

THURSDAY, OCT. 20, 2022

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly to partly sunny.  
Wind gusting to 30 mph.  
  
Tonight: Partly cloudy  
and not as cold.

HIGH: 58    LOW: 38



## Sheridan kids raise over \$10K

500 elementary students & teachers participate in Blackhawk Walk

### The REPORTER

Sheridan Elementary School (SES) held its annual Blackhawk Walk last week. This fundraising event was a great success according to SES Principal Valerie Roberts.

The event is organized by the SES PTO and this year raised over \$10,000. Roberts gave special thanks to PTO officers Maleana Wittbrod, Katy Gould, Lauren Lewis, and Jason and Bev Rumph.

Roberts explained that the derivation of the Blackhawk Walk goes back a few years when it was decided that SES wanted to do hold a fundraiser that was safer and more fun than traditional door to door sales.

Each year a different theme is chosen. For instance, "Superheroes" was the theme during the pandemic, as a tribute to health-care workers. This year's theme was "Better Together."

All 500 students from SES participated in the event, as well as teachers. Each day of the week students walked two laps around the playground before each recess to enjoy better health, walking with a buddy, and raising money that is used for student activities throughout the year.

All proceeds raised go directly towards PTO sponsored activities, such as Doughnuts with

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Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools  
Each day before recess, student walked two laps around the playground to enjoy better health and raise money.

## What is marriage?

We can all agree that marriage has changed over the years, but do you know the legal definition? In *Maynard v. Hill*, an 1888 United States Supreme Court case originating out of Oregon, the Supreme Court stated in its opinion:

"Marriage, as creating the most important relation in life, as having more to do with the morals and civilization of a people than any other institution, has always been subject to the control of the legislature. That body prescribes the age at which parties may contract to marry, the procedure or form essential to constitute marriage, the duties and obligations it creates, its effects upon the property rights of both, present and prospective, and the acts which may constitute grounds for its dissolution."

Moreover, the High Court reasoned that marriage:

"... is a social relation like that of parent and child, the obligations of which arise not from the consent of concurring minds, but are the creation of the law itself, a relation most important, as affecting the happiness of individuals, the first step from barbarism to incipient civilization, the purest high of social life and the true basis of human progress."

The case, when reduced to elementary principles, was about property rights in a divorce, but the facts were most interesting.

- David Maynard set off on the Oregon Trail without his wife, Lydia, and two children, stating that he would send for them. He never did.

- He falls in love with Catherine Brashears and in the interest of marrying his new love, seeks a divorce from the Oregon legislature, which is granted.

- Lydia, eventually shows up in Oregon to assert her rights to a portion of the land, which are ultimately denied.

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## Nickel Plate Express partners with Toys for Tots, will offer free caboose rides

### The REPORTER

As the holiday season quickly approaches, Nickel Plate Express (NPX) and Toys for Tots have partnered together to collect toys for families in need this season.

To launch the toy drive, NPX will offer a free caboose ride on Saturday, Nov. 5 to each passenger who brings a donation. The caboose rides will board from noon to 2 p.m. from the newly renovated Hobbs Station located inside Forest Park on a first come, first serve basis. No tickets will be sold for this event. Passengers will enjoy a scenic ride on



the historic Monon Caboose over the White River in downtown Noblesville.

"Toys for Tots is excited to partner with Nickel Plate Express for the 2022 Holiday season," Toys for Tots Civilian Coordinator Sabrina Young said. "This year is Toys for Tots 75th year. We are so thrilled to be able to partner with an organization that has a beautiful train and draws a huge crowd

each holiday season. It was the perfect fit to our iconic Toys for Tots train logo."

NPX will be accepting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots through Dec. 23. In addition to the caboose rides being offered, NPX will be offering a visit with Santa on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is encouraged to bring a toy to donate and then visit with Santa.

NPX Director Emily Reynolds said, "I have always been passionate about giving back to the community. This opportunity to work with Toys for Tots is a perfect chance for Nickel Plate Express to help others during the holiday season."

For information about the variety of NPX excursions – from the Reindeer Rides to special dining experiences, visit [nickelplateexpress.com](http://nickelplateexpress.com).

## Noblesville Lions hold hole-in-one fundraiser



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

Last Friday and Saturday, the Noblesville Lions set up on the eighth hole of the Central course of Fox Prairie Golf Course, 8465 E. 196th St., Noblesville. Each golfer was offered a chance to win a hole-in-one prize for a \$10 donation. If a golfer hit a hole-in-one, they won \$10,000. If they didn't, and their ball landed on the green, they would be entered in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the Pro Shop. As of Saturday, no holes-in-one, but several lands on the green. No final results yet as of Monday. (Above) A few of the Lions working Saturday were Julia Kozicki, Tim Baker, and Jen Carr.

## Hamilton County Parks seeks public input for two new parks properties

### The REPORTER

Addressing the critical deficiency of parkland in Hamilton County, as defined by Indiana DNR, Hamilton County Parks has acquired land for one new park and will further develop one of its existing parks.

The county parks leadership is seeking direction regarding how these park properties can best be utilized. The department has scheduled an open meeting to gather public input intended to help guide the master planning of the recently acquired HC Farms property, located at 216th Street and Hinkle Road, and nearby Bray Family Homestead Park, 4528 Sheridan Road (State Road 38), Noblesville.

Discussion will take place concerning potential recreational activities, amenities and programs for the parks that attendees feel should be considered in planning, to best serve the community. Traditional park offerings such as trails and shelters will be discussed, along with other innovative recreational and nature education options proposed by planners and the public.

The public meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on



Photos provided by Hamilton County Parks & Recreation  
(Above) One of several streams winding through a heavily wooded section of the HC Farms property.  
(Below) One of several paths on the property.

Wednesday, Nov. 9 at Bray Family Homestead Park. Guests are invited enter the park from its State Road 38 entrance. Directional signage will be posted to aid attendees in locating the meeting space. Those individuals with special needs requiring assistance when attending the meeting are invited to contact the parks department two business days in advance in order for appropriate accommodations to be made.

About Hamilton County Parks & Recreation

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation De-



partment exists to serve the leisure and recreation needs of its residents and tourists,

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## Noblesville church to hold free 'Trunk or Treat'

### The REPORTER

The First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville invites the community to a free Trunk-or-Treat event in the church parking lot from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. The church is located at 1207 Conner St., Noblesville.

Bring your little ghouls and goblins and enjoy lots

of treats, a make-and-take craft, music, and a brown bag hot dog dinner. We hope you can join us for a free, fun night for the whole family.

In the event of inclement weather, all festivities will be held inside. If you have any questions, please call the church at (317) 773-2383.



## Go Purple with Prevail!

Although completely accurate numbers are probably not available, researchers generally agree that among ethnic minority groups in the United States, Blacks are the most likely to experience domestic violence – either male-to-female or female-to-male – followed by Hispanics and then Whites.



