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Heights learn election process from seasoned public servant

Main Street Productions wins 11 awards at the Encores

**The REPORTER**

Kathy Kreag Williams, Hamilton County Clerk of Circuit Court, recently spent time educating fifth graders at Hamilton Heights on the voting and election process. This timely program gave students an insightful lesson from a seasoned public servant.

“In social studies, students have been learning about the election process including: the system of government in the United States and Indiana, methods of voting, political party structures, election laws, and responsibilities of citizens,” explained Kelly Stroup, fifth-grade English and Social

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Fifth-grade students at Hamilton Heights Elementary School enjoyed an up close and personal visit with Kathy Kreag Williams, Hamilton County Clerk of Circuit Court, learning about the election process.

**The REPORTER**

Main Street Productions (MSP) took home Best Production of a Comedy and Best Production of a Drama at the 2021-2022 Encore awards held on Monday, Nov. 7 at the Newfields’ Toby Theatre in Indianapolis.

In total, MSP was bestowed 11 Encore Association Awards. Thank you to each cast member, crew person, creative team member, director, producer, sponsor, and volunteer who helped make this another successful year of community theatre at the Basile Westfield Playhouse.

As always, many thanks to the patrons for attending and supporting this season of shows.



Bluegrass Jam returning to Sheridan

**By STEVE MARTIN**  
*Sheridan Historical Society*

For those of you who enjoy listening to, or better yet, playing bluegrass, you will be pleased to know that the Sheridan Bluegrass Jam is returning to Sheridan from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2 at the Sheridan Historical Society Museum.

Prior to the advent of COVID-19, this Jam was held in Sheridan on the third Sunday of each month, but then the pandemic arrived and things, including this bluegrass jam, went into lockdown status and went away.

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Pickers gather to have fun and entertain themselves and others. A wonderful way to pass some time in uptown Sheridan on a First Friday evening. Won't you join them?

The Encore Association was established in 1970 and is comprised solely of nonprofessional theatre groups in which no one is paid, which operate on a nonprofit basis, offer open auditions, and admission to the general public. The Encore Association is governed by a board of directors comprised of representatives of each participating theatre. The board of directors hosts an annual awards ceremony in the fall recognizing excellence from the previous theatrical season. These awards are decided by a committee of judges who apply, are accepted by the board, view productions, and select nominees. The judges then announce the winners at the annual awards ceremony.

The Encore Awards are central Indiana’s equivalent to the Tony awards for participating community theaters.

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## Westfield High School has 216 top-notch seniors!



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

**Congratulations to the 216 Westfield High School seniors who were recently recognized for academic excellence at the 25th Evening of Excellence. Chris Denari '79 was the keynote speaker and Larry Simons spoke about the Kim Simons Memorial Scholarship. The Evening of Excellence is an annual event hosted by the Board of School Trustees honoring seniors who completed their junior year with a 3.8 grade-point average or higher.**

## Carmel Christkindlmarkt opens this week

**The REPORTER**

Experience the holidays at the grand opening of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt and The Ice at Carter Green. This year, the market will feature even more huts and an extended season for the market.

**Want to work at Christkindlmarkt?**

Be a part of the Christkindlmarkt magic this season by volunteering at the market. Carmel Christkindlmarkt is one of the most popular markets in the United States, attracting well over half a million people since the opening in 2017. It was voted Best Holiday Market in 2019 and 2021 by *USA Today* (no Market in 2020 due to COVID restrictions). In addition, Wealth of Geeks



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**The Carmel Christkindlmarkt is once again up for the honor of being named the best market in the country. Vote at [tinyurl.com/VoteCarmelMarket](http://tinyurl.com/VoteCarmelMarket) until Dec. 5.**

voted Carmel Christkindlmarkt as the No. 8 best market in the world!

The market is a blend of presentations by world-renowned woodworkers from the Erzgebirge region, entertainment, plus tradi-

tional German foods and gifts being sold from small wooden huts. The market surrounds a beautiful outdoor ice skating rink, The Ice at Carter Green.

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Noblesville teen excels at automotive internship

**By JADE JACKSON**  
*WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)*

A typical day at Reggie’s Motorworks in Noblesville looks like exhaust pipes puffing out smoke and loud drills echoing off the walls of the garage where cars are currently being worked on.

Mechanics in uniform are inspecting engines at their respective workstations. Among the group of men working is a girl.

With a pulled-back ponytail, Reggie’s Motorworks graphic T-shirt and dark jeans, Sammy Dohnert

kneels next to a car lift to remove the lug nuts off a tire. Impact wrench in hand, she uses the tool on the task before heading over to another station to check out an engine with a crew member.

She’s a Noblesville High School senior. Her love for cars started from her grandparents but intensified when she got her own car. That’s how she knew she wanted an internship with an automotive shop.

“Here they’re willing to let me learn anything,”

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Photo by WISH-TV

“They let me grab the tools and work on it with them,” Sammy Dohnert said. “I feel like they’ve accepted me as a part of the team.”



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# Community First Bank gives back, serves kids & Veterans in Westfield

## The REPORTER

Each year on Veterans Day, Community First Bank of Indiana closes its doors to customers, but its bankers are still hard at work.

It's an annual tradition for the bank to serve local Veterans by doing outdoor service projects and serving meals. This year, the team in Hamilton County dispersed to rake leaves and wash windows at Veterans' homes, complete outdoor work at MacGregor Park, and serve the needs of Student Impact of Westfield.

"I absolutely love being given the opportunity to go out into our community on Veterans Day to give back to our local heroes," Residential Mortgage Sales Manager Janelle Campbell said. "Veterans, to me, are the epitome of selfless sacrifice, and if

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they can serve our country and provide me all the freedoms I have as an American, then I am honored to give back to them for a few hours on this day. Thank you to all our veterans for your service. You are appreciated!"

Any Veteran who would like an outdoor service project, or another random act of kindness, completed at their home or business next year is welcome to contact the bank at [communication@cfbindiana.com](mailto:communication@cfbindiana.com).

Photo provided

(From left) Keep Noblesville Beautiful volunteers Ann Lehman, Dagny Zupin, Molly Martin, Chris Martin, Darren Peterson, and Jack Martin are shown here in front of the new roundabout sculpture.

## Come 'Sail Away IN Indiana'

New roundabout art installed at Hague & Carrigan

### The REPORTER

The intersection of Hague and Carrigan roads is a little more colorful last week.

On Nov. 6, artist Kevin Huff and volunteers from Keep Noblesville Beautiful (KNB) installed the three-piece aquatic-themed sculpture. The sculpture features a sailboat and two of the white pelicans that Morse Reservoir is known for.

KNB has been fundraising for years to install roundabout art in Noblesville.

This particular sculpture was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Indiana Destination Development Corporation.

According to KNB President Darren Peterson, more roundabout art is planned for Noblesville.

"We are extremely happy with how this piece turned out," Peterson said. "Huff captured the bright, vibrant atmosphere of Morse Reservoir that so many residents and visitors enjoy. Over the next three years we hope to bring four more sculptures

to the City of Noblesville."

Peterson said the next art installation will be a butterfly sculpture and pollinator garden at the intersection of 191st Street and Little Chicago Road. The 191st and Little Chicago sculpture was the recipient of a Duke Energy Foundation nature grant, which has helped to accelerate the installation timeline.

Those interested in learning more about KNB's projects can visit [KeepNoblesvilleBeautiful.org](http://KeepNoblesvilleBeautiful.org).

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## Shinnemans' Team Humbly Courageous raises over \$10K

Photo provided by Amy Shinneman

Noblesville residents Amy and Jamie Shinneman (front and center), along with Team Humbly Courageous, ran in the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon on Saturday, Nov. 5. Amy is also one of two National Ambassadors for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The team ran to raise awareness for muscular dystrophy and to help fund research. The Shinnemans completed the marathon with a time of 3:11.31. The team surpassed its \$10,000 fundraising goal. Donations are still being accepted. Go to [tinyurl.com/TeamHumblyCourageous](http://tinyurl.com/TeamHumblyCourageous) to donate.

## Donate to Janus on Giving Tuesday

### The REPORTER

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, Janus Developmental Services will join people all over the world in coming together to harness the power of human connection to change the world. Will you join in and make a donation?

George Kristo, a long-time supporter of Janus, will once again match every donation made on Giving Tuesday. These donations make it possible for Janus to continue to provide social and work opportunities for its clients.

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# Give hope with Westfield Youth Assistance this holiday season

## The REPORTER

For the fifth year, Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) will participate in Giving Tuesday. This year a loyal donor, George Kristo, will match every donation, dollar for dollar, up to \$12,500.

Giving Tuesday is a worldwide day of charitable giving that occurs each year on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. There's Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and Giving Tuesday, a day set aside for people to transform their communities.

WYAP will use the dollars raised from Giving Tuesday to tutor students who need extra educational

support, provide financial assistance for winter and summer camp participation, support for the mentoring program, and link youth to critical community support resources like counseling and skills development.

"Every dollar received goes towards changing the life of a young person in need. Being able to match those dollars with the generous gift from George Kristo for our annual Giving Tuesday campaign brings us one step closer to giving youth in Westfield every advantage to be successful," WYAP Board President Steve Latour said. "Giving to this campaign creates the opportunity for West-



Photo provided by Westfield Youth Assistance Program  
Every dollar you give will help change a child's life.

field and Hamilton County remarkable. I hope we can count on your support." Go to [westfieldyouth.kindful.com](http://westfieldyouth.kindful.com) to donate.



Photo provided by Phi Beta Psi Sorority  
Kids can come have breakfast with Santa at the Cicero Red Bridge Park Building on Dec. 3.

## Santa Claus is coming to town . . . in Cicero!

### The REPORTER

Phi Beta Psi Sorority will play host to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Red Bridge Park Community Building, 697 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

Two seating times are available: 8 to 9:30 a.m., and 10 to 11:30 a.m., so call (317) 796-8672 to reserve your spot. The cost for the breakfast is \$7.

Along with breakfast and visiting with Santa there

will be a craft and storytelling station.

Phi Beta Psi's main project is raising funds for cancer research but also helping with local community needs.

You can also call the above number if you would like to donate to Phi Beta Psi sorority or if you'd like more information about the sorority and learn about joining this community organization.

# Noblesville Fire working to make Christmas bright for local kids

## The REPORTER

The Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) is seeking assistance from the community to ensure local families have a joyous holiday season. The fire department is currently accepting donations for its annual food and toy drive to benefit approximately 100 less-fortunate families in Noblesville.

2022 marks the 45th anniversary since the program started. The fire department has partnered with Kroger for food needs and Meijer for toys.

NFD is accepting canned goods, non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys through Friday, Dec. 9. Donations may be dropped off at any of the Noblesville Fire Stations or at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. Deliveries to the families will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17.

NFD also is accepting

monetary donations. Checks are preferred, and they can be made payable to the NFD Hamilton County Community Foundation. Secure online donations may be made through the Central Indiana Community Foundation donor portal at [cicf.org/giving/give-now/existing-fund](http://cicf.org/giving/give-now/existing-fund). If making an online donation, please type in "Noblesville Firefighters Fund" under the Fund Name section.

"For four and a half decades, the Noblesville Fire Department has had the honor of delivering food and toys on behalf of the generous citizens and businesses of Noblesville," said Noblesville Fire Chief Matt Mitchell. "We truly appreciate the opportunity to impact families in our community around the holidays with the assistance of our residents."

For more information, call the Noblesville Fire Department at (317) 776-6336.



Photo provided by Noblesville Fire Department  
Noblesville Fire Chief Matt Mitchell (left) accepts a donation from Noblesville Common Council member Greg O'Connor.

- Toy & Food Drive Drop-off Locations**
- Station 1 – 135 S. 9th St. (Downtown at Ninth Street & Maple Avenue)
  - Station 2 – 400 S. Harbour Drive (South Harbour)
  - Station 3 – 2101 Greenfield Ave. (The Wellingtons)
  - Station 4 – 20777 Hague Road (North & East Harbour)
  - Station 5 – 10170 E. 191st St. (The Meadows)
  - Station 6 – 16800 Hazel Dell Road (Hazel Dell)
  - Station 7 – 15251 Olio Road (Behind Ruoff Music Center)
  - Noblesville City Hall – 16 S. 10th St. (Downtown at 10th & Conner)

## Student Impact basketball kicks off with record breaking registrations

### The REPORTER

Student Impact has played host to Westfield's recreational sports program for seventh- through 12th-grade students for nearly 20 years.

This year, more than 430 players have registered for the basketball league, which is more students than the organization has ever accommodated. Games begin Friday, Nov. 18 at the Pacers Athletic Center and will

take place Friday evenings through Feb. 17, 2023.

The Student Impact leagues are focused on sportsmanship, development, and fun while remaining competitive.

The full schedules will be posted at [therockwestfield.org/basketball](http://therockwestfield.org/basketball). The boys league registration is currently closed, but there are still spots available for the girls league. You can register by visiting the website.

# 2022 GIVING TUESDAY

Our 2022 Giving Tuesday Campaign is underway and will extend through December 2nd. Thanks to a generous supporter, George Kristo, all donations will be matched up to \$12,500 so your donation can double in size!

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# Fishers PD graduates 40<sup>th</sup> Citizen's Academy class



Photo provided by Fishers Police Department / Facebook

The Fishers Police Department recently celebrated the 40th graduating class of the Fishers Police Department Citizen's Academy. Speakers included FPD Chief Ed Gebhart, representatives of the FPD Police Corps, and two graduating members of Class 2022-40. The FPD Cadet Honor Guard made presented the Colors and led the class in the Pledge of Allegiance. Learn more about the Academy at [fishers.in.us/925/Police-Citizens-Academies](https://fishers.in.us/925/Police-Citizens-Academies).

# Hamilton County sues Indiana after veterans couldn't get benefits for years

By KODY FISHER  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

Dozens of people gathered for a 21-gun salute for Veterans Day last Friday outside the Hamilton County Courthouse. They gathered in the shadow of Hamilton County government buildings that represented frustration for many local veterans from 2014-2019.

Hamilton County is suing the director of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs. County leaders claim the former director didn't properly manage the county's veterans services officer, occasionally called the "VSO," from 2014 to 2019.

Both parties are arguing over whose job it was to manage that employee while hundreds of veterans missed out on VA benefits because that employee didn't do her job.

Veteran Gina Loy, talking about the former director, told I-Team 8, "She never returned calls or emails, so I kind of had to call her out on Facebook and then she eventually emailed me."

Loy was talking about Lynn Epperson.

The Hamilton County

Commissioners in 2014 appointed Epperson as the Hamilton County Veterans Service Officer. Her role was to help veterans file paperwork with the VA so they could receive benefits ranging from \$140 to \$4,200 a month.

Loy, though, wasn't the only veteran experiencing issues with Epperson. So did her husband, Rob Loy, who is the commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Noblesville.

Rob said, "For like several years, it seemed like it was nonstop. They were coming in, complaining, 'Nothing's happening.' 'She's lost my paperwork again.'"

The post commander says the situation got so bad that the VFW took matters into its own hands. "We started diverting them (Hamilton County veterans) to other VSOs, like Tipton, Marion County."

Rob said many were diverted. "This post alone, I'd say at least 100."

It's unclear if Hamilton County veterans can get back pay caused by the lapses in paperwork filing from 2014 to 2019. Also, it's unclear how much mon-

**Statement from Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs**

"IDVA denies the claims made by Hamilton County. The statute cited in the lawsuit has never been interpreted the way Hamilton County prefers. Counties, not the state, have the responsibility for hiring, supervising, evaluating, giving pay raises, and, if needed, firing employees who work in their county veterans offices. Hamilton County discovered problems three years ago, and IDVA went above and beyond to help. IDVA works to support, serve, and advocate for the Indiana veteran community, and it is unfortunate that some veterans' lives could be adversely affected by the problems that occurred in the veterans office of Hamilton County."

— Dennis Wimer, director of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

ey was not paid out to the ignored veterans.

In 2019, county leaders fired Epperson. Hamilton County veterans are now being helped by a new county veterans service officer, who was appointed after Epperson was fired.

Hamilton County is suing the director of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs because the county says he didn't do his job to ensure Epperson was doing hers.

Jody Madeira, an Indiana University law professor, looked at the lawsuit and broke down what it's asking the court to decide. "They're seeking a declaration that the director must supervise this employee and ensure that the employee is competently performing their position," Madeira said.

Madeira added, "It ap-

pears to me that although the veterans services officer is paid for by county funds, the officer is probably under the supervision of the director."

The law professor also says the court's final decision could have legal ramifications in the future because it could determine who would be liable for damages if a veteran decides to sue.

Gina Loy said that the situation today is much better. "They immediately – if I email them something or a question – they immediately email me back or they call me."

I-Team 8 reached out to Epperson by phone and email for a comment about what happened between 2014 and 2019 in her role as the Hamilton County veterans service officer. She hadn't replied by Friday night.

