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ACCREDIT

Controller, Carmel Utilities, Carmel Information Systems and one of CFD’s mutual aid partners.

“The process of accreditation requires a joint effort, and our department takes immense pride in accomplishing it,” CFD Chief

David Haboush said. “CFD is dedicated to collaborating with the community to ensure a safe and pleasant environment for residents, employees, and visitors of our city.”

The CFAI is dedicated to assisting the fire and

emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self-assessment and accreditation to provide continuous quality improvement and the enhancement of service delivery to their communities. The CFAI

process provides an agency with an improvement model to assess their service delivery and performance internally, and then works with a team of peers from other agencies to verify and validate their completed self-assessment.

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NOBLESVILLE CREATES

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featuring two different covers by local artist Stuart Sayger, in partnership with Archie Comics and sponsored by Hamilton County Tourism. One cover is set at Conner Prairie, the other at Noblesville Creates. Only 200 copies of each cover will be available. Order now

for shipping or pickup options, or grab yours during the eclipse weekend. Copies of the comics are available for \$20 unsigned, \$25 signed, or get both signed covers with certificates of authenticity for \$50.

Visit the eclipse page on the [Noblesville Creates website](#) to check out the other upcoming Noblesville-based eclipse events and eclipse products by local artists.

To purchase one or both of the exclusive copies of the “Betty & Veronica Friends Forever Sleepover” comic, [click here](#).

STUCKEY FARM

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Highlights of the event will include:

- **Adventure Acres:** Open and rocking will be a giant boombox bounce house with sound and lights by Indy Bounce, lawn games, a giant 60-foot tube slide, Super Mega Slide, pedal cars, and more.
- **Solar Eclipse Viewing:** As the total solar eclipse unfolds, guests will have the perfect vantage point to witness this awe-inspiring celestial event.
- **Delicious Eclipse-Inspired Eats:** The Solar Swinewhich, Lunar Lemonade, Eclipse Pizza, and the Cosmic Crunch Pack are just some of the available food options. Of course, Stuckey’s iconic apple cider donuts will be available.
- **Additional offerings:** Eclipse educational videos, take-home craft, Eclipse Photo Ops, Country Market with Eclipse gear and Stuckey staple items will be available. To get a taste of the way astronauts eat, you can also try some freeze-dried candy products from County Fun Freeze.

Don’t miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable experience. Tickets for Total Eclipse of the Farm are available for purchase at [stuckeyfarm.com](#). Admission is \$10 per person on April 6 & 7 and \$20/person on April 8th. April 8th is presale only and includes certified viewing glasses. Don’t miss your chance to step back in time and experience a Total Eclipse of the Farm.

For more information, please visit [stuckeyfarm.com](#).

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# Celebrating work by artists living with disabilities at Fishers Arts Council & Ignite Studio

## The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) in partnership with Ignite Studio at the Hamilton East Public Library and the City of Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability will offer a month-long gallery of art by individual artists and artists who are part of organizations providing services to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The exhibit, which is split between Ignite Studio and the FAC Hub Gallery, is part of Fishers' annual **March Disability Awareness Month** celebration, which features special events and programs around the community.

Ignite Studio's exhibit can be found inside the north entrance to the library, as well as in the hall leading to Ignite Studio, and is curated by the Arts Education Coordinator of Ignite Studio, Sydney Brink. Fishers Arts Council's gallery is located at the Collaboration Hub at the Hamilton County Community Foundation in Fishers, curated by the Fishers Arts Council board and Executive Director Les Reinhardt.

Ignite Studio's gallery will be on display March 1 to 28, seven days a week, while FAC's gallery will be open March 4 to 27, Monday to Thursday, and by appointment only on Fridays by contacting FAC directly.

To celebrate the over 80 pieces of art shared between the gallery spaces, there will be a Second Friday reception from 6 to 9 p.m. on March 8 at the FAC Hub Gallery, which is free and open to the public. The reception is sponsored in part by Conner Prairie and the Fishers Arts + Culture Commission.