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# Prevent fires, heed Red Flag Warning

## MARRIAGE

**The REPORTER**

Refrain from any kind of outdoor burning today, as Hamilton County as well as many other counties in central and southern Indiana are under Red Flag Warnings.

From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, emergency authorities are urging citizens to heed this warning to prevent fires, which could rapidly spread out of control due to gusty winds and relative humidity as low as 20 percent.

A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior.

Finally, DO NOT throw cigarettes out of a vehicle!

• This case went on for many years. Eventually, Lydia did die, and her children took up the claim.

Black’s Law Dictionary defines marriage as the formal union of a man and woman typically recognized by law by which they become husband and wife.

As you may know, the courts and legislators have had great difficulty defining marriage. Is marriage something so sacred and holy it should not be defined in law at all? After all, the State does not define holy communion. Neither does it define baptism. Why is marriage different?

Marriage was a custom long before the State issued licenses. For a time, the records of marriage were kept by the church. Some states, even now, recognize common law marriage, which has neither the endorsement of the State nor the clergy. Some view marriage as a union of one man and one woman, primarily for bearing and raising children. Such a perspective places a high value on monogamy and fidelity. The welfare of children is why marriage is important to the common good, it is argued, and why the State should recognize and regulate it.

Others, however, believe that marriage is the union of two people, no matter the gender, who love and care for each other and share the burdens and benefits of domestic life, enhanced by whatever form of sexual intimacy both partners find agreeable. The state should recognize and regulate marriage because it has an interest in stable romantic partnerships and any children that they may choose to raise. *Judge Z Irretrievably Broken*, Tim Philpott (2015).

In *Deboer v. Snyder* (one of the cases which was consolidated and eventually come before the United States Supreme Court in *Obergefell v. Hodges*), the Sixth Circuit Court of Ap-

peals opinioned:

“Imagine a society without marriage. It does not take long to envision problems that might result from an absence of rules about how to handle the natural effects of male-female intercourse: children. May men and women follow their procreative urges wherever they take them? Who is responsible for the children that result? How many mates may an individual have? How does one decide which set of mates is responsible for which set of children? That we rarely think about these questions nowadays shows only how far we have come and how relatively stable our society is, not that States have no explanation for creating such rules in the first place.”

For the first time in history, children can have many different parents. They can have a sperm donor parent, an egg donor parent, a birth parent, and social parents who raise the child, adoptive parents, and stepparents. Traditional marriage is one of the oldest institutions in civilized society and has been a bedrock of western society. What societal impacts will emerge from our country’s changing attitude and understanding of marriage? Have we already seen the impact?

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## BLACKHAWKS

Grown-Ups, Pastries with Pals, family game nights, educational convocations, Teacher Appreciation Week activities, and the end of the year carnival. The fundraising goal each year has been set at \$10,000, and most years, Roberts explained the goal has been met. She commented that as of last Thursday evening, they were only at \$5,000, making her doubt making it this year.

“Somehow our families and community always come through,” Roberts said, “and by Friday afternoon before we left for fall break we went over \$10,000!”

Roberts concluded, “This is the best fundraiser ever! It gets our students outside and walking, talking, and having fun! We are so grateful to our families, community, and PTO for the endless support they have provided to us through the years. We are so fortunate to live in such a giving community that truly puts the needs of our students first!”



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools  
Sheridan Elementary exceeded the goal set to raise \$10,000, raising a total of \$10,936.51 that will be used for student activities throughout the school year.



Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

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

**To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:**

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## Early voting is brisk

*Sen. Braun to speak at tonight's pork roast*

As Election 2022 nears and interest cranks up, early voting is brisk at the Hamilton County Judicial Center and county fairgrounds. Especially steady is the number of mailed requests for absentee ballots, according to the county elections office. Satellite early voting locations in Carmel, Fishers and Westfield open on Oct. 26. Competitive school board races in some local school districts have added to voter interest this year. The non-partisan contests are held at the time of the Nov. 8 general election this year. Meanwhile, the political parties are working to get out the vote for their respective slates of candidates. U.S. Senator Mike Braun will be in Hamilton County this evening to meet voters at the annual Carmel Republican Pork Roast. It is set for 6:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Sue Miller home, 11300 Haverstick Road. This year's election offers voters an opportunity



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**FRED SWIFT**  
*The County Line*

to elect or re-elect a U.S. Senator, representative in Congress, state legislators, and numerous county and township officials. And, interestingly, candidates for the 2023 municipal elections are already displaying interest in that election cycle. The primary election for mayor, city council and other offices is scheduled for May 2 in Noblesville, Carmel, Fishers and Westfield along with primaries in some towns. For the first time in more than a quarter century, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard will not be running for election. City councilman Kevin Rider has announced his intention to run for mayor. And, councilwoman Sue Finkam is known to be considering running. Sources close to her say it is "very likely" she will make her plans known in the near future. Westfield mayor Andy Cook has not officially ruled out a run for re-election, but two candidates have already made known plans to run. Councilman Scott Willis and Councilman and Westfield High School football coach Jake Gilbert have revealed intentions to run for the city's top job. Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen says he will run for a second term. Thus far no other candidate has come forward. And, at Fishers, Mayor Scott Fadness is expected to run for re-election, but has not officially announced.

### Letter to the Editor

## Noblesville voter: Time to take away power from Mayor Jensen & City Council

Dear Editor:

Our beautiful and family-fun Christmas Parade is only the latest victim of Mayor Jensen.

Last Christmas, the "Christmas Tour" did a "drive by" in our little community, and it was a laughable joke. It had very few vehicles and passed in a matter of seconds! Common sense tells me the Christmas Parade with all the floats and people marching and handing out candy to the parade goers is great for the Noblesville merchants, and leaves everyone feeling happy – something we need a lot of in our sad world!

Unfortunately, our wonderful town, along with our Dairy Queen and many other small businesses and people's homes, is falling to politicians such as Mayor Chris Jensen and the City Council who tell us "we want what is best for Noblesville citizens." Oh really?! Then stop trying to make Noblesville into another Carmel or Fishers by leaving a path of destruction. The Mayor and City Council need to have their power taken away from them by "we the people" by going to the polls and voting each election period.

Since Mayor John Ditslear groomed Jensen and some of the Council members, the students have now surpassed the teacher in tearing down our town and creating something that ONLY they want while lining their pockets and increasing their power.

I understand that progress will happen to any town or city; however, when progress is more destructive than good on one man's whims, then something needs to be reconsidered.

Noblesville, like other towns, needs more housing, but not housing that completely leaves us common people out in the cold by catering to the higher-paid consumer. If you notice the announcements for new housing, the apartments are always described as "luxury." My question is: where are these highly paid consumers coming from and how are you going to deal with the added traffic issues right here in town? The Pleasant Street debacle will not correct that traffic overture. It seems Mayor Jensen and his cronies are creating another problem which could possibly cause more of our town to be demolished or reconfigured!