# Noblesville's 'Holidays at the Hill' to return to Federal Hill Commons

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department has announced that "Holidays at the Hill" will return for its third season at Federal Hill Commons from Nov. 19 through Jan. 9, 2023.

"Holidays at the Hill adds to the offerings we have in Downtown Noblesville to enjoy time together and create lasting memories," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "From ice skating to carriage rides, a walking lights tour to the holiday market, Holidays at the Hill has activities for all ages looking to celebrate with friends and family."

Families can reserve a unique, private carriage ride through downtown Noblesville. Rides last approximately 15 minutes and can seat up to six adults and three to five children on adults' laps. Carriage rides will be offered on six days in December.

Leading up to Christmas Eve, private rides with Santa will be available Dec. 19 to 22. In addition to Santa, rides will seat up to five adults and three to five children on adults' laps. Each ride includes only one group and must be reserved in advance online at [bit.ly/thecarriagerides](https://bit.ly/thecarriagerides). Carriage ride registration will open at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Additionally, the city has created a special mailbox at the Christmas Cottage to accept letters to Santa. Santa will be checking it to read all the letters dropped off by children with their holiday wishes. Santa can be seen as the featured guest as part of the city's "Home for the Holidays Tour," which will travel through neighborhoods Dec. 3 and 4, including the traditional downtown parade route at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

The temporary ice rink, with real ice, will open at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 and will close for the season on Jan. 9, 2023. The 52-by-96-foot ice rink will be located at the Market Plaza at Federal Hill Commons.

From Nov. 19 through Dec. 22, Ice Plaza hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Starting on Dec. 23, hours will be extended to 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday for enjoyment



during Noblesville Schools' winter break. The rink will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every Sunday. The rink will have special holiday hours on Nov. 25 (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.), and Dec. 24 and 31 (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.); and will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

All ages are welcome to participate, and rental ice skates range from kid to adult sizes. Admission rates are \$13 for those ages 13 and older and \$11 for those ages 12 and younger. Multiple skate passes are offered online at a discounted price and skating aids will be available for \$3. Guests may bring their own skates if they prefer, but skate rental is included in the admission fee.

"2022 will be the sixth consecutive year of the city hosting the Ice Plaza," Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett said. "We look forward to seeing everyone out and skating at the Ice Plaza which has become holiday tradition in Noblesville."

Federal Hill Commons' event lawn will again be transformed into a walkable lights display with new displays, picturesque views and a warming shelter and food/drink trucks on select days. The Holiday Market, hosted by Noblesville Main Street, will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 and will include local restaurants and holiday artisan vendors for shoppers.

Holidays at the Hill would not be possible without the support of the following businesses and organizations: Bailey & Wood Financial Group, Bastian Solutions, Burtner Electric, Cardon & Associates, Church Church Hittle & Antrim, Context Design, CSI Signs, Duke Energy, Emagine Entertainment, Horizon Bank, Indiana American Water, IU Health, McGavic Outdoor Power, Midwest Paving, Mr. Plumber, Myers Construction Management Inc., Noble Mechanic, Old Town Companies, Pediatric Dentistry, Peterson Architecture, Realign-4-Life Chiropractic, Reggie's Motorworks, SMC Corporation of America, Urban Air and Williams Comfort Air.

For additional information about Holidays at the Hill, visit [cityofnoblesville.org/holidays](https://cityofnoblesville.org/holidays).

# Clay Township Impact Program leaves legacy with Carmel Parks renovations

Six reimagined parks now open for the public to enjoy

The REPORTER

In 2019, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) received a \$20 million investment from the Clay Township Impact Program (CTIP). With this investment, CCPR launched its Reimagining Parks initiative which included the renovation of six existing parks throughout Carmel and Clay Township. In fall 2022, CCPR reopened the final reimagined park for the public to enjoy.

"We are incredibly grateful for the funding provided by the Clay Township Impact Program and the work that the Clay Township Board, the Park Board, and the Carmel Clay Parks team put into reimagining our parks," said Rich Taylor, President of the Carmel/Clay Board of

Parks and Recreation. "The updates made to the parks reiterate our dedication to listening to our community's needs and developing world-class park experiences for our community."

CTIP was launched by Clay Township Trustee Doug Callahan and Township Board Members Mary Eckard, Paul Hensel, and Matt Snyder to improve the community with a focus on parks and public safety. The CTIP investment allowed CCPR to enhance Carey Grove, Flowing Well, Lawrence W. Inlow, Meadowlark, River Heritage, and West Park. The park enhancements not only created exciting new play opportunities for all ages and abilities but also left a legacy for the importance of

quality outdoor recreation in the community.

Each park project included input from community leaders, stakeholders, community organizations, the public, and more. CCPR is proud to have worked with industry leaders in playground manufacturing, architecture, and landscaping at each reimagined park.

The city's updated parks include:

- **Carey Grove Park:** impact included a new playground, year-round restrooms, a larger parking lot, and trails
- **Flowing Well Park:** impact included Cool Creek bank stabilization, year-round restrooms, a larger parking lot, trails, and interpretive signage
- **Lawrence W. Inlow Park:** impact included a new splash pad, two pickleball courts, picnic shelters, year-round restrooms, and expanded parking
- **Meadowlark Park:** impact included a new playground, year-round restrooms, two shelters, a larger parking lot, four pickleball courts, a wheelchair-accessible fishing pier, an accessible boardwalk, and interpretive signage
- **River Heritage Park:** impact included new playgrounds with a focus on accessible play, accessible trails, and White River overlooks
- **West Park:** impact included a new playground, splash pad, year-round restrooms, and shelters

# MSP AWARDS

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- Encore Awards**

  - Best Production of a Comedy: *Rumors* – Ka'lena Cuevas, Producer
  - Best Production of a Drama: *Of Mice and Men* – Ka'lena Cuevas, Producer
  - Best Director of a Comedy: Jen Otterman – *Rumors*
  - Best Minor Supporting Actor in a Drama: Austin Hookfin – *Of Mice and Men*
  - Best Minor Supporting Actress in a Drama: Audrey Duprey – *Of Mice and Men*
  - Best Set Design for a Comedy: Jen Otterman – *Rumors*
  - Best Lighting Design for a Comedy: Eric Matters – *Rumors*
  - Best Sound Design for a
- Comedy: Eric Dixon & Jeff Coss – *Rumors*

  - Best Stage Manager of a Play (Combined Category): Nicole Amsler – *Rumors*
  - Best Minor Supporting Actress in a Musical: Georgeanna Teipen – *White Christmas*
  - Best Female Singer: Georgeanna Teipen – *White Christmas*

**Judges Specials**

  - *White Christmas*: Preshow Slide Presentation of Relatives in The Military
  - Director: Andrea Odle

**Rising Star Awards**

  - 30 Reasons Not to Be in a Play
  - Actor: Harrison Coon
  - Actress: Amaya Smith

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# Noblesville Police collect sweet treats for soldiers



A total of 963.5 pounds of candy has been collected by Noblesville Police Department to be sent to soldiers in the U.S. military. Officer Ben Lugar (above right) organized the candy drive in conjunction with Saint Matthew Catholic School in Indianapolis. The candy will be put into homemade stockings and sent to active military members, along with handwritten cards from kids. This is approximately only half of all candy raised, but the Noblesville Police Department alone brought nearly half a ton of candy. Officer Lugar is shown here with K-9 Officer Luna.

## JAM

With the start of the First Friday on Main Street event here in Sheridan, the Sheridan Historical Society thinks it is time to resuscitate this previously well-attended monthly program, and the new museum on Main Street is a terrific location.

We think we are nearly done with COVID, although variants are still lingering, but at least we feel safe enough to gather and enjoy bluegrass and, if you have a mind to, play along.

In the past we have had

young and old, boys and girls, and men and women pickers and singers sitting in and having all sorts of fun and making great music and vocals. It wasn't unusual to have 20 or more pickers participating and making some real foot-stomping, toe-tapping music, with an equal number of audience members listening. You don't have to be a pro to play in this jam; just pick up your fiddle (or whatever string instrument you play) and take down your bow (or

your pick), and 'fake it till you make it!'

So please plan to spend time on the First Friday on Main Street each month at the Sheridan Historical Society's Museum, located at 315 S. Main St. in beautiful uptown Sheridan, and listen to or participate in the Sheridan Bluegrass Jam. We begin about 5 p.m. and go home at 9 p.m. We do have a small kitchen area if you want to bring snack foods, but you will need to bring appropriate dispos-

able plates, cups, bowls, and flatware. Bring your own drinks, and we have a coffee pot, but you will need to bring the makings. And as before, no alcohol, no fussing, no cussing, and you got to be wearing casual clothing and shoes. Donations for the upkeep of the facility are always welcome!

For more information, call Steve Martin at (765) 513-7457 or email [shmartin1@comcast.net](mailto:shmartin1@comcast.net). Y'all come on down – we hope to see you there.

## DOHNERT

Dohnert said. "They let me watch. They let me grab the tools and work on it with them. I feel like they've accepted me as a part of the team."

Reggie Stewart is the owner of Reggie's Motorworks. The business has been at its location since 2011, and as a Noblesville High School grad himself, Stewart was more than happy to partner with the school to offer Dohnert a role. The business has been taking on interns for the last five years. He says he thinks anytime he can affect the life of a young person for the better, it means a lot to them and his team.

"I really enjoy what I do and if I can share that with somebody and get them involved in the process earlier than I got involved in it, then that seems like a win to me," Stewart said. "Sammy's awesome. Honestly, I don't work with her as much as I would like to because, as the owner, I'm not here every day, but I do get to spend some time with her. When I first met her, her passion for cars really reminded me of me as a child. It's the way she lights up about cars. It's really touching."

Steward said he saw her passion, even outside of the business.

A crew member invited her to a car show in Carmel recently. Stewart's business was a sponsor of the event. He says he saw Dohnert inspecting the engine bay on a Porsche 911.

"The sheer excitement on her face, not trying to impress me, not trying to impress anybody. I totally knew she was in the right place," Stewart said.

Dohnert said she thought she was in the right place,

too. A previous internship pairing didn't work out because she felt discriminated against as a girl.

"That didn't go well because of comments like that were made to me actually by the employees, so I get that this is a male-dominated industry," she said. "I get questions on why I would want to be a part of this, but I think that if I learn and I put the work in, I can do anything that anybody else could in this industry."

Dan Nicholson is the internship coordinator at Noblesville High School. They have the largest internship program for students in the state with approximately 300 teens either in career-exploration internships or their cadet-teacher-training program at the middle and elementary schools. Nicholson is one of two full-time internship coordinators, and it's his job to see what students' career interests are to give them opportunities of gaining experience.

"My co-coordinator and I spend part of the spring of their junior year interviewing with them to find out a little bit about what their idea is and what their idea means to them," Nicholson said. "We have students that come in and have a general career path that they're interested in. We try to ask some questions to narrow down their focus into a particular area of an industry or career that we feel will be the best fit. We look for things that may be transferrable skills, soft skills they're looking to build on. The city put together a soft skills initiative several years back. We still use that."

The school is working with over 150 new and established businesses in

Noblesville and Hamilton County for its internship program.

Nicholson said they have internships in contracting, manufacturing and trades, engineering, medical, dental, law and more, all based on students' interests.

"Our goal is that 100 percent of our Noblesville students go into the workforce after graduation," Nicholson said. "Some of those are going to be directly after high school. Some of those will be after maybe an apprenticeship, a two-year degree or a four-year degree. We want to provide opportunities for all of those."

From the moment he met Dohnert, Nicholson said he knew right away that she had a very specific passion.

Her knowledge of cars put him to shame since she knew more about automobile engines and styles.

"You can tell she was very passionate about it, but she didn't know what her path was going to look like, whether she needed to go to school or get started at a garage right out of high school," Nicholson said. "That's where we were able to find the connection at Reggie's. It allows her to explore and expand."

Dohnert's internship role at the business is diverse, according to Stewart.

"One day, you're doing something dirty and hammering on a wheel that's stuck on because of Indiana rust," Stewart said. "The next day you're programming a computer or using an oscilloscope to look at little lines on the screen to see what electronic items are malfunctioning."

Reggie's has five master technicians and another

general service technician whom Dohnert said she likes taking turns learning from. She's also spent time with their service adviser to understand the customer-service side of the business. Stewarts said it's important to "speak car" with people who may not know about the particulars of their vehicles.

Dohnert said she wants to learn as much as she can at the internship. Anytime she accomplishes a task, it feels rewarding.

# Westfield Library Foundation kicks off Christmas Tree Raffle

Proceeds will go towards library programs & services

## The REPORTER

Tickets are now on sale for the Westfield Library Foundation's annual Christmas Tree Raffle. This year patrons will have three trees to choose from – all designed by Erin Downey, the Foundation's executive director, who also happens to be an interior designer.

"The holidays are a hectic time of year," Downey said. "Let us do the tough work for you. Raffle winners will have their trees shrink wrapped and ready for pick up the first week of December so they can be enjoyed throughout the month."

All three trees are up on display at the Westfield

Washington Public Library. The Gingerbread Bakery tree is sponsored by EdgeRock Development. The Santa Claus is Coming to Town tree is sponsored by Krieg DeVault. The Peace on Earth tree is sponsored by Blue & Co.

Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10 at the library's circulation desk or online at [westfieldlibraryfoundation.com](http://westfieldlibraryfoundation.com). The raffle will close on Wednesday, Nov. 30 and winners will be drawn on Thursday, Dec. 1. The Westfield Library Foundation hopes to raise \$5,000 to go toward library programming and services in the new year.



Downey

## MARKET

Consider volunteering and taking part in countless guests' holiday memories this winter.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities and to register, go to [tinyurl.com/34zxe9p4](http://tinyurl.com/34zxe9p4).

**Vote for Carmel Christkindlmarkt!**

The internationally popular Carmel Christkindlmarkt is once again nominated for Best Holiday Market from *USA Today* 10Best! But your help is needed to win for a third year.

You may cast your vote once daily, every day through noon on Dec. 5. Winners will be announced



Murphy

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on Dec. 16.

"We are honored to be nominated once again for Best Holiday Market," Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Murphy said. "We are so grateful for everyone who has voted for us in the past to help us win the number one spot, and we are hopeful to win the competition this year as well."

As of last Saturday evening, Carmel Christkindlmarkt is ranked 2 of 20 markets on the 10Best list.

Go to [tinyurl.com/VoteCarmelMarket](http://tinyurl.com/VoteCarmelMarket) every day until Dec. 5!

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# Noblesville Lions thank local Vets with good food at Ginger’s



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club  
Last Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions honored Veterans with a dinner at Ginger’s Café. There were approximately 15 Vets invited by club members. Each guest and Lion member was invited to stand and introduce themselves with some personal stories.

# Noblesville High School Leo Club fills backpacks for the homeless



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club  
Last week, the Noblesville Lions Leo Club at Noblesville High School gathered items for the homeless again this year. The Leo Club filled 45 backpacks with toiletries, socks, gloves, hats, blankets, and other items. The backpacks will be passed out to the homeless in Indianapolis. Lion John Smith is the Leo Club Sponsor.

# ELECTIONS

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Photo provided  
As part of the special program on the election and voting process, students were shown a sample screen of a voting machine.

Studies teacher at Hamilton Heights. “It was an engaging and insightful civics learning opportunity for our students.”

“I learned that in order to be a candidate, you have to do many different things,” Nolan Kakasuleff said. “Another thing is that you have to register to vote, and you can do this in many different ways. Also depending on the population, the town may have more precincts. I think it is important to teach kids about voting because if they are interested in running when they are older, they will know the process.”

Ava Guffy said she learned plenty of new information about voting she didn’t know.

“I learned that it is important to vote because it helps the entire country get a new and maybe a better leadership than the last,” Guffy said. Like Kakasuleff, Guffy learned that you must register to be able to vote and there are different ways of voting, like through a paper ballot in person, online,

and through the mail.

In her role, Williams serves as a member of the County Election Board and oversees the day-to-day operation of elections with Election Administrator Beth Sheller, as well as Election and Voter Registration staff. It is office’s responsibility to stay up to date on election laws and best practices to run efficient and fair elections.

Williams also looks for opportunities to find ways to educate voters and poll workers on the entire election process and how to get residents involved.

Williams served 26 years as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives, over 10 years (1982 to 1991 and again from 2019 to 2022) as Hamilton County Clerk and has been employed by the county for over 45 years.



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Volunteers, this election was won by your hard work going door-to-door, making phone calls, sharing your treasury, and communicating our message to your friends, neighbors, and families. You did an outstanding job, and I am very thankful for the time and resources you committed to this race.

Thank you, voters and volunteers, for doing so much to bring about this decisive victory. Together we will keep Indiana moving forward.

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## Brenda L. Cowan

June 21, 1957 – November 5, 2022

Brenda L. Cowan, 65, passed away peacefully on November 5, 2022, at her home in Hendersonville, Tenn., after a battle with cancer. Brenda was born on June 21, 1957, in Noblesville to Robert and Phyllis Waugh.