Live music will be performed by Andy Schomburg, a Special Education teacher for HSE Schools. A warm welcome from the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability will take place at 7 p.m., followed by a guest lecture by artist Johnson Simon.

"We added a guest lecture to our reception last year with Fishers comic book artist Jason Funk," Reinhardt said. "This year I'm pleased to have Indianapolis artist Johnson Simon speak about his artistic career. Both of these individuals have inspirational stories and how their art is part of that story."

Guests are welcome to come and go as they please during the reception, meet and shop directly from the artists, and learn about the supportive organizational resources that exist in the Fishers community. People of all ages are welcome and wanted in the gallery. ASL interpreters from Luna Language Services will be present during the reception. Artwork will be available for sale in both gallery spaces which can be purchased through QR codes on site.

The following organizations are participating: Art-Mix, Janus Developmental Services, Noble, and Studio Outside the Box. Students from Hamilton Southeastern High School's Exception Learners program, under the art direction of Dan Moosbrugger, are also participating. Jowan Ahmed, Drew



Art provided

See works like *Unity* by Johnson Simon this month.

Benedetto, Harraj Ghotra, Miguel Hernandez, Nilay Kasture, Carson Loggins, Yin Yin Mon, and Collin Young.

Individual artists who are self-representing, many of whom have participated in this exhibit since it started, are: Krista Darrow, Blake Dauby, Jason Funk, Anna Inger, Hikaru Kikuchi, Nick Mangos, Warren Miller, Mark Rouse, and Johnson Simon.

"While all artists are welcome to participate in our monthly themed exhibits, there is a core group of individuals who have participated in our March Disability Awareness exhibit for as long as I can remember," Reinhardt said. "I love seeing their creative styles grow and change over the years and I am always so happy to welcome them back to the gallery."

If you need assistance to enjoy FAC's events, please



reach out and let them know how they can help by emailing [info@fishersartscouncil.org](mailto:info@fishersartscouncil.org).

## About the Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at [FishersArtsCouncil.org](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org), or call or text at (317) 537-1670.



Photo provided

Following the event, Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison (above left) presented a plaque to Carmel Police Chief Jim Barlow (above right) expressing the Coroner's Office's gratitude for hosting the seminar.

## Coroner thanks CPD for playing host to death investigation conference

## The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office recently conducted a statewide conference on death investigation at the Carmel Police Department (CPD).

Attending the conference were coroners and deputy coroners representing

38 Indiana counties, plus CPD members. Presenting at the seminar were Lt. Jim Hawkins, Fishers Police Department; Detective Steve Ainsworth (ret'd.), Boulder County Sheriff's Department Colorado; and Brad Schleppe, Executive Director, Season of Justice.

## Westfield Chamber invites you to meet city planner Caleb Ernst

## The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites you "Pastry with a Planner," featuring Caleb Ernst, where you will have a unique opportunity to connect with Westfield city planners and delve into all things Westfield.

How does a city master-plan what gets built? Shouldn't there be a guiding document on development? Are new projects reviewed

against a vision? It's all in the Comprehensive Plan!

Whether you have never heard the term "Comprehensive Plan" before or you are a die-hard fan of all things urban planning, please attend this Pastry with a Planner event.

The event will take place from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19 in the Legacy Room at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.

[Click here](#) to register.

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# Hamilton County Tourism named one of Best Places to Work in Indiana

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. is again one of the 2024 Best Places to Work in Indiana, marking the fifth time the organization has earned the designation from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

The statewide awards program evaluates organizations that voluntarily participate and honors those that

earn high levels of employee satisfaction and engagement in the workplace.

“Destination managers and the community’s hospitality industry work to ensure the best possible experience is enjoyed by our visitors,” Hamilton County Tourism President/CEO Brenda Myers said. “Demonstrating that same hospitality and support to

this incredible tourism team just makes sense.”