Everything does not have to be built within the city limits. New housing could be more effectively built in the surrounding perimeters of the city; close, but not stifling our in-town, small businesses who are already suffering from the two-hour parking fiasco for all the remaining merchants. It appears, Mayor Jensen does not care about the merchants or businesses of Noblesville and whether or not they stay open.

REMEMBER: Go to the polls and VOTE. Our beautiful town and its loyal families are at risk of being lost forever to those who do not value history or family!

**Linda Dickerson**  
Noblesville

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## PARKS

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and to enhance the quality of life in the county. The department strives to preserve and provide high-quality, passive parks and facilities, to offer historical and natural resource education and services, and to be recognized as a leader and resource for its community and its citizens in the pursuit of living an environmentally responsible lifestyle. For complete details about this important public meeting or to learn more about Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, please call (317) 770-4400, visit [MyHamiltonCountyParks.com](http://MyHamiltonCountyParks.com) or follow the parks department on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonCountyParks).



Photo provided by Hamilton County Parks & Recreation  
Bray Family Homestead Park, acquired in 2007, is the site of the park department's popular Maple Madness, a maple syrup-making and history education event held annually in February.

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# Early Voting Locations

You don't have to wait until November 8

### Carmel

Mercy Road Church, 2381 Pointe Pkwy.  
Jill Perelman Pavilion, 3000 W. 116th St.  
• Oct. 26 and 27 from 2 to 7 p.m.  
• Oct. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
• Nov. 2 and 3 from 2 to 7 p.m.  
• Nov. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Fishers

Roy G. Holland Memorial Park Building, 1 Park Drive  
Billericay Park Building, 12690 Promise Road  
• Oct. 26 and 27 from 2 to 7 p.m.  
• Oct. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
• Nov. 2 and 3 from 2 to 7 p.m.  
• Nov. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Westfield

Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.  
Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St.  
• Oct. 26 and 27 from 2 to 7 p.m.  
• Oct. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
• Nov. 2 and 3 from 2 to 7 p.m.  
• Nov. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Noblesville

Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square  
• Oct. 20 and 21 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
• Oct. 24 to 28 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
• Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
• Oct. 31 to Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
• Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
• Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. to noon

### Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.

• Oct. 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
• Oct. 24 to 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
• Oct. 31 to Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
• Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. noon



# Fishers police find & arrest bank robber

### The REPORTER

Editor's note: This is an update to a [WISH-TV story](#) published on Oct. 11.

The Fishers Police Department has arrested a man for Armed Robbery.

On Monday, following an extensive investigation, Detectives with the Fishers Police Department were able to identify, locate and apprehend the person believed to be responsible for the armed robbery on Oct. 11 at the Star Financial Bank located at 8762 E. 96th St., Fishers.

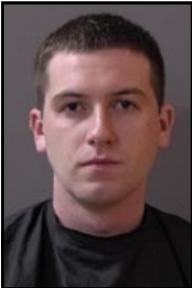
Quinn Kellam, 20, Lawrence, was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Hamilton County Jail.

Kellam was charged

with one count of Armed Robbery, a Level 2 felony; five counts of Criminal Confinement, a Level 3 felony; five counts of Intimidation, a Level 5 felony; and one count of Theft, a Level 6 felony.

The Fishers Police Department thanks the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, IMPD Covert Robbery Unit and IMPD SWAT for their assistance. As a result of this investigation, Detectives were able to discover evidence linking Kellam to additional unsolved burglary in Marion County.

A charge is merely an accusation, and the arrested person(s) is presumed innocent until proven guilty.



Kellam

# From the desk of Heights Supt. Dr. Derek Arrowood

### Update No. 93

October is National Principal's Month, and it is with extraordinary pride that I share a shoutout to our amazing principals: Julie Griffey and Ken Watson (HHES), Bret Bailey and Nicole Ridens (HHMS), and Jarrod Mason, Whitney Gray and Mitch Street (HHHS). Through their visionary leadership and tireless pursuit of success for each student, our principals guide and support their schools in large and small ways every day. Their dedication to their profession, this district, and most importantly, to the children in our classrooms is commendable and deeply valued. Thank you!

October is also National Bullying Prevention Month. Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power or strength. It can be verbal, physical, through social exclusion, or through digital sources like email, texts, or social media. Being bullied can severely affect the person's self-image, social interactions, and school performance and can lead to mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, and substance use, and even suicidal thoughts and behaviors. Bullying does not have a place anywhere – on or off campus. At Heights we expect everyone to do their part to help create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment where all students can realize their growth as a learner. Thank you for your commitment in working with us to create a safe environment where all children can thrive, socially, emotionally, and academically.

Tonight, Oct. 20, beginning at 6 p.m. at the HHHS Student Activity Center in Arcadia, the Hamilton Heights Classroom Teacher Association (HHCTA) will

facilitate a School Board Candidate Forum for Hamilton Heights School Board Candidates. This evening will also double as our first HHSC Superintendent Advisory Group Meeting of the year. All four candidates – Julie Davis, Arnett Cooper, Doug Ozolins, and Ben Lehman – have agreed to be part of this forum. The evening will also be live streamed here, via the HHSC YouTube channel. All Superintendent Advisory meetings are open to the public and we always welcome your attendance.

On Thursday, Oct. 27 district families are invited to attend the sixth annual Husky Fall Festival Resource Night. This fun-filled event is designed to connect families to local programs, services, information, and giveaways. There will be over 20 vendors from throughout the county including Hamilton County 4-H, Aspire, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Hamilton County Kids Coats to name a few. Children of all ages are encouraged to wear costumes to trick-or-treat through the tables, make a craft, or listen to a guest storyteller. The event takes place at the elementary school cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Enter through Door K.