Brenda is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Phyllis. She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Doug Cowan; her three children, Erika N. (Will) Matsunaga, Doug (Jackie) Cowan, Jr., and Denise Hayes; along with her five grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Thursday, November 10, 2022, with an additional visitation on Friday, November 11, 2022, at Hendersonville Funeral Home, 353 E. Main St., Hendersonville, Tenn., with a Funeral Service following. Burial was at Hendersonville Memory Gardens.

Condolences: hendersonvillefh.com

## Kaitlin Elizabeth Kilgore

July 14, 2010 – November 10, 2022

Kaitlin Elizabeth Kilgore, 12, Fishers, passed away on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent in Indianapolis. She was born on July 14, 2010, to Kyle and Jennifer (Bennett) Kilgore in Carmel.

Kaitlin loved school and was a seventh grader at Riverside Jr. High School in Fishers. She liked bowling, swimming, and going to the beach with Team Bobby. Most of all, Kaitlin loved being home with her family, snuggling together and watching movies.

She is survived by her parents, Kyle and Jennifer Kilgore; sister, Abbie Kilgore; family dog, Bailie; grandmothers, Anne Bennett, Darlene Kilgore, and Jennifer (Kevin) Wall; aunts and uncles, Jason & Liz Clevenger, Emily & Glen Todd, and Sara Kealy; as well as several cousins.

Kaitlin was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Larry Bennett and Russell Kilgore.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Children's Theraplay, 9919 Towne Road, Carmel, IN 46032 (childrenstheraplay.org/donate).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

## Elnora Osler

August 18, 1922 – November 4, 2022

Elnora Osler, 100, Carmel, formerly of Tipton, passed peacefully in her home, Friday, November 4, 2022. She was born August 18, 1922, in Elwood.

Elnora was a 1940 graduate of Frankfort High School. She married Paul W. Osler on December 14, 1940. While living in Tipton, Paul and Elnora were members of the West Street Christian Church.

Elnora was an avid reader. She enjoyed social activities such as Bridge and Euchre. In earlier years, Elnora sewed her own dresses and other clothing. She also spent time knitting afghans and blankets. Elnora and Paul were great supporters of their grandson, Jimmy's sporting events.

Memberships included Eastern Star, Radiant Chapter #200, and Carmel Christian Church, of which she was a member more than 40 years.

Elnora was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Osler; daughter, Cathie Reamer; brother, James Sumner, and sister, Mary Jane Lewis.

Survivors include her son, John Osler; grandson, James Reamer, several nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to Jody Bracken, LPN for her personal care of Elnora for more than two years. Also, a warm thank you and appreciation to Heartland Hospice, especially Jennifer Yoder and Jordana Botton.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to care for Elnora and serve the Osler family.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

## Gordon Moore

July 8, 1926 – November 6, 2022

Gordon Moore, 96, Carmel, died on November 6, 2022. He was born on July 8, 1926, in Aghadowey, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland, near the Causeway Coast; son of John and Annie (Darragh) Moore. The youngest of nine children in a farming family, Gordon survived being trampled by cattle as a young child and survived the scourge of tuberculosis as a young man. He proved to be very durable!

Gordon began his work in hospitals where he met Bridget Holland, a nurse from the Republic of Ireland. They became constant companions, eventually married, forming a partnership that would span 70 years. Together they raised four children: Stephen, James, Anne, and Andrew. After working and moving about the United Kingdom, Gordon immigrated with his family to the United States and settled in Buffalo, N.Y. Once in the U.S., Gordon worked for many years at J. H. Williams and Company.

As the children became adults (and parents of their own), Gordon and Bridget moved further into the countryside to be close to their grandchildren. Most recently, Gordon relocated to Carmel with his wife Bridget to be near the care of Stephen and Holly Moore.

Gordon was a humble and gentle man. He had a fondness and great knowledge of history, world cultures, and nature. He could tell stories that would captivate and rarely brought bile to the table. His life experiences tempered him but did not make him hard or fearful. Humor and generosity were always close at hand. We were very lucky to have him. His strength and love will not be forgotten.

Gordon is survived by his four children; Stephen (Holly) Moore, James (Christine) Moore, Anne (Eric) Moeller, and Andrew (Dawn) Moore; grandchildren, Aurel Moore, Dexter Moore, Delaney Moore, Sydney (Phil) Pemberton-Moore, Rutger Moeller, Bryce Moeller, Kyle Moeller, and Bridget Moeller; a great-grandchild, Quinn Hunter; and nieces and nephews.

Gordon's final resting place will be in Carmel Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

## Robert Leslie Pettijohn Sr.

June 27, 1937 – November 8, 2022

Robert Leslie Pettijohn Sr., 85, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. He was born on June 27, 1937, to William and Helen (Burris) Pettijohn in Indianapolis.

Bob proudly served his country in the United States Army. For over 30 years, he worked for General Motors as a linesman. Bob enjoyed fishing and watching sporting events. He was a proud and involved grandpa to his grandkids. He loved their visits and time together with his family.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Brenda (James) Christenson; three grandchildren, Jacquelynn Marie Christenson, James Zachary Christenson, and Jacob Andrew Christenson; three stepdaughters, Pam Langford, Jimmie Sue Rogers, and Billie Vaughn; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie Vaughn Pettijohn; son, Robert Leslie Pettijohn Jr.; sister, Martha Louise Pope; and his brother, Charles Pettijohn.

Visitation and services were held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, WEB P.O. Box 97075, Washington, DC 20090-7075 (mda.org); or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 (cancer.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

## Roger William Webb

February 8, 1933 – November 3, 2022

Roger William Webb, 89, Noblesville, passed away on November 3, 2022. He was born on February 8, 1933, to William & Virginia Belle (Sumner) Webb.

Roger is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Barbara Stauffer Webb; and his younger sister, Mary Lou (Webb) Kowal of Wilmington, N.C. He also leaves behind five wonderful children, William Sumner Webb, Nancy Margaret Karl (Dick), David Stauffer Webb (Jane), Mary Ruth Pate (Tom), and Allison Webb; and a legacy of seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

After graduation from Yale University in 1955, Roger served two years active duty in the U.S. Army as an Artillery Officer, then four years in the reserve. He was a steel salesman in Pittsburgh from 1959 to 1966. Roger worked as a bond salesman in Chicago from 1967 to 1978. He became Chief Investment Officer at Gary National Bank from 1978 to 1989. He finished his career in Indianapolis as the Deputy Commissioner of Securities for the Indiana Department of Insurance from 1990 to 1998.

Roger was a Master Mason (Life Member) Euclid Lodge #65 in Naperville, Ill., 32nd Scottish Rite CHGO, IL, and past member of St. Elmo Society (Yale), University Club of Chicago, and his beloved Saenger Chor. He was a charter member of the Noblesville Fire Department Merit Commission from 2006 to 2018.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date to be determined. His ashes will be interred in Naperville Cemetery in Illinois with the family plots.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

## Ronald James Smith

February 3, 1938 – October 23, 2022

Ronald James Smith, 84, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on February 3, 1938, in Gary, Ind., to James and Alice Smith.

Ronald grew up as an only child and attended a Catholic boarding high school. He proudly served four years in the U.S. Navy and was a career Navy civilian employee for over 35 years at Naval Avionics in Indianapolis. Ron had a passion for traveling. He had a passion for water and loved oceans and the Great Lakes. He also enjoyed hunting and took great pride in passing his enthusiasm on to younger generations.

Ronald is survived by his sons, Roderick (Holly) Smith and Ryan (Amanda) Smith; and his grandchildren, Kelsie, Cole, Ella, Ava and Mia.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Sue Smith.

Private family services will be held. The Smith family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes with Ronald's care.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

## Barbara Jean Dodd

July 24, 1935 – November 8, 2022

Barbara Jean Dodd, 87, Cicero, passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at her home. She was born on July 24, 1935, to Maurice and Marie Hoffman in Vincennes, Ind.

She is survived by her son, Bill (Sandy) Dodd; and three grandchildren, Christina, Jacob, and Rece Dodd.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, William E. Dodd.

Visitation took place on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial followed at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

## Judith A. Glessman

April 11, 1940 – November 6, 2022

Judith A. Glessman, 82, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on April 11, 1940, to George and Helen (Crocker) Snyder in Minneapolis, Minn.

Judith was a homemaker and loved her family.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby Jack Glessman; daughters, Debra A. Glessman, Darlene K. (Pat) Moriarty, and Diana L. (Tim) Clauson; grandchildren, Andrew Glessman, Britany Cunha, Brea Hoston, Taylor McLean, and Matthew Moriarty; as well as 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Judith was preceded in death by her son, David L. Glessman; and her grandson, Bryan T. Clauson.

Private family services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bryan Clauson Legacy Fund, c/o Indiana Donor Network Foundation, 3760 Guion Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222 (driven2savelives.org/bc-legacy-fund).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

## David L. Sharp

June 21, 1940 – November 4, 2022

David L. Sharp, 82, Carmel, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2022. He was born June 21, 1940, in Detroit, Mich. He moved to Carmel in 1970 to raise his family.

David was a family man whose life revolved around his family and grandchildren. He touched many lives and each of you was considered very special to him. David felt very blessed for everyone who was a part of his life. He is now rejoicing with his wife, and the many family and friends who are gone before him.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Eileen Sharp; and brother, Bill Sharp.

Survivors include his loving, longtime companion, Karen Alford; children, David (Lori) Sharp, Laura (Ed) Sharp Komisarick, Mary Beth Sharp, and Terry (Dennis) Sharp; grandchildren, Jimmy, Sean, John Henry, Audrey (Derek), Josh and Ava.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Bussell Family Funerals, 1621 E. Greyhound Pass, Carmel, with the service following.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

## Elnora "Kay" (Allen) McConnell Edwards

November 14, 1942 – November 3, 2022

Elnora "Kay" (Allen) McConnell Edwards, Indianapolis (Hamilton County), passed away peacefully with family by her side on November 3, 2022. She was born on November 14, 1942, in Alexandria, Ind., daughter of Russell and Naomi (Robertson) Allen.

For a number of years, Kay worked at Hallmark Stores in Anderson, Ind. She also was a bartender for Hoadleys and VFW Post 1552. While at the VFW, Kay handmade an American flag from poppy flowers, of which she was very proud. Her most recent employment was McDonald's at 96th Street and Michigan Road, where she made many special friends.

Kay enjoyed attending yard sales and thrived on having them as well. She was a member of several bowling leagues in Madison County. She liked playing card games, especially playing poker with family and friends, and visiting the casino. The greatest joy for Kay was spending holidays with her family. Kay will be missed as she was loved by all who were privileged to meet her.

In addition to her parents, Kay was preceded in death by sisters, Vivian Ault, Jean Hexamer, and Betty Swift; brothers, Max "Bud" Allen, Larry "Joe" (Kay) Allen, Robert "Bob" Allen, and Jerry Lee McConnell, Sr., father of her three sons.

She is survived by sons, Marty Joe McConnell, Jerry Lee McConnell, Jr. and wife, Laura (O'Banion) McConnell, and Jeffery Ray McConnell; grandchildren, Lindsey (Eric Ash) McConnell, Madison (Eric Keffer) McConnell, Dylan McConnell, Michael McConnell, Robbie McConnell, Jeffery (Morgan Meineke) McConnell, and Emily McConnell; great-grandchildren, Hayden and Amira; sisters, Doris Balser and Shirley (Ron) Dickinson; many special nieces, nephews, many friends, and special niece, Deanna Tummulty, who was loved like a daughter.

A special thank you to her dear friend Tasha Evans and her loving family at McDonald's.

A heartfelt thanks to Lindsay McConnell and Deanna Tummulty for loving and caring for Kay in her final days.

There will be a private family Celebration of Kay's Life.

In memory of Kay, donations to assist the family in final arrangements may be sent to Bussell Family Funerals, 1621 E. Greyhound Pass, Carmel, IN 46032. Also, in memory of Kay, flowers are welcome.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to care for Kay and serve the family.

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# Could I finally share this journey with Mom?

*As my adoption and reunion story continues, I've changed some names, places, and dates.*

As I shared last week, I began to wonder if I could talk to my mother about my reunion with my birthparents. She hadn't wanted me to search for them.

Mom and Dad, like many people, had always been social drinkers. Nothing out of the ordinary. But as Mom approached her 80s, she unfortunately thought she could keep drinking like she had in her 40s. And no matter what my siblings or I or her doctor told her, she would not give up having a drink or two every day. This is what led to the fall that made her break her leg in 2013. And even after months in a rehabilitation facility, she would not stop drinking after she returned home.

Thanks to the help of Al-Anon, I realized there wasn't anything we could do about her problem. My brother, my sister, and I noticed how it unreasonable it made her at times. We went up to help her with yard work and other tasks as much as we could, as well as doctor and dentist ap-

pointments when she needed someone to drive her.

One time in the summer of 2015 she asked me to drive up to spend the night before another dental procedure – the same evening before our family was to leave on vacation with friends in Tennessee. I was flabbergasted.

"Mom, I can't," I said in bewilderment. "We're all carpooling together and leaving early in the morning from here." I had spoken with Mom's dentist that spring and knew that she didn't need anyone to spend the night before her procedure. I'm not sure if she was feeling anxious or what was happening.

Mom was furious with me. She barely wanted to speak to me when I called her from the car the next afternoon to see how she was doing. Thanks to the help of my counselor a few weeks later, I knew I had done nothing wrong. But it also made me realize if Mom got upset over this one crazy thing, I knew she would never forgive me for searching for and finding my birthparents. I would have to stick to my plan and keep this a secret from her.

Another less emotional topic struck me during this time. I became focused on the nature versus nurture concept. I'm sure this happens with many adoptees. I now knew where I got my physical characteristics. I was tall and thin like my birth father and had his blue eyes. I had the pale skin and straight, light brown hair of my birth mother.

But where had I gotten my personality? My interests and talents? One obvious thing I had in common with my birth father Jack was my passion for protecting the environment. I remember being the one who was always turning out lights in our house even when I was little to save electricity. I also was outgoing like my birth father, but my dad had been that way as well. It was one of the reasons he was such a successful salesman. His customers had loved him.

One of my talents revolves around music. I grew up playing the piano and clarinet and took up singing later in life. I also have been involved in theater off and on throughout the years. Mom, Dad, Mark, and Vicky were all musically talented as well. I figured "nurture" was winning in this scenario!

I asked Jack once if perhaps he was musically inclined.

"I really never got to find out," he replied. "With so many children in our family, there wasn't enough time or money for any sort of music lessons." Linda claimed that she couldn't sing, and she didn't know how to play an instrument. She had been a good athlete, however, something I certainly have never been. Although I found out I had some strong hoop dancing skills later in life!

No one else in my family loved public speaking, a passion I had gained through teaching the Dale Carnegie human relations course in my late 20s and early 30s. And no one else was anywhere near as obsessed with writing as I am.

Jack was of course comfortable speaking in public as a professor. Linda once told me he had never met a stranger. That's what people often said about me.

I think, like what has been concluded thousands of times by psychologists, that I am certainly a product of both my genes and the environment I grew up in. It has been fascinating to me to finally learn my heritage and my birth families' history. I found out recently, however, that nature certainly did play a large part of who I am. But that is for a future column.



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard  
Popular Reporter columnist Janet Hart Leonard made fast friends with fellow author Jackie Freeman at the Hopewriters Conference.

# The lies of Comparison

*Hey Comparison, I heard your voice this week. You tried your best to discourage me.*

As I was landing in Charlotte, N.C., for a Hopewriters Conference, I was greeted by the wicked witch of comparison. She was in my head. Before I disembarked from the plane I heard her voice, which sounded a lot like the wicked witch from *The Wizard of Oz*. Her voice told me the writers who would be showing up were the real deal. Me? I wasn't what traditional publishing was looking for. My words weren't ecclesiastical or spiritual enough. I did not have a large enough platform. I was not well-known in the Christian literary world.

Here I was, searching for the Writing Wizard of Oz who would confirm ... I am a writer. I met a writer who admitted to also hearing the voice of the wicked witch of comparison. "What am I doing here?" I knew she needed to hear, "My dear, we are all here just trying to find our way to being told we are a writer!" She smiled. I said, "Let's take this journey together. There is more than just power in numbers – there is strength. Come alongside me, I'll save you a seat."

I quickly became friends with another writer who, like me, had been blindsided by life events that would require tissues if written into a movie script. Yet, we are strong women ... as if we have a choice. We needed our writing hearts to be hugged and assured that our words matter. We became instant friends. Several people asked if we were sisters! We not only look alike but our hearts matched up as well. Oh, Jackie Freeman, what a delight you are!

One of the scariest things writers do is put their words out there to be read by other writers. I was putting my words out on the yellow brick road, crowded with other writers, whom I saw as more vivacious, more experienced and having a plethora of amazing words they had written.