Companies from across the state participate in a two-part survey process to determine if they are a Best Places to Work in Indiana. The first part evaluates each company’s workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems, and demographics and is worth approximately 20 percent of the total evaluation score.

The second part surveys employees to measure their experience in the workplace. The Employee Feedback Survey is worth approximately 80 percent of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top companies and final rankings. Workforce Research Group managed the overall registration

and survey process in Indiana, analyzed the data.

Final rankings will be announced at an awards ceremony May 8 at the Indiana Convention Center and be published in the Indiana Chamber’s *BizVoice* magazine after the event.

For more information on the Best Places to Work in Indiana program, visit [Best-PlacestoWorkIndiana.com](https://www.bestplacestoworkindiana.com).

**About Hamilton County Tourism**

Hamilton County Tourism Inc. is a nonprofit, destination management organization that promotes tourism growth through strategic marketing, hospitality and development initiatives providing hospitality to more than four million visitors to Hamilton County each year.

## Carmel Financial Advisor’s Joyce Foster commemorates 40 years with Ameriprise Financial

**The REPORTER**

Joyce Foster, CFP, CDFA, MBA a financial advisor with Carmel Financial Advisors, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC., recently celebrated 40 years with Ameriprise Financial. Foster has served residents of the Carmel area since 1984.

“I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to have enjoyed a fulfilling career spanning 40 years,” Foster said. “Throughout this journey, I have cherished every moment spent doing what I love and working with clients who

have enriched my life. Their trust, collaboration, and support have been invaluable, and I look forward to continuing to serve and contribute to our shared success in the years ahead.”

As a financial advisory practice, Carmel Financial Advisors provides financial advice that is anchored in a solid understanding of client needs and expectations and provided in one-on-one relationships with their clients.

For more information, [click here](#) or visit the Ameriprise office at 10333 N. Meridian St., Suite 120, Carmel.

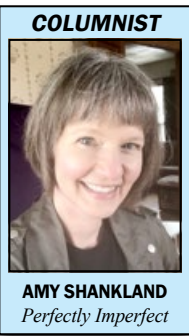


Foster

## Perk up your technology & music at work

Many of us work with a computer, laptop, tablet, or other mobile device. No matter what you use, you want to apply some of the same principles that we talked about for your physical work environment to bring you joy.

Are your computer files and documents well organized so it's easy to find what you need? How does your email look? Do you have hundreds of messages in your inbox versus organized into folders? Do you have a good system for saving documents other than throwing them on your desktop (shudder)?



AMY SHANKLAND  
Perfectly Imperfect

can use in your device.

Instead of multiple sticky notes, I use a combination of phone alarms and Outlook to remind me of appointments and tasks. Some friends of mine still use good old paper planners. You must discover what works for you.

Once you’ve organized your computer or device inside and out, what do you see when you first log in every day? Since you’re looking at this device for several hours each day, why not make it something motivating, beautiful, or inspiring? Or cute. You can’t go wrong with cute, unless it’s not right for a professional environment.

Your computer or device has wallpapers you can choose from. You can also find thousands of options that are easy to download from the Internet (just make sure they’re safe!).

Another way to lift your work surroundings is through music. It’s probably one of the top things I use to stay joyful. It moves me and makes me feel a myriad of emotions. It’s no wonder that I, like many people, often work at my computer while listening to music.

Entrepreneur.com states that, when used strategically, music can increase your productivity. In a noisy open office environment, slipping on some headphones or putting in earbuds can help you focus better on your tasks.

What if you’re on your feet with a more physically demanding job? Even better! For years my husband John was in the bicycle retail and repair business. Listening to music helped motivate him and his friends when they were doing repairs in the back of the shop. It also led to some laughter and raised eyebrows when customers would find them dancing as they worked!

Music can help not just employees, but customers as well. The City of Noblesville partnered with Noblesville Main Street years ago to start playing music over loudspeakers throughout our historic downtown district during the holidays.

The reason for this change? The partners knew that the right music puts people in good moods, creates a brand for a store or shopping area, attracts customers, and increases sales and revenue. Main Street received loads of positive feedback about it.