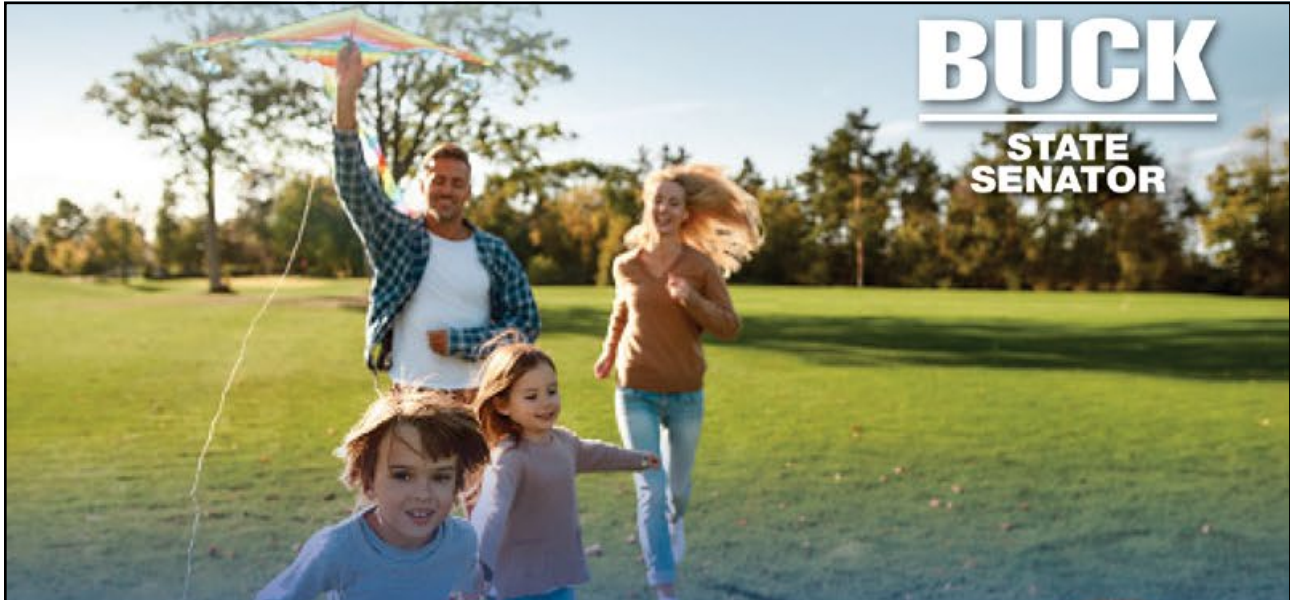
Fourteen high school students recently earned their Level 1 Skid Steer Certification. Our construction trades education program is designed to give students valuable certifications, hands-on experience, and essential career-ready skills upon graduation. This two-day specialty course was made possible through our program instructor, Kevin Sheets, and our industry partners at Reith-Riley and MacAllister Caterpillar. Congratulations!

Thank you for your engagement and partnership. #WeAreHuskies



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#### SUPPORTING POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS:

Jim is a leader in the State Senate when it comes to making sure our police and fire departments are fully funded so they can keep us all safe. Jim “Backs the Blue,” and they have his back as well – his reelection campaign is endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police and the State Police Alliance.

#### KEEPING VIOLENT CRIMINALS BEHIND BARS:

Jim Buck is keeping the most violent and dangerous criminals behind bars. He supported efforts to **increase sentences for violent felons** and voted to close a loophole that allowed these criminals to be released from jail early.

#### LEADING WITH COMPASSION FOR HOOSIERS WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES:

Jim Buck understands that non-violent offenders dealing with addiction and mental health challenges deserve help, not prison sentences. That's why he **passed legislation to fund mental health and addiction services**, and to support the **988 Mental Health Hotline** (a vital resource connecting Hoosiers with licensed professionals).



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Letter to the Editor

# Carmel reader seeks to “set record straight” on school district’s parent DEI committee

Dear Editor:

As a member of the Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) DEI parent/guardian advisory committee (PGAC) that Jennifer Graf Hendrix used to malign the district in her letter of Oct. 14, I want to set the record straight.

Contrary to Ms. Hendrix’s claim, CCS is tremendously transparent. Parents have access to all instructional materials available to their kids; when we have concerns, there are protocols for addressing them with teachers and media specialists. CCS is transparent about their curricular adoption policies and methods. And myriad procedures exist for parents to register and resolve complaints.

The only limits to CCS’ transparency are a) concerns for personal safety and b) privacy laws. They attempt to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and community members; and they follow legal advice to avoid violating privacy laws. While some folks may find these limitations frustrating, surely they can appreciate them. Shouldn’t the district prioritize the safety of students and families? Shouldn’t the district attempt to avoid lawsuits that would destabilize the schools?

Concerns for personal safety were what prompted the DEI PGAC to request that our names be withheld. Why were we concerned? Because of the tense political climate that Ms. Hendrix, as a leading member of Unify Carmel and a founder of Moms For Liberty – Hamilton County, has herself helped create. UC and M4LHam-Co have doxxed and threatened community members, and the parents/guardians on the committee did not want ourselves or our children becoming targets. When people left the committee after the records request was approved, it wasn’t because of any insidious political maneuvering, it was because they didn’t want their family’s religious convictions, ethnic background, (dis)ability status, or gender identity navigation blasted out to groups poised to attack them.

Importantly, though, we felt comfortable asking for this privacy in the first place because there would be no good reason for anyone to know or care who we were. Despite Ms. Hendrix pretending that the PGAC “establish[es] policy,” even she notes that the role of the DEI advisory committee was always conceived as “receiv[ing] information. . . making recommendations . . . and provid[ing] perspective, feedback, and suggestions.” That is all we’ve done.

The DEI PGAC does not “establish policy”: we exist to expand CCS’s connections with the community, to open opportunities for dialogue and make sure CCS is being as inclusive as possible.

*Editor’s note: Hendrix did not say the PGAC establishes policy; she was directly quoting Indiana’s Public Access Counselor Luke Britt. (Read here.)*

Nothing that we in the PGAC suggest or recommend would or could be adopted by CCS without following standard, publicly available procedures. If we were to recommend a speaker, that speaker would have to undergo all the usual vetting, following all CCS guidelines. If we were to recommend a field trip, that trip would have to undergo all the usual approval processes. If we were to recommend a resource to teachers, that resource would have to make it through the curriculum committee’s regular approval processes. There is accountability and transparency when it matters – that is, when a suggestion becomes something the school district would consider implementing.

What I find most disturbing about the position Ms. Hendrix takes is that she is starting from a place of hostility to and mistrust of the schools, the administration, and the teachers.

Rather than trusting – not even for a single moment! – that the hardworking, dedicated educational professionals (most of whom are also our neighbors) who work in our schools might actually have good intentions, she assumes that everything they do is part of some vast conspiracy. She hasn’t even taken the time to pursue a “trust, but verify” approach. For example, instead of talking with someone in CCS to be reassured of the limits of the DEI PGAC’s role, she immediately assumed ill-intent and filed a FOIA request that cost the district time and money to fulfill.

We cannot thrive as a community with this level of antagonism and mistrust directed towards our most precious and honored institutions, especially when they have done nothing to merit it. CCS deserves better than hostility and half-truths.

Diane Hannah  
Carmel

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# New food & gifts at this year’s Carmel Christkindlmarkt

## The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt will have new food and gift options available for purchase during their 2022 season.

New food options include:

- Baumstriezel, or chimney cakes: A pastry roasted to a golden crisp and dressed with sugar, cinnamon or nuts
- Lángos, also known as Hungarian fried bread: A common street food featuring deep fried dough adorned with savory or sweet toppings, such as garlic butter, cheese, cinnamon sugar or Nutella
- Käsespätzle: A dish featuring egg noodles and melted cheese, often garnished with crispy fried onions
- Tartiflette: A potato casserole-like dish cooked in a paella pan and topped with meats and cheeses
- Soups will be offered this year as well, such as potato soup, lentil soup and others.