Oh comparison, have I told you lately that I hate you?

As the conference continued, I heard story after story of imposter syndrome. I recognized the words that sounded more like battle cries. Write. Edit. Repeat. Everyone at the conference seemed to know, quite well, the sound of the voice of comparison.

But then I heard the voices that reminded every one of us ... our words matter. We ARE writers. Nonfiction authors find their readers and tell them what they wish someone would have told them. Fiction writers entertain the heart as well as the mind. Fiction is an enjoyable road trip for the weary traveler who is attempting to navigate the bumpy roads of real life. Fiction authors give their readers a break from reality.

Cindy Bunch, a Vice President of InterVarsity Press said, "Write what you are called to write."

With those words, my anxiety lessened, and my heart smiled. That is what I do. I simply write from my heart.

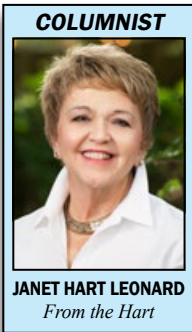
My words may not be read by millions or even thousands. I just hope and pray they are read by those who need them.

Words of hope. Words of encouragement. Words that offer a balm to a hurting heart. And yes, sometimes, words that cause my readers to laugh from a place deep in their bellies.

Comparison, I hear you, but I won't allow you to stop me. Comparison, you will just spur me on to write more. I have the heart of a writer. Fear will not silence me. I'm not worried about the multitude reading my words, just that one reader who needs to hear what my heart has to say.

Comparison, thank you for the inspiration. I am a writer. I didn't need anyone telling me I am a writer. I had the words in me all along. I just had to believe in myself. I had to believe my words mattered. To at least one reader, every week, they do. So, I will continue to write. And I will pray ... "God, let my words make a difference."

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# County still red, but margin is shrinking

Republicans swept every one of the offices on the Hamilton County ballot in last Tuesday's midterm election from U.S. Senator to township board members. Although many, especially at township level, went uncontested to the GOP. So, you'd think they would be quite happy with the results. Voter turnout was 48 percent, about what is expected in the mid-term.

Republicans are, of course, happy to win, but the margins are growing smaller with each election. Democrats were not satisfied with the results, but voice optimism about the fu-

ture. A few years ago, Republicans won with 70 and even 75 percent in most contests.

In last Tuesday's election, GOP margins in countywide races were in the range of 57 to 59 percent. Some at the township level were even closer. In many counties that would be considered good enough, but in Hamilton County it is not outstanding.

So what is happening? The massive number of new residents is making a difference. Many are more liberal, and the county is getting more diverse. This shows up at the ballot box.

How will the parties deal

with this?

Issues are important, but only if presented by candidates. Republicans should have an advantage here because most residents seem happy with the peaceful and prosperous environment in the county.

Democrats are likely to agree but promise to make further improvements. They will need to recruit more candidates so as not to leave offices uncontested and continue to get new residents registered to vote and to the polls on Election Day.

Republicans may try to tighten up their precinct organization in an effort to locate their voters, better inform them and ready to vote. They will also need top-notch candidates so as not to simply rely on the

Republican label.

Next year's election is for municipal offices: mayor, city council, city clerk and town council in the smaller communities.

The trend toward shrinking GOP margins may continue, especially in Fishers and Carmel as hundreds of new apartment units fill with a new, younger, and more diverse population.

So, future elections will likely be decided by the political party that best adapts to the changing demographics and demands of the growing electorate.

Columnist Fred Swift has worked in newspapers for decades. He has been sharing his opinions in the pages of *The Reporter* since it began.



# Is your group health plan better than Medicare?

Let's assume you are approaching at 65 and, like the rest of America, confused about your Medicare choices. Your spouse wants to continue working for five more years. He will delay taking Medicare Part B because he can remain on his health plan at work.

For more people, their research stops here. Once they learn that they are not required to sign up for Medicare Part B as long as they have a group health plan that is as good or better than Medicare, they accept that they don't have to do anything. Your husband might be better off on Medicare.

To determine the best route, you should do a bit more leg work. Just because you can stay on your employer's group health plan doesn't mean that it is the best option for you. Your employer likely pays a portion of your health insurance. Gone are the days when your insurance was paid 100 percent by your

employer. In most instances, employers are not paying any part of the costs for your spouse.

At 65, even if you want to continue to work, Medicare may be a better option. The only way to tell which plan – your employer plan or Medicare – gives you the best benefits at the lowest price is to do a cost comparison. Don't assume your work plan is better. Often it is not.

To compare plans, you'll have to find out exactly how much you contribute each month for your work health plan. How much does it cost to keep your spouse on past age 65? You'll be shocked that it is often very high. How high is your annual deductible? The Kaiser Family Foundation found that in 2021, the average deductible for a single worker was \$1,655. If you compare that with a Medicare Supplement Plan G with a deductible of \$233, you can see that Medicare could be a better choice.

Does your work plan have any extra benefits like a great dental program? A Medicare Supplement won't have any dental benefits.

A huge variable is how much you will have to pay for Medicare Part B. The rich pay more. While 90 percent of people are paying \$170.10 each month, you could be paying from \$238 up to \$578 per month. If you do fall into this higher-earner category, it is almost always advantageous for you to stay on your work health plan and delay Medicare until you stop working. That same advice goes for your retired spouse. If she is 65 and stops working, she could go onto Medicare, but if you file your taxes jointly, she'll be subject to the higher monthly Part B amounts, too. This will almost always make staying on group health the best option.

You can't do the calculation once and be done. Your work health insurance will go up each year. The benefits change as employers run from inflation. You'll have to redo this comparison each year.

Many people are not sure that they can decline Medicare Part B if they continue to work past age 65. The rule is you won't have a late Medicare penalty or be hurt in any way by declining Medicare Part B – as long as you work for a large employer (over 20 employees) that offers a health plan that is as good or better than Medicare.

The self-employed and those that work for small companies must take Medicare at 65 or they will be subject to a hefty late penalty. That penalty lasts a lifetime. People are afraid of the penalty, so they sign up for Part B "just to be safe" and end up spending thousands of dollars unnecessarily. Rarely can you justify paying for both your work health plan and Medicare.

Every situation is unique, so don't make your decisions on speculation.

Sylvia Gordon is co-founder of *The Medicare Family*, headquartered in Noblesville, where she educates thousands on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can learn more at [themedicarefamily.com](http://themedicarefamily.com).



# Building your dream home? Beware arbitration clauses

It is time to build your dream home.

You find a local company that has built numerous other homes. It has a welcoming model home and a smooth-talking sales agent. You and your spouse are going to have a new home that is done your way with all the features that you desire.

The construction contract seems to be very thorough as you walk through the options

with the agent and put down a significant deposit. The salesman indicates that they have related title, insurance, and finance companies that will make the process seamless.

But then things start going wrong.

Lately, we have seen cases where regional and national builders have not complied with the terms of their own agreement. Furthermore, many of these

construction contracts require mediation and/or arbitration. Often an arbitration clause limits your rights to go to court and gives up your right to a jury trial.

Exactly what is an arbitration agreement? An arbitration agreement is a legally binding term in a contract that provides an alternative method of resolving a legal dispute. Namely, utilizing the services of an independent third party who resolves the dispute. Arbitration claims to be faster, more flexible, affordable, and private, and many of the evidentiary rules found in the court system are relaxed or do not apply.

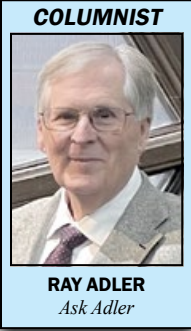
However, for the consumer, arbitration rarely results in a level playing field.

Despite the claims of its in-

formality and faster resolution, arbitration is quite expensive. In addition to the attorney fees one will likely incur, the arbitrator also charges for his or her services and arbitrator fees are not cheap! In reality, arbitration clauses are used to discourage litigation and usually are detrimental to the consumer.

If you are preparing to purchase a home from one of the numerous home builders in the area, carefully read through your construction contract and be sure to understand what rights you might be giving up by signing the contract.

Educational material and not legal advice, written by the team at Adler attorneys. Email [andrea@noblesvilleattorney.com](mailto:andrea@noblesvilleattorney.com) with questions or comments.



# Thanks for reading The Reporter!



Obituaries

Jewel Seats

June 10, 1930 – November 3, 2022

Jewel Seats, 92, Lebanon, passed away on Thursday morning, November 3, 2022, at Homewood Health Campus in Lebanon, Ind. Born June 10, 1930, in Grundy, Ky., she was the daughter of the late John Robert and Canzada (Watkins) Turner.

Many people have a natural gift; for Jewel, it was helping others. During her working years she did a little bit of everything – working at Spicewood Egg Farm and GC Murphy, and helping out at Stuckey Farms during the summer and fall, but the years she spent as a CNA with Sheridan Healthcare Center were some of her favorites. She enjoyed getting to know the residents and their families, as well as being an advocate for the loved ones who were in her care.

She and her husband Richard both worked the family farm in addition to their other responsibilities. Jewel did NOT take a back seat supporting role in this adventure. If a man could do it, so could she. From driving the equipment, doing yardwork and gardening, to being the chief mechanic and resident Mr. (or Mrs.) Fix-it that kept the whole operation going, she was in her element when she was on the farm. She and Richard also owned and operated their own tax service, helping countless people navigate the intricacies of a part of life that few enjoy or even understand.

There was one thing that could pull Jewel back inside and force her to take a break, and that was her soaps. She was a loyal fan of *General Hospital*, *Days of Our Lives*, and *All My Children*, and could tell you the history and back stories of every character, as if they were a part of her own family. Jewel took it pretty hard the day *Guiding Light* was canceled.

She also liked to read, as well as seek out new additions to her legendary doll and chicken collection. When it came time to play cards, the family “Card Shark” was always up for a game, especially Canasta.

Family was always on her mind and there was nothing she wouldn’t do for any of them. Jewel loved to sew and crochet, and that usually led to either a blanket or a quilt being made for one of the grandkids ... and with a family this size, that was no small task.

She was a woman of strong faith and even stronger conviction. Her Church family held a special place in her heart. She was a member of Pine Hill Baptist Church in Kentucky, the Sheridan Church of God, and Walnut Street Baptist Church in Lebanon.

Jewell is survived by three sons, Randy A. Seats (Margaret) of Mooresville, John M. Seats of Kirklin, and James Seats of Greenfield; five daughters, Linda J. Trips (John) of Lebanon, Colleen V. Hendricks (Jeffrey) of Jamestown, Kanzady G. Colbert (Rex) of Lebanon, Jane R. Morris (Jeffrey) of Sheridan, and Julie F. Horton of Lebanon; 29 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Thelma Smith of Lebanon, and Evelyn Landers of Strawtown; three sisters-in-law, Virginia Turner, Ella B. Hedge, and Phyllis Turner; and by her canine BFF, Holly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Robert and Canzada (Watkins) Turner; son, Richard Russell Seats; great-grandchild, Carilyn Seats; daughters-in-law, Shirlynn Seats and Candace Seats; brothers-in-law, Grady Smith and Bill Landers; brothers, Arthur, Horace, Earl, Arvel, John, Gene, Lincoln, and Edward Turner; sisters, (infant) Virginia Turner and Ruby Hunt; and by her loving husband of 61 years, Richard Campbell Seats, on December 16, 2009. Richard and Jewel were married on January 9, 1948.

Services were held on Friday, November 11, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation prior to the time of service. Burial followed at Wright-Bethel Cemetery in Waugh, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to either the Boone County Cancer Society or to Paradigm Hospice. Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

William Virgil Judy, Ph.D.  
April 16, 1938 – October 30, 2022

William Virgil Judy, Ph.D. (Bill), Lebanon, Ind., passed away on October 30, 2022, at the age of 84.



Bill was born April 16, 1938, in Cynthia, Ky., the youngest son of Edgar and Eloise Judy. He was raised with his brothers Max and Joe on a farm near Millersburg, (Bourbon Co.) Ky. Bill graduated from Bourbon County High School (Paris, Ky.) in 1956 and then earned his undergraduate degree and Master of Science from the University of Kentucky (Lexington) in the fields of anatomy, physiology, and biophysics.

Dr. Judy began his biophysics research career at Manned Space Craft Center from 1963 to 1968, where he conducted in-flight medical experiments on NASA’s Gemini and Apollo missions conducting and managing experiments to learn about the effect of space flight on human physiology.

Dr. Judy earned his Ph.D. from West Virginia Medical School in 1971, and then joined the faculty at the Indiana University Medical School in Indianapolis, where he taught and conducted research until 1980, when he moved to a purely research position at Methodist and St. Vincent Hospitals (Indianapolis). His main fields of research were in the development of non-invasive techniques for the measurement of blood flow through the heart; and the role of the coenzyme ubiquinone (Coenzyme Q) in the cellular energy cycle.

Dr. Judy founded the SIBR Research Institute in Bradenton, Fla., in 1995. SIBR was a full-service clinical research institute that developed and conducted clinical trial protocols to test the safety and efficacy of natural products, including Coenzyme Q.

Dr. Judy will forever be known for his pioneering work on CoQ, especially in the use of that molecule to treat a range of medical conditions associated with low metabolic energy. He demonstrated that treatment with CoQ has a great positive impact on patients with heart failure, heart surgery recovery, chronic fatigue syndrome, some cancers, Parkinson’s disease, and Prader-Willi syndrome. Dr. Judy’s contributions to medicine, pharmacology, and the nutraceutical industry, as well as his expertise on CoQ, took him around the world working collaboratively with all the leading scientists and doctors in this field. Dr. Judy’s research helped to pave the way for the use of CoQ as a medical treatment that helps millions of people around the world.

In his later years Bill had numerous health issues, but his beautiful mind remained clear, and he continued to collaborate on numerous scientific works with colleagues around the world.

Bill’s life was not entirely dedicated to his work. He enjoyed flower gardening, dogs, fishing, travel, skiing, great food, fine wine, his church life, football, college basketball (go Wildcats), and spending time with his family and friends: Sabbath with the Grands and Sunday lunch with Jan and Mary Jane. Bill was known for his hospitality, generosity, and good sense of humor.

Depending on when you knew Bill you may have known him as Bill, Dr. Judy, Professor Judy; but those who loved him most called him Dad or Willy or Papaw.

Bill married Judith Rahn (St. Augustine, Fla.) in 1964. Their son, Ted, was born on October 14, 1966. Bill and Judy divorced in 1969. Bill and Janet Stogsdill were married in the summer of 1975 and were separated only upon Bill’s passing, after 47 years of marriage. Bill and Jan’s daughter Kacia was born on July 17, 1979, and their son Daniel on April 20, 1981.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Eloise (McCauley) Judy.

Survivors also include his children, Ted (Deborah), Kacia, and Daniel; 10 grandchildren, Thomas and Matthew (Ted’s sons), and Ravy, Willow, Ivy, Jewel, Violet, Autumn, Onyx, and Sterling (Kacia’s children); brothers, Max (Francis), Joe (Judy), and their families.

A Celebration of Bill’s Life will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 20, 2022, at the Carmel Seventh-day Adventist Church, 14535 Carey Road, Carmel. Everyone who would like to be a part of remembering Bill and the way he touched all our lives is welcome.

Donations in Bill’s honor may be made to Indiana Academy, 2485 State Road 19, Cicero, IN 46034, or by email at info@iasda.org. Cards may be mailed to 713 Trillium St., Lebanon, IN 46052.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Random act of unkindness

I was the victim of a random act of kindness – again.

I had just placed an order for four nuggets and fries (yes, it was my night to cook for my daughter), when the girl opened the drive-thru window and announced, “Your meal is taken care of. That car ahead paid for it.”

I didn’t recognize the car. A mere stranger had picked up the tab. How random. How kind. How exciting. Happily, I put three dollar bills back into my wallet.

The kind driver stuck her head out the window, looked back at me, smiled, and waved. I recognized her. Paige, an acquaintance.

I didn’t recall seeing any social media references about National Pay It Forward Day, so double kudos to Paige for her truly genuine gesture of goodwill.

As a past initiator of random acts of kindness at restaurants, I haven’t had much success. For example, I once bought subs for two soldiers behind me in line at Subway. But before I could pay, two more soldiers arrived so I felt obligated to treat them as well. I assumed since the subs were to be paid by me, the soldiers would order the six-inch variety. In-



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stead they went for the more expensive 12-inchers. I quickly paid with plastic and fled before the rest of the platoon arrived.

And then there was last summer while lost in Illinois that I sought directions from four old guys drinking coffee at a McDonald’s. In return, I dropped a 10-dollar bill on their table, telling them their next round of coffee was on me. They looked shocked. It felt good to do this, so much so I had to keep from skipping too noticeably to my car. But before I could open my door, one of the men, a bit winded, caught up with me. He held out the \$10 and said, “You don’t owe us anything.”

I waved it away. “I want you to have it,” I said.

