward to watching NASCAR. He was a Martin Truex Jr. fan.

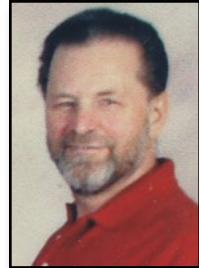
Earl loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He looked forward to seeing them every chance he got, and his grandchildren will always remember how he would tease them. Earl is going to be greatly missed by his family: His loving wife, Connie (Castor) Johns, of eight years and his loving children, Earl John (Latisha Hummer) Johns Jr., Terry (Sarah Gustin) Johns, Rachel (Justin Jones) Amos, Amanda (Cody) Morrison, and Austin John. He was loving and proud grandfather to Khyleigh, Raelynn, Skylar, Trystian "Big Tonka" Lucain, Emerson, Charlie, Addilynn, Sophia, and Gracesyn. He was a devoted brother to Marilyn Sharp and Barbara Sigman. Preceding Earl in death are his brothers Richard Johns, John Johns, and Charlie Johns.

Everyone is welcome to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence, or share a memory at fisherfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Johns family.

Danny Dale Ryan

January 23, 1943 – March 21, 2021

Danny Dale "Dan" Ryan, 78, Anderson, died on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at his residence after a brief illness.



Dan was born January 23, 1943 in Alexandria, the son of Glen and Nina (Harmon) Ryan.

He worked production at Delco Remy and Magnequench for 40 years before retiring in December 2000. He loved bass fishing enjoyed bowling, playing cards, watching basketball, and baseball, and especially spending time with children and grandchildren.

Dan is survived by his wife, Sharon (Berry), Anderson, whom he married on June 5, 1964; three daughters, Tina L. (Kris) Little, April (Brian) Kruper, and Ginny (Bobby) Lash; a son, Danny (Amber) Ryan; seven grandchildren, Kristopher (Olivia) Little, Christian (Ashley) Rydman, Cameron Rydman, Aideyn Lash, Phoenix Lash, Jack Ryan, and Shelby Ryan; three great-grandchildren, Ellison Little, Indy Little, and Rhett Rydman; three siblings, Dennis (Violet) Ryan, Glen (Vicky) Ryan Jr., and Diane Carter; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Jack Ryan, and a granddaughter, Shanna Little.

Services will be 1 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service. Burial will follow at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the service at 1 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Special thank you to Dr. Jason Lewis and Dr. Bilal Karim Siddiqui for their loving care.

Post online condolences at rozelle-johnson.com.



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High school softball begins . . .

Royals beat 'Hounds in all-county clash, GC's Kemp pitches perfect game

Seven Hamilton County softball teams opened their season this past week, marking the first time high school squads have been able to play the sport since 2019.

One of the games on the slate was an all-county affair. Hamilton Southeastern traveled to Cherry Tree Softball Complex to take on host Carmel. The Royals, bolstered by a group of solid seniors and two freshmen, won a topsy-turvy game 15-10.

Southeastern got on the board in the top of the first inning. Senior Reece Massey hit a double, senior Olivia Howard drew a walk, then freshman Jenna Chase cleared the bases by hitting a three-run home run in the first at-bat of her high school career.