Carmel-based business

Sugar Creek Winery will also offer wine by the glass, as well as some savory treats. Additionally, a German bakery hut will serve traditional cookies and wine by the glass, courtesy of Daniel’s Vineyard.

New gift and vendor options include:

- Kinderboutique: Heirloom-quality clothing, toys, books and accessories for children up to eight years old. Goods are imported from Germany and the surrounding region.
- Werkstatt Souvenirs: An array of gifts and crafts made by German artisans, including wood toys, traditional bells, snow globes, finely carved wooden sculptures, and more
- Lichterwald: A hut specializing in lights, including Herrnher Sterne (also known as Moravian Stars), traditional German paper lanterns, candles, and candle holders
- ChocoIdea: High-end chocolate and chocolate sculptures imported from a



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German-owned company “We are absolutely thrilled to have so many new products and food options for our guests to try this winter,” said Maria Murphy, CEO of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt. “At the Market, guests can explore flavors and dishes that they’ve never experienced before, and shop for one-of-a-kind, handmade gifts. We are honored to

bring the joy of these heirloom treasures and magical memories to Carmel, Indiana.”

Guests can peruse all these new options as well as old favorites throughout the Market season. Opening day is Nov. 19, and the Market will remain open through Dec. 30. For full hours and a list of all vendors, please visit [carmelchristkindlmarkt.com](http://carmelchristkindlmarkt.com).

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# Carmel Street Department to begin road rejuvenation project

**The REPORTER**  
Beginning on or after Monday, Oct. 24, the Carmel Street Department will begin a road rejuvenation project with contractor Rejuvtec in the following areas:

- West 141st Street – Spring Mill Road to Shelborne Road
- East 122nd Street – Medalist Parkway to River Road
- College Meadows – Entire subdivision
- West Road – West 131st Street to West 121st Street

The process involves the application of a pink-hued asphalt rejuvenation product to the roads followed by a thin layer of sand which is swept up the next day. Preventative maintenance on



Photo provided by City of Carmel

roadways extends the life of the asphalt; this product replaces oils that are dried from the pavement by the heat of manufacturing and the sun. The product seals and rejuvenates pavement so it's weather resistant. Traffic delays are expected to be minimal but there will be a noticeable adjustment to the traffic pattern. If you are a resident in the College Meadows subdivision, you will receive a yellow door hanger with instructions pertaining to the asphalt treatment.

# Invest Hamilton County welcomes new staff

**The REPORTER**  
Invest Hamilton County (Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation) has added two new staff members in recent weeks.

Kyle Marshall joins the team as the Deputy Director of The Pursuit Institute. Marshall comes to the organization from Conexus Indiana where he served as the senior director of K-16 education programs. In his role, Marshall was responsible for managing talent initiatives, creating CTE programming and cultivating connectivity between industry, education and state leadership partners.

He started his career as a project manager for Wynright Corporation where he implemented logistics solutions and supported

site training for customers throughout North America. When Marshall decided to take his industry knowledge to the classroom, he chose Teach For America as a transitional program to earn his teaching license. He taught at-risk youth as a middle school math and science teacher and then found his passion in career and technical education. He has served as an engineering and advanced manufacturing instructor, post-secondary adjunct professor, and teacher coach.



Marshall



Doyle

“It is an absolute privilege to serve the students of Hamilton County, a place I am proud to call home,” Marshall said. “I am thrilled to join a passionate leader at the Pursuit Institute and the entire Invest Hamilton County team to drive inno-



vation, improve accessibility, and forge partnerships within career and technical education.”

Jill Doyle joined in early September as the Communications & Special Projects Senior Manager. She will work on The Pursuit Institute, disability employment, mental health and workforce development priorities throughout the County. Doyle brings over 20 years of experience working in and around a variety of nonprofit organizations including working with Westfield Washington Schools and the Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) which she led from 2010 to 2017.

“Hamilton County is a community that makes great things happen and that’s because of our people,” said Mike Thibideau, Vice President of Workforce Strategy for Invest Hamilton County. “As an Economic Development Corporation, we are unique in our exclusive focus on workforce development and quality of life priorities. With Kyle and Jill added to the team we’re better positioned than ever to continue to make an impact locally and continue Hamilton County’s status as an economic and talent engine for the state of Indiana.”

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# Westfield High School football team learns about dangers of vaping

## Coach Gilbert brings back recent graduates to educate

### The REPORTER

Football players at Westfield High School (WHS) are doing more than just preparing for their sectional match-up against Carmel on Oct. 28. Coach Jake Gilbert wants to make sure his athletes are educated about their health, too.

Coach Gilbert collaborated with Breathe Easy Hamilton County and VOICE Hamilton County, the brand's youth engagement group, to provide education on the dangers of tobacco use and vaping. The team heard from prior Westfield football team captains and WHS graduates Will Strahm '22 and Magwire Graybill '22, who both currently attend Purdue University.

Strahm and Graybill shared information about the risks of using tobacco and nicotine, gave testimony behind their choice to live vape and tobacco-free, and invited their former teammates to join them by not bowing to peer pressure that often accompanies teen tobacco and nicotine use.

Just like traditional combustible cigarettes, e-cigarettes, the mechanism that kids use to vape, contain nicotine. Nicotine is a highly addictive substance that can harm brain development, which continues until the age of 25. In addition to nicotine, these products also include harmful chemicals linked to serious diseases that can lead to life-long health issues or even be fatal. People who use e-cigarettes are also more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future.

The team learned that using these products can cause anxiety, too.

“Many high schoolers



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Westfield football alumni and Westfield High School 2022 graduates Will Strahm and Magwire Graybill addressing their former teammates about the dangers of vaping and tobacco use.

don't realize that tobacco and nicotine products actually cause anxiety and depression,” Strahm said. “It just is not worth risking your mental health. Not to mention all the negative physical consequences.”

“Our goal is to help these athletes reach their full potential,” Coach Gilbert said. “There is a misconception that vaping is a safe alternative to smoking, and this just isn't the case. Vaping has serious life-long consequences. Not to mention vaping can be a precursor to cigarette smoking and other harmful drugs. We want to make sure our kids know this.”

### About VOICE

VOICE is Indiana's statewide youth empowerment brand and program, whose initiative is to engage, educate, and empower teens to promote and celebrate tobacco-free lifestyles. With a mission

to engage, educate, empower young people as leaders and advocates in their communities through sustained youth-adult partnerships, positive youth development and public health advocacy training. VOICE Indiana has funded 24 counties and two Statewide Chapters (Indiana Black Expo and Indiana Latino Institute) and is represented by over 429 Core Team Leaders and Action Squad Members across the state.

### About Breathe Easy Hamilton County

As an alliance working with local organizations and individuals within the Hamilton County community, Breathe Easy Hamilton County promotes tobacco-free living in order to reduce mortality and morbidity rates. Breathe Easy Hamilton County is working to ensure that all workers in Hamilton

County are protected from secondhand smoke exposure and believes everyone deserves the right to breathe smoke-free air at work and in public places.