He was insistent, pushing the bill at me. “We don’t want your money, son.”

The selfish old coot was trying to rob me of my moment, reverse my random act of kindness so he could feel good about himself.

“No, I appreciated your help,” I said, pushing it back.

“That is what neighbors are for,” he said, pushing it back.

If we were neighbors, I wouldn’t have needed to ask you for directions, I wanted to say.

Fossas: the endangered cat-like animal on the island of Madagascar

The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School’s 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams.

Fossas are not the most well-known animal, but in Madagascar

they are seen often. They live in every part of Madagascar but tend to stick to the forests. Fossas particularly like humid or dry areas. They colonized the island between 18 and 20 million years ago. This species is considered vulnerable by the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Appearance

The Fossa has a slender



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body and a long tail that resembles a mongoose. Their name comes from the Greek word *cryptoprocta* which means “hidden anus.” Similar to squirrels and cats, Fossas have semi-retractable claws. This helps them move swiftly through the trees while climbing.

Location & population

Even though there are 2,500 Fossas left in the wild, the villagers are not a fan of the creature and do little to protect them. They see Fossas as pests and consider them dangerous. Furthermore, the children hear sto-



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ries of Fossas killing all the chickens and diminishing fires. This causes the villagers to eliminate any Fossa that comes near.

Another reason the Fossa population is steadily decreasing is due to 90 percent of forests being removed. At the current rate of deforestation, by 2060 all forests in Madagascar will be gone. Although Fossas have no natural predators, humans pose a hazard. They have a defense mechanism that helps against humans. When Fossas are threatened, they release an unpleasant scent that scares predators away.

Diet

Over 50 percent of the Fossa’s diet consists of lemur while rodents and lizards are at 9 percent, seeds at 5 percent and birds at 2 percent. They hunt both on the ground and in trees. Fossas hunt in a pattern known as cathermal. This means they peak at certain times of the day, normally in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

Breeding & development

Fossa’s breeding is very intriguing. While a female is sitting up in a tree, she waits

before looking in the rear-view mirror. Behind me was a minivan with a lot of interior movement going on, flashes of too many elbows and hungry faces, the woman in the driver’s seat looking half crazed in her mini-van hell, wishing that maybe birth control had been utilized at least every other time she dropped her pants.

“You owe 23 (something or another),” the drive-thru girl said.

Just my luck. For about 10 seconds, I was ahead moneywise. But not anymore. My original three dollar bills were useless. We were in the double digits now, which meant a random swipe of the debit card.

Gee, thanks, Paige.

I messaged Paige later to tell her how her random act of kindness had backfired in my face. She seemed amused. She then offered the following advice: Before going forward with a random act of kindness, first find out the meal’s cost.

In other words, you have the option of being kind – but not that kind.

Sure, she tells me this \$23 later.

Someday, I hope to beat Paige to the drive-thru – and pay her back. I’ll make sure to show up with a mini-van-sized hunger.

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Obituary

William Howard Smith

January 16, 1968 – November 4, 2022

William Howard Smith, 54, Elwood, Ind., passed away on November 4, 2022, at Ascension St. Vincent Mercy Hospital at Elwood.

He was born January 16, 1968, in Noblesville to Robert and Linda (Watters) Dunn. He attended Noblesville Schools and graduated with the Class of 1986 at Noblesville High School. He then completed four years of additional schooling at Anderson Trade School where he earned the title of Licensed Industrial Pipe Fitter.

William then put his schooling to work. He first worked at Firestone Rubber Company in Noblesville and later worked at Ford Motor Company in Connorsville, Ind., where he kept the machines running for the manufacturing of auto parts for cars. He took care and pride in his work and therefore enjoyed working.

In his younger age, he attended the Green Valley Christian Church in Noblesville. He enjoyed being with his family and friends and looked forward to their get-togethers.

Survivors include his mother, Linda Dell Smith of Elwood; a son, William O’Neal Smith of Santa Rosa, Calif.; a daughter, Tia Nichole Varela of Indianapolis; sister, Melissa Page of Indianapolis; plus three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert O’Neal Smith; and a son, Nicholas Smith.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, where you may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com). Memorial contributions may be sent to Hartley Funeral Home to assist the family.

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High School Football Regional Championships

Undefeated Royals rock regional

Southeastern shuts out Shamrocks, gets first championship in 17 years

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**FISHERS** — Hamilton Southeastern sprinted to its first regional championship in 17 years last Friday.

Playing dominant football on both sides, the Class 6A No. 1 Royals beat No. 9 Westfield 20-0 to claim the Regional 2 trophy at TCU Field. It was the first regional title for Southeastern since 2005 and its fifth in program history, and kept the Royals unbeaten for the season at 12-0.

“They played inspired football,” said HSE coach Michael Kelly. “They flew around. Our defense was phenomenal. Offensive line helped control the line of scrimmage. Our running backs ran really hard.”

The game got off to a slow start, with the defenses controlling the field during the first quarter. The Royals forced Westfield to punt on its first series, then the Shamrocks got a turnover on downs to stop Southeastern’s first run. Westfield took its second drive into Royals territory, but that ended when HSE’s Mason Alexander intercepted a pass near the end zone.

“Honestly, I’ll have to give it to Coach Kelly,” said Alexander. “He gives us inspirational speeches telling us we can do anything we can, as long as we put our minds to it.”

Alexander also said that the Royals are told not to be

scared of any other team.

“Everybody gets nervous before a game, but breathe in and out twice,” said Alexander. “As soon as that ball’s kicked off, it all goes away.”

Southeastern got its first scoring drive together in the second quarter, a nearly five and a half minute march down to the Shamrocks’ nine-yard line. While Southeastern had to settle for a field goal — a 26-yard kick from Carter Gutt — it got the Royals on the board. They led 3-0 at halftime.

It seemed like a big play was imminent, and it came from Jalen Alexander. The junior running back had been steadily gaining yards during the first half, but he finally let loose for a 73-yard touchdown run in only the third play of the second half. A Gutt kick give the Royals a 10-0 lead.

“It wasn’t just me,” said Jalen Alexander. “It was all my guys up front.”

Alexander gave credit to several linemen: Styles Prescod, Teddy Johnson, Alex Boothby, Kyle Young (“He’s really stepped up, I’m super proud of him,” said Alexander), Colin Krekler and Jack Osiecki at the tight end spot.

“They’re all just good dudes, man,” said Jalen Alexander. “Since week one, they’ve improved so much. I’m happy with where we are. We’re only getting better every week.”

The Royals’ offense seemed to get better as this



game went on as well. Gutt kicked another field goal late in the third quarter, this one from 30 yards to get Southeastern up 13-0.

In the fourth quarter, the Royals used another long drive to score one more touchdown. Jalen Alexander struck again, running in from seven yards. Alexander finished the game with 248 yards rushing.

Southeastern held Westfield to 107 yards of total offense. The Shamrocks played as well as they could, but were frustrated the entire game by the Royals’ defense. Kendall Garnett led the rushing with 52 yards, while quarterback Cole Ballard went 6-of-13 for 49 yards.

“I’m still proud of them,” said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert. The Shamrocks finished the season 8-4, improving greatly from the midpoint of the season



Photos by Joshua Herd

(Top) Hamilton Southeastern’s Mason Alexander (15) made a big interception for the Royals in the first quarter. (Above) Hamilton Southeastern’s Jalen Alexander (24) scored two touchdowns and rushed for over 240 yards during the Royals’ Regional 2 championship win over Westfield last Friday.

when they were 3-3.

“We just got to work,” said Gilbert. “We had a great

last six weeks. Tremendous practices. We had won five in a row, we won a sectional.”

The Royals will play for the 6A north semi-state Friday at Fort Wayne Carroll.

Blackhawks fall short to North Decatur

By **JAMES SEAY**  
For The Reporter

**SHERIDAN** — The Class 1A No. 6 Sheridan Blackhawks lost to No. 3 North Decatur Chargers 29-14 in the Regional 23 championship game last Friday. The Blackhawks’ 11-game winning streak came to an end as the Chargers ran away with the game late in the third quarter.

After scoring 75 points in last week’s sectional championship game to capture the first sectional title since 2012 (and 20th sectional championship overall) the Blackhawks were poised to compete for their first regional crown since 2011. Led by legendary coach Bud Wright, the winningest coach in Indiana high school football history, SHS got off

to a strong start in the first half, but was unable to keep up momentum, being shut out in the second half.

Senior Jacob Jones (156 rushing yards) was integral in setting up the first score of the night. The Chargers and Blackhawks were stymied on their initial drives of the night. North Decatur took the next possession deep into Sheridan territory and threaten to strike first when Sophomore Dayne Voege intercepted the Charger pass near the end zone. The errant throw was made possible by the pressure provided by Junior Trent DeCraene. Jones took the ensuing run 60 yards to the NDHS three-yard line while Senior Peyton Cross punched the ball into the end zone to open up scoring.

“In my 58 years of

coaching I have never had a running back average 16 per carry and Jones has been able to accomplish that feat. Even with (Cross) running for over 2,000 yards this season, Jones has been special,” said Coach Wright after the game.

North Decatur responded to the first touchdown of the game with a score on their own threw the air. On the point after attempt Sheridan was called offsidess and the Chargers elected to go for the two-point conversion. A successful run established the first deficit of the game for Sheridan. The strong defense of the Chargers was able to force a three and out and once again NDHS was able to score again, this time on the ground to push the score to 15-7.

The ensuing possession



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Sheridan senior Peyton Cross finished his season with 2,082 yards rushing and 28 touchdowns for the Blackhawks.

started at the SHS 24-yard line when Jones exploded for a 74-yard touchdown trot to bring the score to 15-14 midway through the second quarter. It would be the final score of the year for the

Blackhawks. Each team’s defense was able to derail its opponent as the game reached halftime.

In a surprise move, the Blackhawks went for an on-side kick to start the second half and were unsuccessful. When asked about the aggressive onside kick call, Wright said “we did not call that play.” Ultimately, the stiff defense lead by Cross, Jones and DeCraene was able to stop several advances in the second half.

Halfway through the third quarter the defense was able to stand tall when the Chargers threatened decided to forgo a field goal and attempt a fourth down play on the SHS five-yard line. Senior Evan Grinstead was able to break up the pass to get the turnover on downs.

Both defenses were able to stand tall until North Decatur was able to break through with a touchdown run half way through the fourth quarter to push the lead to 22-14. The Black-

hawks were intercepted on the following drive and surrender another score to close the game.

The Sheridan Blackhawks still turned in a season to remember after winning 11 straight games.

“Not many teams can say they have won 11 straight games. Our kids didn’t think we could do it,” said Wright after the game. “We started four or five sophomores this year and credit to them they kept getting better and better,” according to the coach.

Going into next season Wright commented, “We will re-evaluate things but look forward to our younger kids stepping up.”

Sheridan finishes the season at 11-2 with a Sectional 45 championship and the Hoosier Heartland Conference championship. The team will graduate eight seniors, including one of the state’s best running backs in Peyton Cross (2,082 yards rushing and 28 touchdowns).

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Basketball

# Millers' defense too much for Huskies in all-county game

By CRAIG ADKINS  
For The Reporter

ARCADIA – It was a patriotically festive atmosphere prior to the start of last Friday night's all-county girls basketball game between Noblesville and Hamilton Heights at the Husky Dome in Arcadia. It was Veterans Day and members of the Cicero V.F.W. presented the colors for the Star-Spangled Banner and all veterans in attendance were honored before tipoff.

On the court, the Millers and Huskies met for the 35th time in girls basketball. Noblesville would make the short trip back south with a victory over Hamilton Heights, 49-38.

The Millers got off to an early 4-0 lead with quick baskets from Meredith Tippner and Ava Shoemaker.

Heights quickly cut it to one with a foul on Kaitlyn Shoemaker. Kaylee Rhoton was fouled in the left corner on a three-point attempt and sank all three to make it 4-3.

"Noblesville is obviously really good and in our prep up to tonight, we

had prepared for their 1-3-1 and we started to have some success. We had some great looks early that didn't go down. Who knows, if those drop, they switch defenses earlier," said Hamilton Heights head coach Keegan Cherry on his team's good start against Noblesville.

Kaitlyn Shoemaker and Dani Mendez helped jump the lead to 8-5. The Huskies tied the game 8-8 with 1:18 left in the first on a Katie Brown three.

"This time of the year, most games are pretty close early on. Most teams are trying to feel each other out and adjust and get going. Our kids did a good job. We went into our 3-2 (defense) and that really bothered them," said Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley on her team responding to the Huskies' early pressure.

The Millers sped up the tempo early in the second. Freshman C.C. Quigley opened the quarter with a 14-foot jumper. Ava Shoemaker followed with a three from the right corner for 13-8.

After that, the Millers went on a 14-5 run to end

the first half with a 27-13 score after two quarters.

"We have a lot of kids that can score. Heights is going to take as much time as they can off the clock. They are going to be methodical and try to control the tempo. It was a slower-paced game and we have a lot of kids who can score and contribute offensively. We're a really balanced team," stated Buckley on her team's selfless offensive approach and how they reacted to the Huskies' attempt at controlling the tempo.

Noblesville kept pushing it in the third on both ends of the floor. Early on Ava Shoemaker knocked down a pair of threes, both in the left corner. Ultimately, it was the Millers' speed on defense that created offensive opportunities and they would find themselves up 43-21 through three.

"Ava gave us some great offense. Tipp got going and Reagan hit a big three. There's just a lot of different kids that can score for us," Buckley continued on how it doesn't matter who scores for the Millers.



Reporter photos by Kent Graham  
(Above left) Hamilton Heights' Kassidy Schakel (right) looks to the basket as Noblesville's Reagan Wilson defends. (Above right) Noblesville's Ava Shoemaker (right) scored 11 points for the Millers during their win at Hamilton Heights last Friday. Pictured at left is the Huskies' Hadleigh Cherry.

The fourth quarter belonged to the Huskies. Camryn Runner showed just why she is a player that will catch the eye of many this season. The junior guard made her presence known, scoring 10 of the Heights 17 in the quarter, but more importantly showed the home crowd what they have to look forward to this season.

"I felt like we were start-

ing to get it figured out. We went to some rover action and overloaded the baseline. Our girls were starting to figure it out, but we just ran out of time," stated Cherry on his team's push in the fourth that was too late.

The Huskies were able to outscore the Millers 17-6 in the final quarter, but that still would not be enough as Noblesville grabbed its second

win of the season, 49-38.

"I couldn't be more proud of every one of them. They represented our school and program in fine fashion tonight. Unfortunately, we got beat tonight and we learned from this game tonight," stated Cherry on how proud he was of his team's effort in the loss.

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# TAKE TWO: Fishers girls overwhelm both opponents at Tiger Den, now 5-0

By RICHIE HALL  
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FISHERS – Sharing is caring. And when it comes to a basketball team, sharing is winning.

The Fishers girls are good at sharing the basketball, so it should not be a surprise that the Tigers are winning quite a bit this season. Fishers improved to 5-0 after two wins last Saturday at the Tiger Den.

In their first game, the Tigers cruised past Columbus East 73-46. Fishers came back in the evening and sailed past Elkhart by nearly the same margin, 73-45. Nine players scored for the Tigers in the first game, while all 10 players that took to the floor in the evening game got in the scorebook.

"We've actually played 10 people in every game this year," said Fishers coach Lauren Votaw. "And that's one of the best parts about this team is our depth."

In the morning contest, the Tigers were in a battle with Columbus East during the first quarter, leading 17-16 after that first period. But Fishers broke away from the Olympians by outscoring them 18-8 in the second quarter for a 35-24 lead.

The Tigers depth took over in that period, with six different players scoring at least two points. Olivia Smith led the way with five, while Talia Harris and Hailey Smith both added four points.

Fishers took further control of the game in the third quarter by outscoring Columbus East 23-13. Hailey Smith scored nine points in that period, with Olivia Smith pouring in another seven. Hailey Smith led the scoring with 18 points, followed by Olivia Smith with 15 and Harris with 11.

"We've definitely been sharing the ball great this season," said Hailey Smith. "But we still have a lot to work on. Obviously, it's just the start."

"We want to run fast in transition and get fast buckets," said Olivia Smith, which she said leads to the Tigers wearing out their opponents. "And then also, when we're tired, it just gives us a fresh start to do the same thing over again."

**Perfect Ten**

Not only did all 10 Tigers players score in Fishers' evening game, but they all scored at least three points. This game was not as close at the beginning,

with the Tigers leading 23-11 after the first quarter. Harris had six points in that opening period.

Fishers led 41-20 by halftime, with nine players scoring at least two points. The 10th player to get on the board, Nevaeh Dickman, did so when she hit a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter.

"They're extremely talented," said Votaw. "And they have bought into this idea of, whatever it takes for us to be the best team that we can be. And they are all supportive of one another in whatever role they fill each night."

The Tigers have now scored 73 points in their last three games, using a high-octane offense and depth to their advantage.