What if you’re not a “music” person? I’m good friends with someone like this and she is one of the sweetest people I know. So, us music people must respect non-music people (and vice versa!). This is where those headphones and earbuds come in handy.

White noise, which is like a fan running, is also helpful in a shared office space. According to Sydney University, white noise and its relatives, pink and brown noises, can help mask sounds and increase concentration.

I use pink noise thanks to an app on my phone at night to help me sleep to block out tinnitus. Many apps are free or low-cost to help you experiment with different soothing sounds that help your workspace be more pleasant and productive.

You can work together with others in your shared space to find the right combination for everyone. I encourage you to experiment with either music or white noise to find the right formula to help soothe, motivate, and move you to do your joyful best!

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# The Picture Has Changed

For some time, each ad has included a picture of the building where we meet. However, that is not the church -the people are. With that in mind our ad will now include a picture of “the church” – the people. We invite you to come visit with the church at Stony Creek. You will be warmly greeted, treated with respect, and highly valued. We can benefit from you, and you can benefit from us. Let’s search the Scriptures together and come to understand God’s Word more completely.

We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our building is behind the doctor’s office and at the stop sign.

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



## Stony Creek Church of Christ

**“First Century Christianity in the Twenty First Century”**

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Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm



# Sheridan Public Library has full March calendar

### Submitted

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

#### Babies + Toddlers

- March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11 a.m.: Baby Time (0 to 18 months)
- March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11 a.m.: Discovery Time (18 to 36 months)

#### Preschool

- March 1, 8, 15, 22 at 11 a.m.: Story Time (ages 3 to 6)
- March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11 a.m.: Mindful Movements (ages 2 to 6)

#### Grades K to 5

- March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 3 to 5 p.m.: Lego Club
- March 14 at 1 p.m.: Homeschool Event to Spring

#### Grades 6 to 12

- March 7 at 4 p.m.: D&D Game for Teens
- March 14 at 1 p.m.: Homeschool Event to Spring
- March 14 at 4 p.m.: Boba Flower Pots \*Registration required
- March 21 at 4 p.m.: Josmara Alvarado, Guest Speaker
- March 28 at 4 p.m.: Follow the Evidence to Handwriting Analysis

#### Adults

- March 5 at 3 p.m.: Adult Bingo (sponsored by Robert Owen)
- March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11 a.m.: Needle Crafters

- March 12 at 6 p.m.: Friends Meeting
- March 18 at 6 p.m.: Pinner's
- March 20 at 5:30 p.m.: Sheridan Readers: Indiana Author; read a book of your choice

#### All Ages

- March 2 at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Dr. Seuss Day; Read Across America to Scavenger Hunt, craft, etc.
- March 8 at 6 p.m.: Bingo Night, Free Event
- March 13 at 6 p.m.: Family Science Night \*Registration required
- March 16 at 6 p.m.: Winter Concert Series presented by The Farmers Bank: Kortney and Steve. Tickets available at the front desk for \$5
- March 20 at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Won't You be my Neighbor Day to Activity handout
- March 23 at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Easter Egg Hunt + Easter Bunny Visit to ages 10 and under, hunts begin every 15 minutes
- March 27 at 6 p.m.: Eclipse Presentation with IUK Professor Dr. Patrick Motl

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For more information on programming and services, please visit [sheridan.lib.in.us](http://sheridan.lib.in.us). The library will be closed, Saturday, March 23 for regular business hours to host Easter egg hunt and bunny visit.

# Don't miss Saturday's Westfield Winter Market

### The REPORTER

The Winter Market will run from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, March 2 at West Fork Whiskey, 10 E. 191st St. The Market runs weekly through Saturday, March 9.

Stop by for baked treats, fresh produce, meat, cheese, dog treats, honey, fresh flowers, handcrafted items and so much more. The market is free and open to the public.

The presenting sponsor is The Farmers Bank, and the host sponsor is West Fork Whiskey.