### About Good Samaritan Network

Breathe Easy Hamilton County is locally sponsored as a fiscal agent by Good Samaritan Network (GSN) of Hamilton County, which acts as the Lead Agency. GSN is the umbrella organization that coordinates and develops various opportunities for consistent programming and services in Hamilton County for those underserved or at-risk. The connection and collaboration with GSN empowers network participants with a reliable means of reference checking, decision-making opportunities, and reduces duplication of services in serving the Hamilton County community.

## Letter guidelines this election season

With the approach of the Nov. 8 General Election, the Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of the business day on Tuesday, Nov. 1 and will be published on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Letters in response to new topics published in our Nov. 2 edition will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 4 and will be published in our Saturday, Nov. 5 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

Please send your letters to [News@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:News@ReadTheReporter.com).

Letters to the Editor do not represent the opinions of The Reporter or our staff.



### Lose a necklace on the Nickel Plate?

If you lost a dainty infinity necklace with rose gold and small diamonds on this past weekend's Murder Express ride, please know that it was not stolen in 1922 by the infamous jewel thief Ruby Keyhole. Nickel Plate Express staff found the necklace and want to get it back in the hands of its rightful owner. Since everyone was taking photos this weekend, if you lost a necklace and have a photo to prove it is yours, please reach out to Executive Director Emily Reynolds at [ereynolds@nickelplateexpress.org](mailto:ereynolds@nickelplateexpress.org).

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Most states celebrate “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” the date of the final withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam. The day commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago. The United States Congress has designated March 29 of each year to be recognized as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This year Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, NSDAR, will recognize these veterans on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

To recognize military service men and women who served during the Vietnam era, as well as those who served in Korea, we invite you to attend an Open House at Noblesville Township Community Center, 372 S 8th St, in Noblesville.\* Coffee, juice and various food items sponsored by The Farmers Bank will be served by members of the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter. Members of the “Rugged Brothers” band will entertain us with a few of our favorite songs.

The Horseshoe Prairie Chapter recognizes and thanks all our military veterans for their service and dedication to our country. Ancestors of the Daughters of the American Revolution fought to establish a country free from tyranny and provide the independence we enjoy today.

PLEASE JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 5 – WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU !

\*ALL veterans who served during the Vietnam and Korean wars, whether overseas or stateside, are invited to attend!



Help fight invasive species with ... beer?

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) has teamed up with Bier Brewery to release the Midwest’s first beer dedicated to raising awareness about native and invasive species – Native Nectar. The can for the blood orange Kolsch style beer will feature native coneflowers, butterfly milkweed, and pollinators as well as information encouraging individuals to get involved with invasive species management.

“We are excited to work closely with HIP on this project to bring awareness to our native species along with the invasive ones that wreak havoc on our local environment,” said Ryan Connor, Bier Brewery co-owner and Director of Sales. “We wanted to bring awareness in the community on how we can make a difference in the environment right here locally!”



Hamilton Co. Invasives Partnership

Claire Lane, coordinator of the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership, added, “Many people don’t realize the sheer number of invasive species around, even in our own yards, or the level of destruction they create in parks and natural areas we love. This beer is a great way to reach new audiences and draw attention to the fact that we can make a difference on invasive species on our own properties or on a larger scale by working together and planting natives.” Bier Brewery has been

family-owned and operated since 2010 and has taproom locations in Indianapolis and Carmel. A third taproom, located in Noblesville, is planned to open in summer 2023.

Native Nectar can be found at both taproom locations and select package liquor stores in central Indiana starting Friday, Oct. 21. A portion of the proceeds from Native Nectar will go back to the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership. You can learn more about invasive species at [hcinvasives.org](http://hcinvasives.org).

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Westfield Library outreach vehicle adding more stops  
Vehicle to make four new monthly visits to residents

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library’s (WWPL) new outreach vehicle is ready to hit the road. The outreach vehicle already delivers books to residents at assisted and senior living facilities and makes stops at area daycares; but will now add four public stops to its monthly calendar.

The following stops are scheduled to start in November:

• North Glen Village (11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)

– First Friday of the month

• Open Doors Food Pantry (2:45 to 3:15 p.m.) - Second Friday of the month

• Casey Acres Apartments (10:30 to 11 a.m.)

– Third Wednesday of the month

• Heart and Soul Clinic (5 to 6 p.m.) – Third Wednesday of the month

“We’re looking forward to reaching even



Sollars

more patrons and promoting an environment of curiosity and a love of reading regardless of location,” WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said. “We encourage everyone in these neighborhoods to stop by, check out a book, and get a library card.”

More dates and locations may be added to the outreach vehicle’s schedule if there is enough interest.

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# Ronald McDonald House to hold annual gala Nov. 4 in Carmel

The REPORTER

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana (RMHCCIN) will hold its annual gala, “Taste, Together,” co-presented by McDonald’s and Riley Children’s Health from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4 at the 502 East Event Centre, 502 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel.

The event, returning in person this year, will celebrate 40 years of RMHCCIN and benefit the organization’s mission to keep families together and near the care they need by providing a supportive home away from home for families of children receiving medical care at Indianapolis-area hospitals. Proceeds from the event contribute a significant portion of annual revenue and help sustain the mission.

“Taste, Together” will include drinks, dinner and an exciting live auction. Attendees can play four pay-to-play games with fun prizes, and the iconic wine and Kendra Scott Jewelry pulls will return this year. RMHCCIN is also offering young adult standing-only tickets for



those ages 21 to 40. The dinner will feature elevated versions of some favorite meals enjoyed by families staying at the House.

This event is open to the public, but participants must purchase tickets by Oct. 28. To learn more about the event and to purchase tickets, visit [rmhccin.org/rmhccin-events/taste](http://rmhccin.org/rmhccin-events/taste).

About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana is celebrating 40 years of providing a supportive home away from home for families of children re-

ceiving medical care at Riley Children’s Health and other area hospitals. Located at 435 Limestone St., the Ronald McDonald House is just steps away from the hospital. Each night, as many as 51 families call the House “home.” Thanks to community, corporate and individual support, the House is open 365 days a year keeping families together when it counts the most. As part of RMHCCIN’s expansive programming, families can also visit Ronald McDonald Family Rooms located inside Riley Children’s. For more information, please visit [rmhccin.org](http://rmhccin.org).

# AG Todd Rokita investigates six major banks over ESG investing as part of 20-state coalition

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced Wednesday that Indiana and 19 other states have served six major U.S. banks with civil investigative demands, which act as a subpoena, seeking documents related to the companies’ involvement with the United Nations’ (UN) Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA).

NZBA-member banks must set emissions reduction targets in their lending and investment portfolios to reach net zero by 2050. The banks under investigation are Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, and Wells Fargo.

“These banks appear to be colluding with the UN to destroy American companies that specialize in fossil fuels or otherwise depend on them for energy,” Rokita said. “They are pushing an investment strategy designed not to maximize financial returns but to impose a leftist social and economic agenda that cannot otherwise be implemented through the ballot box.”