"We actually want to play faster this year than what we did last year," said Votaw. "We really believe that our depth is one of the things that we want to try accentuate. We believe that we can play fast and do that."

Harris led the Fishers scoring against Elkhart with 12 points, while Olivia Smith scored 10 points.

**On to Ball State**

Hailey and Olivia Smith, the Tigers' sensational senior twins, made

news several weeks ago by announcing their commitment to Ball State University. Hailey Smith said that getting a chance to play close to home was a factor in their decision.

"When we got the offer from Ball State and we heard everything we wanted to hear on the calls, seeing the facility, it was definitely like, that's where we wanted to be," said Hailey Smith.

Olivia Smith agreed.

"Same thing as she said. They told us everything we wanted to hear. It was close to home, so my mom could come out to the games," said Olivia Smith. "I knew I didn't want to be that far away from my mom."

Fishers will begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play with its next game, hosting Westfield Friday at the Tiger Den. The Tigers won the HCC championship last season, and Votaw said her team is excited to compete to defend their title.

"Our conference is the toughest in the state, top to bottom, and it's exciting to get to go out every night and play against people of such a high caliber, such great coaches," said Votaw.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
Fishers' Olivia Smith scored 25 points during the Tigers' two home games last Saturday. Smith scored 15 points in Fishers' morning win over Columbus East and 10 points in the Tigers' evening victory against Elkhart.

"The challenge is something we're excited about."

"Every conference game, we can't take lightly," said Hailey Smith. "We got to come out prepared, make sure we're ready. Watching film in practice, just making sure we're locked in through the whole week to prepare for games."

Earlier in the week, Fishers beat Anderson 73-18 in an away game last Wednesday.

The Tigers led 17-4 after the first quarter and 43-13 at halftime. Fishers had a balanced scoring effort; Olivia Smith had 13 points and Ava Carter scored 10 points.

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Elks Lodge announces Hoops Shoot contest

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Elks Lodge and retired Hamilton County basketball coach Pete Smith will host the annual Elks Hoops Shoot contest next month.

The contest will take place on Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club, 1700 Conner St., Noblesville. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for registration and warm-ups, with competition beginning at 11 a.m. It is open to all boys and girls who live in the area. Everyone is asked to enter the Boys & Girls Club Community Center at Door No. 4 on the north side of the facility that faces Ivy Tech. Basketballs will be provided.

Contestants compete in one of six divisions:

- 1. Boys, ages 8-9
- 2. Girls, ages 8-9
- 3. Boys, ages 10-11
- 4. Girls, ages 10-11
- 5. Boys, ages 12-13
- 6. Girls, ages 12-13

• If the contestant will be age 7 on April 1, 2023, they are **too young** to participate.

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Southeastern blows away Elkhart & Columbus East

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern overwhelmed its two opponents in home games last Saturday.

The Royals first beat Elkhart 81-41. Four Southeastern players reached double digits in scoring: Riley Makalusky had 26 points, Lauren Stewart made three 3-pointers on her way to 13 points, Kennedy Holman added 12 and Maya Makalusky had 10.

Teegan Acres pulled six rebounds, while Maya Makalusky collected five. Acres dished out five assists, while Kennedy Holman and Olivia Brown both handed out five assists.

Kayla Stidham made two blocked shots.

The Royals had even bigger numbers in their second game, cruising past Columbus East 94-42. Maya Makalusky led the scoring this time with 28 points, while Riley Makalusky contributed 19 points. Stewart scored 13 and Acres had 11.

Brown had an outstanding game, with 14 assists, nine rebounds, five steals and two blocks. Makalusky drained five 3-pointers, while Stewart threw in three triples.

Southeastern is 4-0 and plays Tuesday at Center Grove.

The participants will shoot 25 free throws to determine a local Elks Lodge Champion. The six winners will qualify to advance to the District competition. All rules have been set by the National Elks Association (not Coach Smith).

The Noblesville Elks Lodge is proud to have had six of their past winners ad-

vance from their local competition to then win at the district level, then state level, then regional level, and then compete at the national championship competition in Springfield, Mass. One of those national finalists from their lodge, Ryan Cline from Carmel High School and Purdue, won the National Championship in 2010.

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Address Unknown  
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Date: November 7, 2022  
/s/ Clerk, United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana  
R1593 11/7, 11/14, 11/21/22

**29D01-2210-EU-000529**  
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R1603 11/7/22, 11/14/22

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*Tyler Krathwohl*  
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Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County

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Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on November 2, 2022.  
*Kathy Kragg Williams*  
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana  
R1615 11/14/22, 11/21/22

**29D03-2211-EU-000548**  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
In re the Estate of Barbara J. McClain  
Case No. 29D03-2211-EU-000548  
ADLER ATTORNEYS  
Raymond M. Adler, P.C., #2336-29  
136 South 9th Street  
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614  
(317) 773-1974  
ray@noblesvilleattorney.com  
**In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana**  
Notice is hereby given that THOMAS MCCAMMON WISE, on 11/3/ 2022 was appointed Personal Representative of the Unsupervised Estate of the above named Decedent, who died on October 22, 2022.  
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months of Decedent's death whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, November 3, 2022.  
*Kathy Kragg Williams*  
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court  
#3 of Hamilton County, Indiana  
R1622 11/14/22, 11/21/22

**29C01-2211-MI-008773**  
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT  
STATE OF INDIANA  
Cause No. 29C01-2211-MI-008773  
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: JULIA ANN BAUGHMAN )  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of November, 2022 the Petitioner, Julia Ann Baughman, filed in Hamilton Circuit Court her Petition requesting that her name be changed from Julia Ann Baughman to Julianne Baughman. Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition in Hamilton Circuit Court on February 3, 2023(10:00 a.m. court time)  
*Kathy Kragg Williams*  
Judicial Officer

Jenna M. Bailey # 34735-49  
COOTS, HENKE & WHEELER, P.C.  
255 East Carmel Drive  
Carmel, IN 46032  
(317) 844-4693 telephone  
jbailey@chlwlaw.com  
R1633 11/14, 11/21, 11/28/22

Read it here.  
Read it first.

COUNTY

**INVITATION TO BID**  
NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received as follows:  
BY: HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR:HAMILTON COUNTY BACKUP 911 FACILITY REMODEL PHASE 2  
Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at:  
Commissioners' Courtroom  
1 Hamilton County Square Noblesville, IN 46060  
At the following day and time: November 28th., 2022, at 1:00 PM  
Sealed bids can be delivered to the Hamilton County Auditor's Office until 12:30 PM at 33 N. 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060. After 12:30 PM they shall be delivered to the Commissioners' Courtroom located on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana up until the scheduled time of the noticed bid opening.  
Bids received after the date and time set for receipt and opening of bids as herein indicated will be returned unopened.  
Bids will be received for a single prime contract.  
Bids shall be in full accordance with the Construction Documents which are now on file with the Owner or with the Architect and may be examined by prospective Bidders at the following locations:  
RQAW Corporation  
8770 North, Suite 110  
Fishers, IN 46038  
Phone: 317-588-1798  
Bidders may obtain complete electronic sets of Bid Documents on or after October 31st, 2022, from the office of RQAW Corporation, 8770 North St, Suite 110, Fishers, IN 46038 Phone: 317-588-1798, www.rqaw.com.  
Bids shall include BID SECURITY in the form of a Bid Bond or certified check in the amount of a sum no less than 5 percent of the Bid Sum including all add alternates.  
Refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00 21 14 - Instructions to Bidders.  
BIDDERS are encouraged to attend a pre-bid conference / walk-thru with representatives of the Owner and Architect to discuss the project and related requirements. Pre-bid conference will convene at 10:00 AM local time, on November 9th at 12933 Ford Dr., Fishers, IN 46038.  
The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding.  
The owner shall award the contract to the contractor which the owner believes is qualified to perform the services included in the project and provides the best value to the owner.  
Base bids may be held for the following period before award of Contract:  
Sixty (60) Days  
Should a successful Bidder withdraw his bid or fail to satisfactorily execute all of the requirements and enter into a written Contract within ten (10) days after Notice of Acceptance of his bid, the Owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages.  
The successful Bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond from an approved surety company, which will remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of final acceptance of work. Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be in an amount equal to the following percentage of the Contract Sum:  
One hundred percent (100%)  
R1614 11/9/22, 11/14/22, 11/16/22, 11/21/22

FISHERS

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**  
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Hamilton Southeastern Schools has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$17,445,000 to fund the proposed renovation of and improvements to Lantern Road Elementary School, including HVAC improvements and classroom renovations.  
Dated: November 14, 2022  
*/s/ Janet Pritchett*  
Secretary, Board of School Trustees  
Hamilton Southeastern Schools  
R1626 11/14/22

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION**  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1 that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Hamilton Southeastern Schools (the "School Corporation") did, on November 11, 2022, make a preliminary determination to issue bonds for the renovation of and improvements to Lantern Road Elementary School, including HVAC improvements and classroom renovations (the "Project"). The bonds will have a maximum maturity of 2 (two) years, a maximum principal amount of \$17,445,000 and estimated interest rates ranging from 1.00% to 5.00%, resulting in total estimated interest costs of \$480,542.  
As required by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1(b)(1), the following information was available to the public at the public hearings on the preliminary determination: (i) the School Corporation's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 0.642%; and (ii) the sum of the School Corporation's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any other territory of the School Corporation divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 5.547%.  
The School Corporation's current debt service levy is \$51,935,721 and the current rate is \$0.5898. After the bonds are issued, the gross debt service levy will increase by a maximum of \$17,445,000 and the gross debt service rate will increase by a maximum of \$0.5898. However, as existing obligations mature, there is no anticipated net increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate above the current rate.  
The estimated amount of the School Corporation's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following 10 years if the School Corporation issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period, is as follows:  

Year	Estimated Total Debt Service Levy	Estimated Total Debt Service Rate
2022	\$51,473,000	0.5898
2023	64,239,225	0.5898
2024	29,310,000	0.3522
2025	27,860,000	0.2684
2026	25,045,000	0.2140
2027	18,431,000	0.1702
2028	16,298,000	0.1468
2029	13,545,000	0.1306
2030	13,548,000	0.1256
2031	10,065,000	0.1002
2032	10,067,000	0.0998

  
The purpose of the bonds is to provide for the Project.  
Any owners of real property within the School Corporation or registered voters residing within the School Corporation who want to initiate a petition and remonstrance process against the proposed issuance of the bonds must file a petition that complies with Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1 subdivisions (4) and (5) not later than 30 days after the publication of this notice.  
Dated November 14, 2022.  
*/s/ Janet Pritchett*  
Secretary, Board of School Trustees  
Hamilton Southeastern Schools  
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SHERIDAN

**TOWN OF SHERIDAN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at The Sheridan Community Center, 308 E. 6th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, to consider petition(s) 22-V-02 & 22-V-03, filed by Zachary Alexander. The request pertains to real estate comprising approximately 0.2 acres and generally located at 506 E. 9th Street, Sheridan, Indiana.  
The request is for approval of a Variance of Use to allow a Personal Storage Building in the Restricted Commercial (C1) District, and a Variance of Development Standard to exempt the Development Plan requirement for the proposed use (Sections 5.7 & 29.1).  
Specific details regarding this request, including the application, file, and property legal description, may be obtained from the Town of Sheridan, or by emailing pam@zonedinplanning.com.  
Written suggestions or objections relative to the request may be filed with the Town of Sheridan, at or before the public hearing, by emailing pam@zonedinplanning.com, or by mail to the Town of Sheridan (see address below). Interested persons desiring to present their views upon the request, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.  
R1630 11/14/22

CICERO

**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE**  
Pursuant to the requirements of I.C. 36-1-11-4 and I.C. 5-3-1, the Hamilton North Public Library Board of Trustees (the "Board"), hereby publishes notice of its intent to sell certain real property in Hamilton County commonly known as 100 Walnut Street, Atlanta, Indiana 46031. The form of the purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") and the legal description for the real estate may be obtained from the Hamilton North Public Library at 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero, Indiana 46034.  
The disposition of the real estate will be conducted under the following terms and conditions:  
1. Bids will be received at the office of the Hamilton North Public Library, which is located at 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero, Indiana 46034, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (EST), on December 2, 2022, and shall be addressed to the attention of Ann Hoehn, Director of the Hamilton North Public Library.  
2. The offer period will continue through and including, 1:00 p.m. (EST), on January 2, 2022, and may be extended from day to day thereafter until 1:00 p.m. (EST) on January 31, 2022, which is no longer than sixty days, as determined by the President of the Board until an offer satisfactory to the Board is received.  
3. The minimum bid for the property will be \$175,000.00.  
4. The real estate may not be conveyed to a person who is ineligible under I.C. 36-1-11-16 of the Indiana Code.  
5. Any bids submitted by a trust (as defined in I.C. 30-4-1-1(a)) must identify each:  
(A) beneficiary of the trust; and  
(B) settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust.  
6. Except as set forth in the Purchase Agreement, bids may not set forth conditions for the disposition, such as required zoning, soil, or drainage conditions, as a prerequisite to sale of the property, and the property will be sold "As Is."  
7. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.  
8. The disposition will comply with all other legal statutory requirements.  
Dated this 11th day of November, 2022.  
HAMILTON NORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
R1631 11/14/22, 11/21/22

PUBLIC NOTICE DEADLINE  
5 p.m. Friday  
for Monday publication  
PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com

WESTFIELD

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF PUBLIC ALLEYWAYS**  
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana of a public hearing at City Hall in the Assembly Room (130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074) at 7:00 o'clock pm on Monday November 28, 2022. At that time, the Common Council will consider a proposed ordinance authorizing the vacation of public alleyways under the provisions of Indiana Code §§ 36-7-3-12 and 5-14-1.5 ("Ordinance"). Old Town Companies has filed a Petition for Vacation of Public Right of Way with the City under Indiana Code § 36-7-3-12(b). The existing public way known as West Alley and an unnamed alleyway are to be vacated. This vacation of Right-of-Way will allow Old Town Companies to record the Union Square at Grand Junction - Secondary Plat in accordance with the updated design of the development.  
The public is invited to provide commentary on the Ordinance and shall be heard. Documents related to this Ordinance can be obtained from the Clerk at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.  
Upon request, the City will provide auxiliary aids and services. If needed, please call 317-804-3020 before the meeting to ensure proper accommodations can be made.  
Dated this 14th day of November, 2022.  
City of Westfield Common Council.  
R1616 11/14/22

**NOTICE OF HEARINGS**  
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37 and Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Westfield Washington Schools will meet at 8:00 a.m. on November 29, 2022 and at 7:00 p.m. on December 13, 2022, at 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana to hold public hearings.  
On November 29, 2022, the Board will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed renovation and expansion of Carey Ridge Elementary School, including site work and the purchase of equipment and technology (the "Project"). On December 13, 2022, the Board will hold a second public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed Project and will also consider the adoption of a resolution making a preliminary determination to enter into a lease agreement relating to the Project and to issue bonds to finance the Project. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings.  
Dated November 14, 2022.  
*/s/ Board of School Trustees*  
Westfield Washington Schools  
R1625 11/14/22

NOBLESVILLE

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**City of Noblesville, Indiana**  
This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 5th day of December, 2022. This hearing, to discuss applications **BZNA-0212-2022 and BZNA-0213-2022**, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application, submitted by North East Side Taildragers, requests that approval be granted to a Variance of Use pursuant to UDO § 8.B.3.B and Appendix C to permit the operation of a private club for remote control airplanes on a property that is zoned R2 (Low to Moderate Density Single Family Residential) and a Variance of Development Standards pursuant to UDO § 10.0.A.D.1 to permit the installation of a parking lot that is not paved or curbed for property **located at 12896 East 166th Street**.  
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.  
This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on the Department of Planning website, <http://www.cityofnoblesville.org/planning>, by clicking the Boards & Committees button, clicking the icon on the map relating to this location and selecting the application materials link.  
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals  
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary  
R1624 11/14/22

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**City of Noblesville, Indiana**  
This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 5th day of December, 2022. This hearing, to discuss applications **BZNA-0215-2022/ BZNA-0216-2022/ BZNA-0217-2022/ BZNA-0227-2022/ BZNA-0228-2022**, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Church Church Hittle +Antrim (contact: Andrew Wert) requests that approval be granted to the following Variance of Development Standards applications pursuant to (a) UDO § 10.4.D.1 to waive curbing and paving requirements for a parking lot, (b) UDO § 8.D.1.F.2 to modify screening standards for outdoor storage, (c) UDO § 12.5.C to waive interior parking lot landscape standards, (d) UDO § 8.D.1.F.1 & Table 8.D to reduce the minimum side yard setback for outdoor storage, and (e) UDO § 8.D.1.F.3 to permit outdoor storage in front of the rear line of the principal building within the I-1 (Light Industrial) zoning district on the property **located at 3222 Cicero Road**.  
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.  
This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on the Department of Planning website, <http://www.cityofnoblesville.org/planning>, by clicking the Boards & Committees button, clicking the icon on the map relating to this location and selecting the application materials link.  
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals  
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary  
R1628 11/14/22



— COURT NOTICES —

IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT  
STATE OF INDIANA  
Cause No. 29C01-2210-PL-008331  
DLM GJ, LLC, )  
Plaintiff, )  
)  
vs. )  
WESTFIELD GAS, LLC, CENTRAL INDIANA RAILWAY CO., MARTHA )  
DOAN, and JOHN DOE DEFENDANTS 1-10, )  
Defendants. )

**NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
TO: Central Indiana Railway Co., its successors and/or assigns  
BE IT KNOWN, that DLM GJ, LLC, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, E. Davis Coots has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court its Complaint to Quiet Title against Defendants Westfield Gas, LLC, Central Indiana Railway Co., Personal Representative to the Estate of Martha Doan and Defendants, John Doe 1-10, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, Central Indiana Railway Co., its successors and/or assigns, upon diligent inquiry are unknown, and that said cause of action is to Quiet Title to the following described real in Hamilton County, State of Indiana, as set forth in Exhibits A and B.

NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
Date: 10/21/2022

*Kathy Kreag Williams*  
Clerk of Hamilton County Circuit Court  
*/s/ E. Davis Coots*  
E. Davis Coots #3367-29  
Coots, Henke & Wheeler, P.C.  
255 E. Carmel Drive Carmel, IN 46032  
(317) 844-4693  
(317) 573-5385 - Fax  
dcoots@chwlaw.com

EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION

TRACT 1:  
Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section L Township 18 North, Range 3 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Hamilton County, Indiana; also parts of Lots 10 and 11, and all of Lot 12, together with the 16.5 foot North-South alley lying between Lots 11 and 12 all in Abel Doan's Addition to the Town of Westfield Indiana per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record 49, page 516 in the Office of the Hamilton County' Recorder; all being more particularly described as follows:  
Commencing at the intersection of the North line of said Northeast quarter with the Northerly extension of the West right of way of Maple Street as per plat of said Abel Doan's Addition; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds East (basis of bearings is North line of said Northeast Quarter-North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East) along said Northerly extension and along said West right of way line a distance of 260.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds East along said West right of way line a distance of 321.25 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot Number 13 in said Abel Doan's Addition; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the North line of said Lot 13 a distance of 82.50 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot Number 12; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds East along the East line of Lot Number 12 a distance of 156.75 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 12; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the South line of said Lots 12 and 11 a distance of 136.98 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of U.S. Highway 31; thence North 44 degrees 39 minutes 05 seconds West along said right of way line a distance of 88.81 feet to an angle point in the East 87 foot right of way line of U.S. Highway 31; thence North 00 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds East along said right of way line a distance of 414.84 feet to a point distant 260.00 feet South of the North line of said Northeast Quarter (as measured parallel with Maple Street); thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with said North line a distance of 277.41 feet to the Point of Beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT any and all property conveyed to third parties including any and all property conveyed to Jeffrey S. Jackson and Timothy L. Shaw pursuant to that certain Special Corporate Warranty Deed dated as of February 13, 1996 and recorded as Instrument No. 9609607590 in the Hamilton County' Recorder's Office, which property' is more particularly described as follows:  
Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 18 North, Range 3 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Hamilton County, Indiana, being described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the North line of said Northeast Quarter with the Northerly extension of the West right of way line of Maple Street as per the plat of Abel Doan's Addition to the Town of Westfield, Indiana recorded in Deed Record 49, page 516 in the Office of the Hamilton County' Recorder; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds West (basis of bearings is: North line of said Northeast Quarter - North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East) along said Northerly extension and along the West right of way of Maple Street a distance of 260.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds West along said West right of way line a distance of 171.75 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West parallel with the North line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 278.12 feet to the East 87 foot right of way line of U.S. Highway 31; thence North 00 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds East along said East right of way a distance of 171.75; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with the North line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 276.75 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND  
TRACT 2:  
LOT NUMBERED 13 IN ABEL DOAN'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 49, PAGE 516 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

EXHIBIT B

Lots numbered 14, 29, and the West half of Lot 30 in Abel Doan's Addition, an addition in the Town of Westfield, in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record 49 Page 516 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Also:  
A tract of land West of and adjoining the above described real estate in part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 18 North, Range 3 East in Hamilton County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 1 Township 18 North, Range 3 East; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) on and along the North line thereof 73.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West parallel with the West line of said Quarter 790.00 feet to the South line of Park Street in Abel Doan's Addition to Westfield, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record 49 pages 516 and 517 in the Office of the Hamilton County Recorder; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on and along said South line 502.33 feet to the True Beginning Point of this description at a point 180.00 feet North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West of the Northwest corner of Lot 14 in said Abel Doan's Addition thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on and along the South line of Park Street aforesaid 180.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 14, thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West on and along the West line thereof 111 2/3 feet (110.90 feet measured) to the Southwest corner of said Lot 14 on the North line of the Central Indiana Railroad; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds West on and along said North line 180.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds East parallel with the West line of Lot 14 aforesaid, 110 feet (110.06 feet measured) to the True Beginning Point; containing in all, including Lots 14, 29 and the West half of Lot 30, 1.72 acres, more or less.

Subject to (i) all easements, highways, rights-of-way, covenants, conditions, restrictions and other matters of record, (ii) all current, non-delinquent real estate taxes and assessments; and (iii) all matters that would be disclosed by an accurate survey or physical inspection of said real estate.  
*R1569 10/31, 11/7, 11/14/22*

HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1  
STATE OF INDIANA  
CAUSE NO.

29D01-2208-M1-006740

MELVIN JOHNSON, )  
ELISSA DOENS, )  
CATHERINE GABLE, )  
PAULINE MORAN, and PEGGY )  
SLOAN, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. )  
FORTUNE STAR TRADING, LLC, )  
Defendant. )

**NOTICE OF SUIT AND  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

The Plaintiff, State of Indiana, hereby notifies Fortune Star Trading, LLC, and all other interested persons that it has filed a Complaint for Forfeiture under the above-entitled cause for corrupt business influence damages of \$647,000.00 plus attorney fees and court fees.

You or your attorney must answer the Complaint in writing within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit is published, and if you fail to do so a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

*Kathy Kreag Williams*  
Clerk of Hamilton County, Indiana  
*/s/ Stephen A. Gross*  
Stephen A. Gross (7322-49)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
301 E. Carmel Drive, Suite E300  
Carmel, IN 46032  
(317) 569-8896  
*R1556 10/31, 11/7, 11/14/22*

STATE OF INDIANA )  
SS: )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON COURT )  
Cause No. 29C01-2210-MI-008445 )  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF )  
Tiffany Ward )  
Petitioner. )

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

Tiffany Ward, whose mailing address and residence address is: 6420 Apollo Way, Indianapolis, IN 46278, in HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Tiffany Ward has filed a petition in the Hamilton Court requesting that name be changed to Tiffany Lynnette Dyer.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: February 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN. 46060  
*Tiffany Ward*  
Petitioner  
Date: October 25, 2022  
*Kathy Kreag Williams*  
Judicial Officer  
*R1557 10/31, 11/7, 11/14/22*

— FISHERS —

Invitation to Bid  
Hamilton Southeastern Schools Lantern Road Elementary School  
Renovations

Notice is hereby given that Pepper Construction, LLC will receive bids for the early release Skylight Replacement bid package for the Hamilton Southeastern Schools Lantern Road Elementary School Renovations project located in Fishers, Indiana. This early-release bid package only includes replacement of the existing skylight.

**Bid package included in this bid event:** BP-01: Skylight Replacement Work will begin June 2023 and conclude no later than July 31, 2023.

All bidders must complete & submit prequalification documents prior to the bid submission deadline.

A virtual pre-bid meeting (not mandatory but encouraged) will take place on **Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 8:00 AM ET.**

All bidders are required to be prequalified with Pepper Construction prior to the bid submission deadline. **Bids are due: Thursday, November 17, 2022, 2:00 PM ET.**

Bidders may request electronic prequalification and bidding documents by emailing Caitlin Poe at cpoe@pepperconstruction.com  
*R1588 11/2/22, 11/7/22, 11/9/22, 11/14/22*

CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA NOTICE OF  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS (RFPO)

The City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana ("City"), pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 5-23-5-3 and 5-3-1 et. seq., hereby provides NOTICE of the City's Request for Proposals and Qualification to Design And Construct A Wastewater Line.

**RESPONSES DUE: NOVEMBER 29, 2022**

**PROJECT OVERVIEW:** The Project consists of designing (together with the City's design engineer, Butler, Fairman Seufert, Inc.) and constructing a wastewater line that serves the future Andreotti Global headquarters and approximately 90-acres of adjacent future development along the City's Nickel Plate Trail and the Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve. The site is near the Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport (Fishers location).

**EVALUATION:** The City will complete an evaluation and ranking of the RFPO responses based upon the following criteria:

- **Business Experience & Expertise with similar projects:** 40%
- **Concept Plan and description of approach to the Sewer Project:** 30%
- **Proposed Cost of the Sewer Project:** 30%

The full text and additional information concerning the RFPQ is available by contacting the City at 317-595-3111.

*R1610 11/7/22, 11/14/22*

— NOBLESVILLE —

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:  
By / At: City of Noblesville, Indiana  
Office of the Clerk  
16 S. 10th Street  
Noblesville, Indiana 46060  
Project: Multi-Use Nickel Plate Trail  
Until: 9:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, November 22, 2022  
**Receipt of Bids:** Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:

SEALED BID: Multi-Use Nickel Plate Trail

**Bid Opening:** Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 9:00 A.M, local time, Tuesday, November 22, 2022

**Qualification of Bidders:** Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Placing Asphalt Pavement", "Traffic Control: Pavement Markings", "Surface Masonry and Misc. Concrete.", "Highway or Bridge Over Water"

**The Work:** The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:

Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of a portion of the Nickel Plate Trail running from 146th Street to Pleasant Street for approximately 2.7 miles.

**Contract Award:** Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.

**Bid Documents:** Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after November 7, 2022. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to [arodewald@noblesville.in.us](mailto:arodewald@noblesville.in.us) and [dochoa@noblesville.in.us](mailto:dochoa@noblesville.in.us) requesting instructions to download project documents.

Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville – Engineering Department prior to 12:00PM, local time on Thursday, November 17, 2022. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:

Joseph T. Rengel, PE, PTOE  
A&F Engineering Co., LLC  
Phone: 317-202-0864  
Email: [jrengel@af-eng.com](mailto:jrengel@af-eng.com)  
Carbon Copy Question To:  
Andrew Rodewald  
Project Manager, Engineering  
Phone: 317-776-6330  
Email: [arodewald@noblesville.in.us](mailto:arodewald@noblesville.in.us)

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.

**Bid Security:**  
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.

**Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:**  
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.  
*R1594 11/7/22, 11/14/22*

— SHERIDAN —

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the Town has determined issue its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022 in the amount of not to exceed \$700,000 to pay for necessary capital expenditures involving the equipping of the Town's fire, police, park and street departments, including, but not limited to, (i) the purchase of police cars and ancillary safety equipment for the Town's police department, (ii) fire trucks and vehicles for the Town's fire department, (iii) various trucks, plows, mowers and related equipment for the Town's street and park departments, (iv) capitalized interest, if required, and (v) the necessary and incidental costs of issuance.

This notice is being provided in accordance with Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-5.  
Dated: November 7, 2022

TOWN OF SHERIDAN, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA

*/s/ Elizabeth A. Walden, Clerk-Treasurer*  
*R1604 11/7/22, 11/14/22*

NOTICE

TO: George Helms, the Town of Sheridan needs your property for the Indiana Next Level Trails Program for the expansion of the Monon Trail, and will need to acquire the following from you:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 20 North, Range 3 East of the Second Principal Meridian in the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at a cut "X" in concrete marking the northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 39 seconds West along the north line thereof 482.63 feet to the northerly extension of the east line of the land of Helms as described in Instrument Number 2012076989 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 01 second East along said northerly extension and east line 349.79 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING (the following two (2) calls are along the east and south lines thereof); 1) thence continue South 00 degrees 09 minutes 01 second East 17.93 feet; 2) thence North 43 degrees 20 minutes 13 seconds West 102.89 feet to the east line of the land of Eaton as described in Instrument Number 2018028651 in said recorder's office; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds West along said east line 20.33 feet; thence South 42 degrees 25 minutes 52 seconds East 104.64 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.031 acres, more or less.

We have made you a formal offer for this property that is now on file in the Clerk's Office in the Hamilton County Court House. Please pick up the offer. If you do not respond to this notice or accept the offer by December 14, 2022 we shall file a suit to condemn the property.

Town of Sheridan, Indiana  
Condemnor  
*R1621 11/14/22, 11/21/22*

— NOBLESVILLE —

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS (PUBLIC)

PART 1 - GENERAL  
1.1 NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
A. Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids for the new construction of will be received at:  
1. Noblesville ESC, 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062  
B. Bids will be received until:  
1. November 30, 2022 at 1:00 PM (local time) at Noblesville ESC, 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062  
2. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.  
C. Work shall be performed under one Unified Contract.  
D. Bids shall be submitted on forms provided in this Project Manual.  
E. Bids shall be executed in accordance with Indiana Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (Current Revision) - "Contractor's Bid for Public Works" (available at: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/files/Form96.pdf>), with a financial statement complying with Section III of Form No. 96, Supplemental Bid Form (Document 004113), a satisfactory Bid Bond, or certified check pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-4.5, payable to:  
1. Noblesville Schools  
F. Bid Security shall be in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total price and delivered in a sealed envelope showing the Bidder's name and address.  
G. Bid shall be delivered in a sealed envelope plainly labeled to indicate the following:

1. Addressed to:
  - a. Noblesville Schools
  - b. West Middle School Cafeteria Expansion
  - c. Attn: Public Bid
2. The name and return address of the Bidder.
- H. Should a successful Bidder withdraw the Bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit forfeited as liquidated damages.
- I. Construction shall be in full accord with Drawings and Specifications. Procurement Documents are obtainable from the printing company listed below for a deposit of \$300/set payable to the Owner, which will be refunded when documents are returned in good condition, within seven (7) days after the bid opening. There is a limit of three (3) sets per Bidder, one (1) set per subbidder and supplier, under the refundable policy. Additional sets may be purchased at non-refundable printing costs. A non-refundable fee will be added for postage when necessary. Electronic media of the Drawings and Specifications in PDF format is available to plan-holders (only) from the same printing company for a non-refundable fee of \$50.

1. Repro Graphix  
a. 437 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204  
b. Phone: 317-637-3377 / FAX: 317-637-3415  
c. <http://www.reprographix.com>
- J. Procurement Documents may be examined by prospective Bidders at the following locations:
  1. McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge  
a. 8900 Keystone Crossing, Suite 540, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240  
b. Phone: (317) 817-9110 / Fax: (317) 571-8201
  2. ConstructConnect  
a. 3825 Edwards Road, Suite 800, Cincinnati, OH 45209  
b. Phone: 800-364-2059  
c. <https://www.constructconnect.com>
  3. BX Indiana / Construction League  
a. 1200 South Madison Avenue, Suite LL20, Indianapolis, Indiana 46225  
b. Phone: (317) 423-7080 / Fax: (317) 423-7094

K. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to waive any informalities or errors in bidding for a period of sixty (60) days after the Bid opening.

L. Bidder receiving the award shall furnish an approved one hundred percent (100%) Performance Bond and a one hundred percent (100%) Labor and Materials Payment Bond which cover faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder. Said bonds shall remain in full force and effect for twelve (12) months from the date of acceptance of the Work.

M. The Contract to which the Owner will be a party will contain a provision prohibiting the other party to the Contract, and their subcontractors, from engaging in employment practice that constitutes a discrimination against a person because of the person's race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry. The Contractor shall provide an affidavit with each billing, assuring the Owner that this provision has been violated.

N. Where trade names, brand names, or manufacturers' names are used in this Project Manual, it is for the purpose of establishing kind and quality and not for the purpose of limiting competition. Bidders may offer items or materials equal in quality and having the same durability and efficiency if the Bidder first receives written approval from the Architect/Engineer prior to the date/time of the Bid opening and complying with requirements indicated in Document 002113, "Instructions To Bidders". The Bidder shall identify such substitutions by name, kind, and type with the Bid.