#### Presenting Sponsor

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• **CD & Money Market specials:** Visit The Farmers Bank's table at the market to learn more about CD and Money Market specials. Farmers Bank staff will be on hand to share information with you and even schedule an appointment to set up a new account.

• **Free tote & enter to win:** Pick up your free Farmers Bank tote bag and then enter to win as you enter the market. This month, The Farmers Bank is giving away a portable Bose speaker (value \$300) and two Yeti thermoses. No purchase necessary. Must be 21 or

older to enter.

#### March 2 Vendors

The following is a list of vendors that have confirmed their participation for this Saturday. This list is subject to change without notice.

- Alcomy LLC
- Angelo's Italian Market
- BricksMadeBetter
- Coconut Rose Designs
- Country Fun Freeze
- Creolicious Bakery
- Darling Impressions
- Dragonwood LLC
- Eagle Creek Apiary
- Emberline Designs
- Emma Mourfield Pottery
- Fungi Meadows
- Glaux Co.
- Gluten Free Creations, Inc.
- H&S Knife Sharpening
- Happy Mutt Pet Bakery
- Heritage Homestead Farms, LLC
- Ice Cream Donuts
- Just Millie and Me
- Kell Squires Pastures
- Kim's Key Lime Cookies, Inc.
- Lazy Labs Bakery
- Old Major
- Park Wagyu Cattle
- PipKing Creations with Soule
- Poppin' Sweet Confections
- REFCreatives
- Revolt CBD LLC
- Rivet Coffee Bar & Roastery
- Rock-A-Toy
- Rosie Sue Designs
- Shop Gina Celeste
- Simply Chunky Creations
- The Food Florist
- The Goodie Basket
- The Kafe (Kafeteria LLC)
- timbar
- Travelin Tom's Coffee
- United Bonds
- unsoaped, LLC
- Wander Free Design Co
- Waldis Artisan Bakery
- Wild Loaf, LLC
- Wrightway Crafts