The apparent conspiracy among the banks represents yet another scheme reflective of so-called “ESG investing” – an approach that



Rokita

purports to prioritize environmental, social, and governance issues over profit.

“This new woke-ism in the financial sector poses a real threat to everyday Hoosiers,” Rokita said. “Indiana’s farmers, truck drivers, and fuel-industry workers are hurt when the radical Left attacks whole segments of our economy. And it’s troubling that these banks in the Net-Zero Banking Alliance are taking marching orders from UN globalists all-too-eager to undermine America’s best interests.”

# The Farmers Bank names Jay Schrader as SVP of People & Culture

The REPORTER

The Farmers Bank has announced that Jay Schrader has joined the bank as SVP of People & Culture. He comes to the bank with nearly 30 years of experience in Human Resources. He most recently served as Director of Human Resources at Byrider Systems LLC based in Carmel.



Schrader

Schrader received his BBA and MS HR/OD (Human Resources and Organization Development) degrees from Eastern Michigan University. He has done volunteer work at children’s hospitals in Indiana and in Charlotte, N.C.

He has also volunteered at Boys and Girls Clubs in the Indianapolis area. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling and doing landscaping projects around the house.

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Young Professionals to Happy Hour

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Crafters Pizza and Drafthouse

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Coffee with the Chamber

Topic: Old Town Downtown Project Update

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Club at Chatham Hills

Thursday, Oct. 27

School Board Candidates Forum

Westfield Washington Schools

Open to Public – No RSVP needed

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Location: Westfield High School Auditorium

Friday, Oct. 28

Optimizing Your Workforce Engagement Strategy

8 to 9:30 a.m.

Location: Hamilton County Community Foundation

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Young Professionals - Coffee & Networking

9 to 10 a.m.

Location: The Bridgewater Club

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Chamber New Partner Orientation

2 to 4 p.m.

Location: The Bridgewater Club

Tuesday, Nov. 15

Mental Health First Aid Training

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: The Bridgewater Club

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Young Professionals - Happy Hour

5 to 7 p.m.

Location: SpringHill Suites

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Coffee with the Chamber

8 to 9 a.m.

Location: The Bridgewater Club

Thanks for reading!

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# Indiana REALTORS PAC & Indiana Builders Association PAC endorse State Senator Kyle Walker

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The Indiana REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) and the Indiana Builders Association Political Action Committee (PAC) have announced their endorsements of State Sen. Kyle Walker in his re-election campaign for Senate District 31.  
RPAC is the political arm of the Indiana Association of REALTORS®, a 19,000-member statewide trade association whose members are involved in all aspects of the sale, purchase, exchange, and/or lease of real property in the state.  
“Senator Walker is working to ensure a robust Indiana economy and has led on efforts to improve

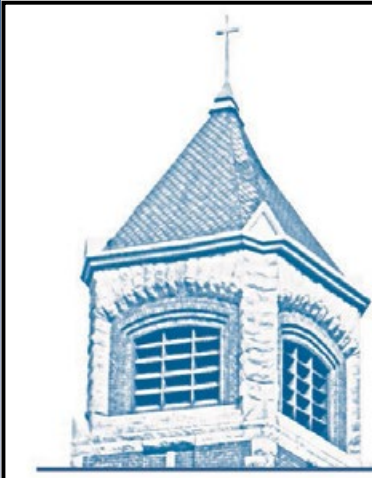
quality of life and place in Indiana, all of which are important to a thriving real estate market,” said Mark Fisher, CEO of the Indiana Association of REALTORS®. “His common-sense, fiscally responsible leadership and focus on economic development will help strengthen our economy and promote thriving communities.”  
In the Senate, Walker supported the fiscally responsible, balanced state budget (HEA 1001) as well as a \$1.1 billion income tax cut for Hoosiers, which – when fully implemented – will be tied for the lowest income tax rate in the country (HEA 1002). He’s also authored innovative economic development legislation, in-

cluding a new law to attract sports, convention and tourism events to Indiana, which generate significant revenue and encourage investment. He also authored legislation to help local communities leverage private investment to improve infrastructure (SEA 166).  
The Indiana Builders Association is a statewide trade organization representing Indiana’s home building, remodeling and light commercial construction industry.  
“Home builders play an integral role in the state’s economy, providing families opportunities to reach their dream of home ownership and financial stability. Keeping housing affordable across the state is more important than ever as regulatory costs average nearly 25 percent of the cost of a home,” said Rick Wajda, Chairman of the Indiana Builders Association Political Action Committee (PAC). “We’re grateful to Senator Walker for his proven leadership in the Senate and commitment to the housing industry, and we look forward to working with him in the future as we strive together to ‘Build a Better Indiana.’”  
Walker has been en-



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dorsed by several other business organizations including the NFIB Indiana PAC, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and the Indy Chamber Business Advocacy Committee (BAC), as well as labor groups including the Indiana AFL-CIO and the Indiana State Pipe Trades Association.  
“Affordable housing is one of Indiana’s key economic advantages that makes our state an attractive place to live, work and raise a family,” Walker said. “I will continue support policies that reduce the cost of living and doing business, streamline regulations and support a growing Indiana economy.”  
Walker has also been endorsed by the Indiana State Police Alliance, Indiana Fraternal Order of Police, Fishers Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 199, Lawrence Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 159, Indianapolis Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 86, Indiana Fire Chiefs Association and Indiana Professional Firefighters PAC.  
Walker’s district encompasses parts of Hamilton and Marion counties, including all of Fishers and part of Lawrence. For more information visit [WalkerforIndiana.com](http://WalkerforIndiana.com).



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### Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Carmel Clay School Board will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022.  
A regular board meeting will follow at 7 p.m. at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022.  
A regular meeting will follow at 1 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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### — DELAWARE TOWNSHIP —

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**  
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Delaware Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the Delaware Township Board will meet at the 9090 E. 131st Street, Fishers, Indiana, at 4:30 p.m. local time on the 1st day of November, 2022, for the purpose of considering the following additional appropriation which the Township considers necessary to meet the extraordinary emergency at this time.

Appropriation	Reduction
Poor Relief Fund - Personal Services	10,000 0
Poor Relief Fund - Other Services and Charges	75,000 0
Rainy Day - Other Services and Charges	50,000 0

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have the right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The Board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriation within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.  
Dated this 17th day of October, 2022  
Deborah Driskell - Trustee  
Delaware Township  
Hamilton County, Indiana  
R1507 10/20/22, 10/24/22

### — COUNTY —

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The forever benefit on a land patent located in Hamilton county Indiana is being perfected upon T19N-R5E-E1/2SW1/4S31. Anyone interested in examining or challenging this claim by 11-18-2022, can go to <https://americanmeetinggroup.com/jackson/>.  
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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

*But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.*

2 Peter 3:8-10 (NIV)

### William D. Goodnight

August 22, 1962 – August 31, 2022

William D. Goodnight, 60, Pinellas Park, Fla., formerly of Sheridan, was called to his Heavenly home on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at Largo Medical Center in Largo, Fla., surrounded by his loving family.