- O. A Pre-Bid meeting and tour is scheduled for:
1. Date: November 15, 2022
  2. Time: 1:00 PM (local time)
  3. Place: Noblesville West Middle School 19900 Hague Rd, Noblesville, IN 46062

*R1598 11/7/22, 11/14/22*

Public Auction Notice

Harbour Storage  
20236 Hague Rd.  
Noblesville, IN 46062

Auction to be held on Monday November 21, 2022 at 11am. This is for one storage unit. Lessee Cynthia Ford unit E73. The personal property stored in and outside of this space will be sold to satisfy the owners lien in accordance with IC 26-3-8-11. This sale will be located at 20236 Hague Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062.  
*R1620 11/14/22*

— 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://americameetinggroup.com/jackson/>.  
*R1346 9/19/22 through 11/18/22*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The forever benefit on a land patent located in Hamilton county Indiana is being perfected upon T18N - R4E - SE 1/4 SW 1/4 S17. Anyone interested in examining or challenging this claim by 12-5-2022, can go to <https://americanMeetingGroup.com/kjackson/>.  
*R1447 10/5/22 through 12/5/22*

WHITE RIVER CAMPGROUND  
SANITARY AND WATER UPGRADES  
HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
NOBLESVILLE, IN 46060  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **White River Campground Sanitary and Water Upgrades** will be received, by Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, at the office of the **400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN 46060**, until **12:00 pm, Noon**, local time on **November 23, 2022**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** Replacement of the existing water treatment facility with a 0.1 MGD water treatment facility including raw water tank, on-site hypochlorite generation system, pressure tanks, and other miscellaneous treatment equipment; the replacement of the water distribution system throughout the campground which includes approximately 7,200 linear feet of water main; the replacement of the sanitary sewer collection system which includes 4 E-One Grinder Stations and approximately 4,000 linear feet of gravity sewer and approximately 4,700 linear feet of low pressure sewer; installation of a new commercial septic system for the campground; including all other miscellaneous items, site work, and appurtenances.

**BID DOCUMENTS:** Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Banning Engineering, 853 Columbia Road, Suite 101, Plainfield, IN 46168. Copies of the documents are available for examining beginning at **10:00 am**, local time, **Friday, November 4, 2022**. Paper copies will be **\$125.00** and electronic copies will be \$25.00. Payments shall be made by check, money order or cash payable to **Banning Engineering**.

**INDIANA REQUIREMENTS:** Standard Questionnaire Form 96, shall be completely filled out and signed, including attachment of Contractor's Financial Statement as stipulated in Section III. An E-Verify Certification Form is also required.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on Bid Forms and in the order as identified and contained in the Contract Documents obtainable from the offices as stated above. Each bid shall be accompanied by a completely filled out Form No. 96, E-Verify Certification Form and acceptable Bid Security. Any bid not accompanied by the above-required items shall be deemed a non-responsive bid.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within a period of 60 days following the date set for the receiving of bids. The Owner reserves the right to retain any and all bids for a period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The Owner further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the Contract to any Bidder, all to the advantage of the Owner or to reject all bids.

**BID SECURITY:** Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check made payable to **Hamilton County Parks Department** or an acceptable bid bond in the amount equal to five (5%) percent of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana and whose name appears on the most current Treasury Department Circular No. 570.

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 am** local time on **November 14, 2022** at the **White River Campground located at 11299 East 234th Street, Cicero, IN 46034**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

**BONDS:** A Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price will be required from the Contractor to whom the work is awarded.

Owner: Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department  
Date: November 2, 2022  
*R1589 11/3, 11/7, 11/10, 11/14/22*

NOTICE  
(OFFER BY PUBLICATION)

To: Jennie Elisia Godwin, Glenn David Bell, Jr, Alexander Reed Haidar, and Lossie D. Crane, Trustee of the Revocable Trust Agreement of Lossie D. Crane, dated November 20, 2018, (owner), the State of Indiana (condemnor) needs your land for a public road improvement known as I-74 pipe lining, and will need



Basketball

University girls fall to Danville

By RICHIE HALL  
sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL — University lost for the first time this season last Wednesday, falling to a tough Danville team 57-48 at the U Center.

The Warriors led for most of the first half, and held a 17-10 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Payton Seay kept the Trailblazers in the game, scoring six points, and her layin had University within 12-10 late in the period, before Danville put in five points to end the quarter.

Freshman Keira Bright opened the second period with a 3-pointer, to cut the Warriors lead to 17-13. Danville still was ahead 26-19 midway the quarter, but the ‘Blazers went on a big run, outscoring the Warriors 12-2 for a 31-28 lead. Bright and DuBois both scored five points, including another 3 for Bright, while Seay added four points.

Danville scored a last-second layin to stay within 31-30 at halftime. University controlled most of the third quarter, eventu-



University’s Payton Seay scored 19 points to lead the Trailblazers during their game last Wednesday with Danville at the U Center.

ally leading 41-34. DuBois was dominant during that time, with eight points, including a pair of putbacks. But the Warriors started a run during the last minute of the period, getting

within 41-39 going into the fourth quarter. Seay opened the fourth with a layin, but Danville took control of the entire period by making a 15-3 run. The Warriors were able to run

things out from there.

University coach Justin Blanding was blunt after the game: “We’re just not tough enough,” he said. The Warriors had several steals during the game and made five putbacks, scattering them throughout the game.

“They got to fix it, or there’s going to be a lot of this,” said Blanding. “There’s a difference between playing and competing and we didn’t compete. When you compete, you’re tough.”

Three Trailblazers reached double figures. Seay scored 19 points, DuBois had 15 and Bright added 12 points. DuBois pulled 14 rebounds to reach double-double status and also handed out five assists. Seay collected nine rebounds, while Patterson had five assists and four rebounds.

University is back in action next Tuesday when it plays at Cathedral, the first of a six-game road stretch. The ‘Blazers than play a Friday game at Lawrence Central.

Roundup: ‘Rocks pummel Tri-West, fall to LC Bears

The REPORTER

Westfield split a pair of games last week.

First, the Shamrocks cruised past Tri-West 55-15 in an away game last Tuesday. Westfield led 13-4 after one quarter, then jumped ahead 27-6 by halftime. The Shamrocks never allowed the Bruins more than five points in a period, and were up 45-11 after the third quarter.

Aubrey Crockett and Lindsey Van Dyke both scored 10 points for the ‘Rocks, with Ellie Kelleher and Reagan Lorenzen each adding nine points. Lorenzen led the rebounds with seven, with Van Dyke collecting six rebounds. Kiki Loveless had two blocked shots.

Westfield dropped its first game this season last Saturday, falling to Lawrence Central 50-37 at CSI Gymnasium.

The Bears jumped in front of the Shamrocks right away, leading 16-7 after the first quarter. Westfield cut that advantage to 25-20 by halftime, but LC slowly extended its lead in the second half.

Emmrey Collinsworth scored nine points for the ‘Rocks, while Kelleher and Crockett each added eight points. Crockett made two 3-pointers. Loveless collected six rebounds and Crockett had two blocked shots.

Westfield is 3-1 and plays its first Hoosier Crossroads Conference game of the season Friday at Fishers.

Carmel dropped an away game at Huntington North last Saturday, 45-34.

The Greyhounds led 11-8 after the first quarter. Ava Carter came off the bench to hit two 3-pointers. The Vikings came back to tie the game at 15-15 by halftime, and pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring Carmel 14-7.

Carter finished the game with 13 points and three 3s,

while Taryn Fisher added 10 points. Lauren Perry led the rebounds with four.

The Greyhounds are 0-2 and play Tuesday at Zionsville, then host Fort Wayne Carroll on Saturday.

Guerin Catholic lost a hard-fought game with Greenfield-Central last Saturday, 41-38 at the Eagles Nest.

The Cougars led 12-7 after the first quarter and 27-19 at halftime. Natalie Fernandez helped keep the Golden Eagles in the game with seven points, including two 3-pointers in the second period. Guerin Catholic ramped up its defense in the third quarter, allowing it to get within 32-27 by the end of the period, but Greenfield was able to hold on in the fourth.

Kori Dues led the Golden Eagles’ scoring with 13 points, including 10 in the second half. Fernandez and Megan Cobb both had 10 points, with Dues and Fernandez both making three 3s.

Guerin Catholic is 1-1 and plays Tuesday at Hamilton Heights, then Saturday at Heritage Christian for the Golden Eagles’ first Circle City Conference game of the season.

Sheridan dropped its Hoosier Heartland Conference opener last Saturday, falling to Carroll 65-26 in an away game.

The Cougars outscored the Blackhawks in all four quarters, leading 35-13 at halftime. Kenzie Garner scored nine points for Sheridan, and also had nine rebounds and two blocked shots. Shelby Eaton collected six rebounds and Chaney Smith had five.

The Blackhawks are 0-2 and host Brebeuf Jesuit on Tuesday for their first home game of the season. Sheridan then plays at Covenant Christian on Thursday and at Elwood on Saturday.

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## Cathedral’s David Ayers signs to play at Butler University

Photo provided

David Ayers, a resident of Fishers and senior at Cathedral, has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball at Butler University. The Ayers family is pictured here. (Front row, from left) Anthony, David, Lauren and Mary Ayers. (Back row, from left) Patrick, Luke, Colin and Adam Ayers.

HAMILTON COUNTY

# Festival of Trees

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Volleyball

# Three HSE players make all-state team

## Royals Assistant Coach Larry Leonhardt named Asst. Coach of the Year

The REPORTER

Fresh off their Class 4A state championship win, three Hamilton Southeastern volleyball players received recognition from the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association early last week.

Royals players Avery Hobson, Lauren Harden and Macy Hinshaw were all named the IHSVCA's Class 4A First Team All-State. All three players were integral parts of Southeastern's run to a 34-1 record and the school's first-ever volleyball state title. So was libero Sophie Ledbetter, who received Second Team All-State honors.

Fishers' Ava Vickers also received First Team All-State honors, while Carmel's Lauren Evans was named to the Second Team All-State. Royals assistant

coach Larry Leonhardt was named the Assistant Coach of the Year.

Guerin Catholic's Claire Castor was named to the Class 3A Second Team All-State.

**HCC announces All-Conference teams**

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference announced its All-Conference team on Monday.

Southeastern finished its HCC campaign with a perfect 7-0 record, winning its fifth consecutive conference championship and putting together its fourth straight perfect HCC season. The Royals have won 33 conference matches in a row.

Southeastern coach Jason Young was named the HCC Coach of the Year.

Here's a list of final HCC standings and the All-Conference team:



Kirk Green / File photo

Hamilton Southeastern's Lauren Harden was one of three Royals volleyball players to be named to the IHSVCA's Class 4A All-State team last Monday.

Final standings

1. Hamilton Southeastern	7-0
2. Brownsburg	5-2
T3. Noblesville	4-3
T3. Fishers	4-3
T3. Westfield	4-3
T6. Zionsville	2-5
T6. Avon	2-5
8. Franklin Central	0-7

First Team All-HCC

- Avon: Isabelle Brown.
- Brownsburg:** Quinci Thomas, Ella Hemmings
- Fishers:** Ava Vickers, Margo Hernandez
- Hamilton Southeastern:** Lauren Harden, Macy Hinshaw, Avery Hobson
- Noblesville:** Riley Resmer, Ava Rundle
- Westfield:** Mallory Weber, Emma Dodson
- Zionsville:** Avery Maple

Second Team All-HCC

- Avon: Alexis Maesch
- Brownsburg:** Abby Sollenberger, Aysa Thomas
- Fishers:** Leslie Groff, Lucy Kay
- Franklin Central:** none
- Hamilton Southeastern:** Sophie Ledbetter
- Noblesville:** Ava Harris, Gabby Weihe
- Westfield:** Mallory Neale, Chloe Sutake
- Zionsville:** Isabelle Poehlein

# Employment Opportunity

The Town of Sheridan, Indiana is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Street Superintendent.

This position is a department head level position comprised of several upper-level management and leadership duties. Candidates should have knowledge, skill, and experience in leading, planning, controlling, and managing operations of municipal streets and public works.

The full job description is available at [www.sheridan.org](http://www.sheridan.org)

The Town of Sheridan offers benefits of health, vision, and dental insurances along with pension and deferred compensation retirement programs.

The salary range for this position is \$56,000 to \$58,000.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter and resume to Todd Burtron at [tburtron@taftlaw.com](mailto:tburtron@taftlaw.com) or via United State Postal Service to

Town of Sheridan, 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069

Attn: Street Department job posting.

Please submit resumes no later than close of business on Friday, December 2, 2022.

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Soccer

# Noblesville’s Ava Bramblett, Coach Dollaske earn honors

Many Hamilton County players named to both girls & boys all-state teams

The REPORTER

The Indiana Soccer Coaches Association announced its All-State teams last Monday, and the Noblesville programs received two big honors.

Ava Bramblett, a senior for the Millers, was named Girls Player of the Year. The Ohio State recruit led Noblesville with 17 goals and seven assists, and helped the Millers to their third state championship in

four years.

Meanwhile, Noblesville boys coach Ken Dollaske was named the Boys Coach of the Year. Dollaske coached the Millers to their second consecutive state championship, giving Noblesville a sweep of state for both boys and girls.

Numerous Hamilton County players were named to both the girls and boys all state teams. Here is a list:



Kent Graham / File photo

Noblesville senior Ava Bramblett was named the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association’s Girls Player of the Year. Bramblett helped the Millers to their third state championship in four years on Oct. 29.

All-State Soccer Teams

GIRLS

**Player of the Year:** Ava Bramblett, Noblesville.

**First Team:** Caroline Kelley, Hamilton Southeastern; Ava Bramblett, Noblesville; Megan Hamm, Carmel; Clare Simmonds, Carmel; Anna Pettit, Fishers; Marit McLaughlin, Noblesville; Hailey Wade, Hamilton Southeastern.

**Second Team:** Cassie Nowlan, Fishers; Tatum Coleman, Hamilton Southeastern; Lauren Adam, Noblesville.

**Third Team:** Nadia Zaborowski, Noblesville; Elise May, Fishers; Ayla Conn, Hamilton Southeastern; Meredith Tippner, Noblesville; Mia Smith, Westfield.

**Honorable Mention:** Cassidy Felger, Hamilton Heights; Taylor Cook, Hamilton Southeastern; Sutton Worman, Guerin Catholic.

BOYS

**Coach of the Year:** Ken Dollaske, Noblesville.

**First Team:** Adam Keleher, Carmel; Sam Divis, Noblesville; Noah Reinhart, Fishers; Connor Dora, Carmel; Kyle Clayton, Fishers.

**Second Team:** Liam Lloyd, Westfield; Oscar Tittle, Hamilton Southeastern; Arjun Gupta, Carmel; Sam Holland, Noblesville; Alex Kaczmarek, Carmel; Owen Mejia, Noblesville.

**Third Team:** Cole Thompson, Noblesville; Yahir Lopez, Westfield; Santi Morales, Fishers.

**Honorable Mention:** Logan Puls, Hamilton Southeastern; Evan Shideler, Hamilton Southeastern.

## MILLERS

Hamilton Heights was led by junior guard Camryn Runner with her game-high 18 points that led all scorers. Kaylee Rhoton also chipped in with nine.

The Millers were led again by Meredith Tippner, who finished with 16 points and another great night on the boards with 16 rebounds. Ava Shoemaker joined her in double figures with 11.

**Saturday games**

Both the Huskies and Noblesville got victories last

Saturday, one day after their meeting at Heights.

The Huskies won an exciting overtime game at Jay County, 45-44. Brown hit a 3-pointer in the extra period, and that would be the game-winning basket. Runner led with 22 points, followed by Ella Hickok and Rhoton with nine points each. Brown scored three and Kassidy Schakel had two points.

“Gutsy performance from our girls,” said Cher-

ry. “Proud of the fight we showed. These girls are fighters and never quit.”

Meanwhile, Noblesville got its third straight win over Lawrence North last Saturday, winning 40-53 at The Mill.

In recent seasons, it has become more of a physical affair between the two teams. The Wildcats had won 12 of the 17 meetings coming into the game, but the tide has changed in recent seasons.

LN got off to a 4-0 lead

early, but Noblesville came right back and went on a run to tie it 6-6. The Millers got consecutive buckets from Kaitlyn Shoemaker and Wilson for a 10-6 edge. The Wildcats closed the gap to 10-9 through one.

The Millers took the second 18-13 to make the score 28-23 at halftime, all while getting outrebounded 41-31 for the game, but that didn’t deter them.

Each would score 10 in the third, keeping the Mill-

er lead at five, 38-33. Ava Shoemaker accounted for five of the 10 and more importantly knocked down a key three-pointer from the left corner for 33-26. Ava’s free throw would then give them their biggest lead of the night at 34-26, but obviously the Wildcats didn’t go away easily.

Forcing big LN turnovers in the fourth helped propel the Millers to a home win 50-43 over Lawrence North for a weekend sweep.

Ava Shoemaker (seven rebounds) and Tippner each scored 14 and Reagan Wilson (four assists) joined them in double-digits with 12. Tippner notched her third double-double in as many games this season with 10 rebounds.

Noblesville (3-0) plays again on Friday at Brownsburg (2-2) and hosts Homestead (3-0) on Saturday.

Heights is 4-1 and hosts Guerin Catholic on Tuesday, then plays at Lebanon Friday.

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- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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