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Noblesville Redevelopment Authority, Hamilton County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	1	RDA Debt Service	\$15,131,242.12	\$20,435,424.09	\$16,853,428.46	\$18,713,237.75
	2	RDA Capital Projects	\$25,548,606.49	\$54,636,165.10	\$20,602,819.71	\$59,581,951.88
		Total All Funds	\$40,679,848.61	\$75,071,589.19	\$37,456,248.17	\$78,295,189.63
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Noblesville Civil City, Hamilton County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	1101	General Fund	\$15,583,677.14	\$73,285,008.69	\$64,876,209.67	\$23,992,476.16
	2201	MVH	\$4,720,440.62	\$1,584,963.53	\$780,190.06	\$5,525,214.09
	2202	LRS	\$4,711,068.95	\$1,852,615.20	\$475,948.09	\$6,087,736.06
	2203	MVH Restricted	\$0.00	\$1,498,812.24	\$1,498,812.24	\$0.00
	2204	Parks And Recreation	\$3,130,870.09	\$4,192,723.76	\$4,568,127.48	\$2,755,466.37
	2211	Parks Program Fees	\$179,410.88	\$2,501,754.35	\$2,131,500.53	\$549,664.70
	2216	Redevelopment Commission Professional Services	\$459,701.46	\$136,917.87	\$396,768.04	\$199,851.29
	2224	Parking Meter	\$393.18	\$207,835.91	\$208,228.40	\$0.69
	2226	Downtown Development	\$107,075.73	\$862,500.00	\$91,221.98	\$878,353.75
	2228	Law Enforcement Continuing Education	\$194,391.98	\$66,579.05	\$44,038.27	\$216,932.76
	2233	Deferral	\$366,186.27	\$27,265.00	\$27,013.29	\$366,437.98
	2236	Rainy Day	\$15,881,549.92	\$5,676,544.80	\$9,108,088.99	\$12,450,005.73
	2240	LIT - Public Safety	\$0.00	\$787,374.00	\$0.00	\$787,374.00
	2249	Vehicle Excise/	\$773,208.51	\$1,883,355.39	\$2,300,368.47	\$356,195.43
	2300	Civil City Donation	\$22,072.06	\$2,264.02	\$15,000.00	\$9,336.08
	2301	Police Donation	\$83,708.03	\$24,070.00	\$20,540.15	\$87,237.88
	2302	Fire Donation	\$8,158.59	\$0.00	\$8,158.59	\$0.00
	2303	Event Sponsorships	\$88,471.24	\$167,112.66	\$169,061.57	\$86,522.33
	2304	Park Donation	\$330.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$330.00
	2305	Tree Board Donation	\$5,138.24	\$0.00	\$910.90	\$4,227.34
	2306	Cemetery Donation	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	2400	ARP Local	\$3,115,997.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,115,997.01
	2401	Community Development Block Grant - Federal	\$-131,735.28	\$131,735.28	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2403	Midland Trace Trail Grant - Federal LPA	\$-57.23	\$57.23	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2404	19th & Pleasant Intersection Grant - Federal LPA	\$-18,469.52	\$18,469.52	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2405	186th & Cumberland Intersection - Federal LPA	\$9.99	\$0.00	\$9.99	\$0.00
	2406	Greenfield & Howe Intersection - Federal LPA	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
	2407	Com Connect for Disabilities Grant Fund	\$0.00	\$791.85	\$791.85	\$0.00
	2408	NEA OUR TOWN GRANT - FEDERAL	\$-32,075.52	\$37,250.00	\$5,174.48	\$0.00
	2409	Fema Pub Asst Grant #146722-Fed	\$64,094.64	\$0.00	\$64,094.64	\$0.00
	2410	Usfs Cufa Grant-Fed	\$-25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2413	Community Crossings Matching Grant - State	\$93,877.34	\$1,939,250.13	\$1,813,805.72	\$219,276.75
	2415	Mih Grant-State	\$-19,919.68	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$80.32
	2417	Make My Move Grant - State	\$85,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$0.00
	2419	DOJ Block Grant - Federal	\$20,508.96	\$0.00	\$220.10	\$20,288.86
	2420	Nickel Plt Trl Grant - Fed	\$0.00	\$255,459.50	\$2,041,669.91	-\$1,786,210.41