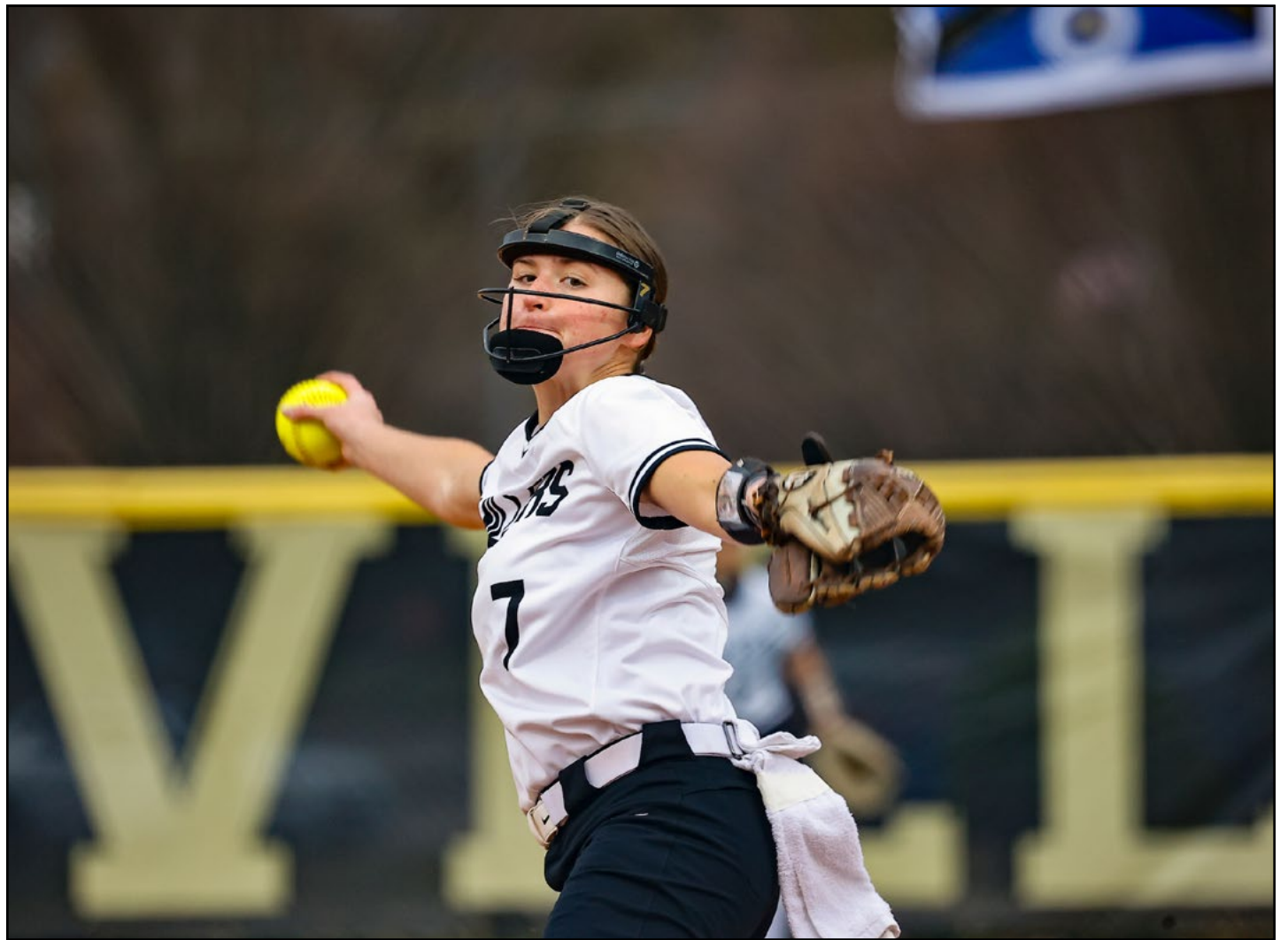
The Greyhounds answered back with a run in the bottom of the first inning, when senior Megan Nichols hit a solo homer with two outs. But the Royals pushed the lead back to three runs in the top of the second when senior Daphne Bush blasted her own solo homer.

Carmel took the lead in the bottom of the third inning. Junior Ella Orhval hit an RBI double to score junior Audrey Hussain, then senior Caroline Roop knocked in a three-run home run to give the 'Hounds a 5-4 lead.

But as it always does when pushed, Southeastern pushed back, scoring seven runs in the top of the fourth. Senior Ella Lewis hit an RBI double, then Massey scored Bush on a sacrifice fly. Bush had gotten base with a single earlier.

Ava Aguilar knocked in an RBI single, and that was followed by three RBI doubles from Howard, Chase and freshman Alex Kiemeyer, who later stole home to put the Royals up 11-5.

Carmel made a push in the bottom of the sixth, scoring three runs. Junior Kylie Cunningham scored on a fielder's choice RBI from freshman Addison Larsen, sophomore Hope McDonald made it home after a wild pitch, then sophomore



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Kira Thomas pitched four innings for the Millers during their Tuesday season-opening game with Western Boone, throwing one strikeout.

Lily Sullivan's sacrifice fly sent Hussain home.

That made the score 11-8, but Southeastern took care of business again in the top of the seventh inning with four runs. Bush hit an RBI single, Aguilar smacked a two-RBI hit and Sage Ladig finished things off with her own RBI single.