Born on August 22, 1962, at Fort Hood, Texas, he was the son of Caroline Jane (Mossburg) Goodnight and the late Lowell Meredith Goodnight.

William was a Sheridan High School graduate with the class of 1981, where he was a proud member of the 1980 Sheridan Blackhawk State Football Championship team. He earned his Bachelor of Business at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion. This led him into owning his own business “I” Will Do Carpet Cleaning, Residential and Commercial. He enjoyed meeting and becoming close friends with his customers. Later, he was in sales with Republic Waste Management until moving to Florida in 2021, where he was in sales for Waste Pro.

William’s real passion was working with the youth in football and basketball. That led him into the Zionsville Youth Program, where he coached several different football and basketball youth teams. He met so many wonderful boys and their parents, which was very life fulfilling for him.

He always dreamed of moving to Florida to enjoy the sunshine, beaches and watching the sunsets over the ocean. So glad he was able to do just that.

William is survived by his mother, Caroline Jane (Mossburg) Goodnight of Sheridan; his daughters, who were the loves of his life, Gabrielle Marie Goodnight of Indianapolis, and Ellie Grace Goodnight of Fishers; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is also survived by his companion, Christy Jones of Clearwater, Fla.; and his faithful canine buddy, Dottie.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lowell M. Goodnight; his paternal grandparents, Burford Goodnight and Anna Mae Goodnight; and by his maternal grandparents, Ernest and Maxine Mossburg.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from noon until the time of Service. Cade Stockwell will be officiating. William will be laid to rest at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

### Frederick “Fred” Lewis Evans

August 12, 1935 – October 16, 2022



On October 16, 2022, peacefully and surrounded by his loving wife and family, Frederick “Fred” Lewis Evans of Sheridan left for his final fishing trip. Fred was born August 12, 1935, to Frank and Pearl Evans of Greenville, Pa.

Fred married his beloved wife, Ardell (Thrasher) Evans, on November 26, 1954, and they have celebrated 68 years of love and marriage together. Fred and Ardell shared an amazing life together and anyone that knew them, knew they came as a package. Their love was everlasting and stood strong as the years went by. One of his final comments to his family was acknowledging his love for Ardell saying, “I love that woman! I wouldn’t have made it without her. I’ve been with her my whole life.” Although he was always proud of catching the biggest fish, his true pride in life was that he caught the biggest prize of all, his dear wife Ardell.

In 1954, Fred moved from Pennsylvania to the Midwest and settled in Sheridan to begin what became a long and happy life with an ever-growing family. Fred was the proud father of four wonderful children that were the joy of his life. He was the proudest dad and could often be heard telling stories about all his children’s successes in life. He stood with his children in good times and bad making sure that regardless of the outcome that they knew they were loved. He was a strong man that valued hard work and honesty. He passed down to all his children the same strength and devotion to their own families.

Fred was the best Grandpa and was so proud of his grandchildren. He could be seen on the sidelines of ball games, attending grandparent’s days at their schools, talent shows, watching many weddings, and holding lots of newborn great-grandchildren. He loved to tease all the kids and see them smile.

Fred worked for Ford Motor Company in Indianapolis for 40 years as a Tool and Precision Die-Cutting Specialist. He retired from Ford in 1997 and celebrated 25 years of retirement this year. Prior to his extensive career at Ford Motor Company, Fred worked for Greenville Steel Car in Greenville, Pa., Gentry Excavating, Biddle Manufacturing, and Herschel Graham’s Gas Station, all in Sheridan.

Fred was a long-standing member of the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge in Pickard, Ind., and was raised to Master Mason by his son, Bruce Evans. He was proud of being a Brother Mason and was honored to live by their principles and share in the fellowship.

Fred will be remembered as a skilled fisherman, avid hunter, and an expert storyteller. His stories ranged from finding many coolers full of morel and snake head mushrooms in the woods of Michigan and Indiana; the battles with Tennessee’s water snakes; fishing and boating the chilly waters of Minnesota and Ontario, Canada; and even bear hunting in the hills of Pennsylvania. He was one of the greatest fishermen that people knew. He was so proud

to tell everyone that his biggest fish was caught in Orr, Minn., on the Vermillion River and was a 29-pound, 54-inch Northern Pike. He loved to go fishing with his wife and kids as well as the many friends he made over the years. He was always happiest in the seat of his boat, his family and friends by his side, a fishing pole in his hand, and the sun coming up over the horizon. There was always a plentiful feast to follow with the day’s catch. Fred also found his passion in wild-game

hunting. He would often travel to Iowa with his bird dogs to score his prized pheasants and quail; enjoyed hunting deer, rabbit, and raccoon in Indiana; and hunting geese, turkey, rabbit, and deer in Pennsylvania. It provided him a great honor to teach his sons how to trap game. He was also proud of his many accomplishments as a self-taught bowler and golfer – earning trophies in both throughout the years.

Fred is survived by his wife, Ardell (Thrasher) Evans; his children, Fred Evans, Jr. (Christy) of Lima, Ohio, Theresa Evans of Sheridan, and Bruce Evans of Sheridan. Fred’s nine grandchildren include Brad Sutton (Adrian), Jeff Sutton, Todd Jones, Kyle Jones (Stef), Rodger Chaudion, Brett Evans (Sandra), Stacey Dollahan (Steven), Danielle Richie (Zach), and Bruce Evans. He was also blessed with 27 great-grandchildren, Kaleb, Nikki, Summer, Emma, Logan, Alyssa, Bryce, Brandon, Wyatt, Anna, Austan, Drew, Brooke, Bailey, Jeffrey, Kate, Dane, Rory, Cayden, Collin, Parker, Cooper, Addie, Gabrealla, Abigail, Olivia, and Rae-gan; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Fred is preceded in death by his daughter, Debra Ann Sutton (Charles); his parents, Frank and Pearl Evans; brothers, Bill and Ted Evans; sisters, Marian Smith, Winifred “Winnie” Spain, Alice Frye (Jim), and Romona “Monie” Pitts (Al); grandson, Andy Tishner; a great-grandson, Austin Sutton; and his loving mother-in-law, with whom he shared a special bond, Armina Swift.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Sheridan Fire and Rescue Department in honor of all their support during Fred’s final years or to the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 67 of Sheridan for the gracious dinner that will be provided in memory of Fred.

To honor the extraordinary life of Fred Evans, Grave-side Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022, at Boxley Cemetery, 25911 Six Points Road, Sheridan.

A Celebration of Life dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. upstairs at the American Legion in Sheridan immediately following services. Please come and help us honor Fred with wonderful laughter, stories of the past, and help us say goodbye to one of the good ones.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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