The Greyhounds added two more runs

in the bottom of the seventh. McDonald knocked in an RBI hit and Cunningham stole home.

Aguilar and Bush both had three hits, while Chase batted in four runs and Aguilar drove in three. Chae got the pitching win, going five innings and striking out two.

Orhval and Hussain both had two hits, and Roop drove in three runs.

Guerin Catholic's Izzy Kemp had a perfect day in the pitcher's circle on Monday when the Golden Eagles opened their season against Herron.

Kemp struck out all 15 of Herron's batters as she led Guerin to a 16-0 victory. On offense, the Golden Eagles were led by Ana Macha, whose 3-for-3 night at the plate included a triple. Kemp and Sarah Dilley both batted in two runs.

Fishers opened its season on Monday with a 12-2, five-inning victory over Kokomo.

The Tigers scored seven runs over the first two innings, then ended the game on the run rule by adding three runs in the fifth. Karyn Trice was 3-for-4 at the plate, with Olivia Latimer, Kaylee Kardash and Emily Walsh all getting two hits.

Abby Gavin hit a home run, while Latimer, Kardash, Sophie Schoch and Walsh each hit one double. Kardash totaled five RBIs and Schoch drove in three runs. Hannah Mays pitched all five innings, striking out five.

Westfield also opened its season Monday with a run-rule victory, beating Mon-

rovia 11-0.

Maggie Roh was 4-for-4 at the plate, including a triple, and scored three runs. Avery Parker batted in four runs on a 3-for-4 night, including a double and a triple. Brooklyn Carey hit a tripe and a single for two hits, while Grace Fanelli batted in two runs. Victoria Pucci and Zoe Klink both had doubles.

Lilah Denton pitched four innings for the win. Riley Redstone had two strikeouts in one inning.

Noblesville dropped its opener on Tuesday, falling to visiting Western Boone 8-6.

The Stars scored three runs in the top of the first inning, forcing the Millers to play catch-up for the entire game. Noblesville twice got within one run, but WeBo added three runs in the top of the sixth to clinch the game.

Scout Duplaga was 3-for-3 at the plate, hitting a home run, a double and a single. Abby Harvey drove in three runs. Kira Thomas pitched four innings and Claire Cullen threw three innings; both had one strikeout.

Hamilton Heights fell to Zionsville in its Monday opener, 14-5.

Sydney Massicotte hit two doubles for the Huskies, while Hayley Greene and Ashlyn Fletcher both hit a home run and a single, and drove in two runs each. Isabella Neiling also had two hits.

Kelsie Albright and Lily Roush both pitched three innings, with Roush tossing three strikeouts.



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NBA standings

Tuesday games Denver 110, Orlando 99 New York 131, Washington 113 New Orleans 128, L.A. Lakers 111	Phoenix 110, Miami 100 Philadelphia 108, Golden State 98 Brooklyn 116, Portland 112
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Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	31	13	.705	-
Brooklyn	30	14	.682	1.0
Milwaukee	28	14	.667	2.0
Atlanta	22	21	.512	8.5
Charlotte	21	21	.500	9.0
Miami	22	22	.500	9.0
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New York	22	22	.500	9.0
Boston	21	22	.488	9.5
Chicago	19	23	.452	11.0
Indiana	19	23	.452	11.0
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Toronto	17	26	.395	13.5
Cleveland	16	27	.372	14.5
Washington	15	27	.357	15.0
Orlando	14	29	.326	16.5
Detroit	12	30	.286	18.0

Western Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	31	11	.738	-
Phoenix	29	13	.690	2.0
L.A. Clippers	28	16	.636	4.0
L.A. Lakers	28	16	.636	4.0
Denver	26	17	.605	5.5
Portland	25	18	.581	6.5
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San Antonio	22	18	.550	8.0
Dallas	22	19	.537	8.5
Golden State	22	22	.500	10.0
Memphis	20	20	.500	10.0
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New Orleans	19	24	.442	12.5
Oklahoma City	19	24	.442	12.5
Sacramento	18	25	.419	13.5
Houston	12	30	.286	19.0
Minnesota	10	33	.233	21.5

Teams in positions 7-10 in their respective conferences will compete in a play-in tournament at the end of the season.

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