	2421	Stoney Crk Trl Grant - Fed LPA	\$0.00	\$15,541.41	\$111,460.02	-\$95,918.61
	2422	Cnty ARPA READi Suppl Grant - Fed	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$147,665.23	\$852,334.77
	2423	SAFER Grant 2021 - Federal	\$0.00	\$121,854.75	\$395,031.30	-\$273,176.55
	2424	FHWA Gen Grants - Fed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,112.00	-\$6,112.00
	2500	Asset Forfeiture	\$17,837.00	\$1,696.77	\$0.00	\$19,533.77
	2502	Economic Incentive Revolving	\$249,388.47	\$375,000.00	\$0.00	\$624,388.47
	2503	Opiod Settlement Fund	\$68,148.22	\$17,100.91	\$0.00	\$85,249.13
	2505	Court Records Perpetuation	\$94,774.57	\$19,157.97	\$2,516.27	\$111,416.27
	2506	City Court Checking Account	\$124,866.16	\$729,782.84	\$808,577.02	\$46,071.98
	3307	DS/COIT Sinking	\$985,253.98	\$753,996.00	\$996,500.03	\$742,749.95
	3319	Fire Cumulative Control	\$1,197,769.72	\$1,131,824.49	\$1,645,795.93	\$683,798.28
	3321	DS/Cap Improvement Short Term Debt	\$0.00	\$9,797,746.39	\$9,765,644.98	\$32,101.41
	3322	DS/Bldg Auth Refunding Bonds, Series 2014	\$212,137.47	\$1,674,132.37	\$1,551,296.67	\$334,973.17
	3323	DS/Bldg Auth Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001	\$2,694,749.98	\$4,779,276.27	\$5,162,975.00	\$2,311,051.25
	3326	DP/Federal Hill Garage - 2021 Bonds -DS	\$128,061.60	\$635,562.46	\$442,992.50	\$320,631.56
	3345	DP/Equipit Lease Purch Loans - in Escrow	\$438,445.80	\$3,828,031.89	\$1,712,187.96	\$2,554,289.73
	3346	DS/Levinson	\$626,598.09	\$1,222,606.34	\$1,204,529.00	\$644,675.43
	3347	Dp/Nexus Apts - 2021 Bonds	\$0.00	\$80,238.42	\$0.00	\$80,238.42
	3348	DP/WASHINGTON BUSINESS PARK - 2021 BONDS-DS	\$479,827.95	\$56,375.00	\$317,700.00	\$218,502.95
	3349	Dp/Washington Business Park li - 2022 Bonds-DS	\$944,707.96	\$33,834.39	\$375,160.00	\$603,382.35
	3350	Dp/Bastian Solu-2023 Bonds-DS	\$0.00	\$1,570,746.95	\$311,275.00	\$1,259,471.95
	3351	DP/VILLAGE AT FEDERAL HILL - 2021 BONDS-DS	\$704,815.25	\$20,035.56	\$432,000.00	\$292,850.81
	3353	Dp/ East Bank Proj - 2022 Bonds-DS	\$667,939.70	\$45,561.67	\$442,198.00	\$271,303.37
	3354	DP/Millhaus Multifamily Project-2022 Bonds-DS	\$1,395,198.00	\$55,665.28	\$325,397.50	\$1,125,465.78
	3355	Dp/Mid Pointe-2023 Bonds-DS	\$0.00	\$1,659,242.03	\$226,189.81	\$1,433,052.22
	3356	DP/Milhaus Age Restricted-2023A/B Bonds-DS	\$0.00	\$814,451.84	\$166,677.51	\$647,774.33
	3357	DP/LOFTS ON 10TH - 2021 BONDS-DS	\$3,629.40	\$18,022.74	\$0.00	\$21,652.14
	4401	CCI	\$263,497.48	\$126,345.02	\$187,499.80	\$202,342.70
	4402	CCD	\$486,313.92	\$2,153,118.15	\$1,699,287.65	\$940,144.42
	4403	Park Impact Fee	\$3,960,825.35	\$1,598,013.02	\$864,184.81	\$4,694,653.56
	4413	DP/Annual Capital Improvement Projects	\$5,813,546.51	\$6,000,000.00	\$3,585,843.92	\$8,227,702.59
	4443	Road Impact Fee	\$6,273,679.51	\$5,365,250.12	\$1,183,779.94	\$10,455,149.69
	4445	Stoney Creek East TIF	\$632,722.46	\$2,422,631.98	\$1,875,838.15	\$1,179,516.29
	4446	Business Park TIF	\$1,001,669.45	\$831,739.19	\$1,340,425.42	\$492,983.22
	4447	Downtown/Logan St TIF	\$842,340.24	\$2,885,233.50	\$3,645,507.24	\$82,066.50
	4448	Corp Campus West TIF	\$3,565,686.95	\$5,459,550.02	\$5,730,888.25	\$3,294,348.72
	4449	Corp Campus East TIF	\$2,845,314.23	\$3,189,064.36	\$2,210,020.03	\$3,824,358.56
	4450	HazelDell Road TIF	\$1,640,479.30	\$1,158,956.45	\$1,069,981.02	\$1,729,454.73
	4451	SMC Corporation TIF	\$364,788.11	\$1,160,091.41	\$1,141,924.70	\$382,954.82
	4452	Bergen-Tegler TIF	\$1,527,948.85	\$1,389,940.53	\$1,153,837.13	\$1,764,052.25
	4453	Hamilton Town Center TIF	\$3,416,977.15	\$1,937,711.24	\$1,807,586.27	\$3,547,102.12
	4454	SR37 & 146th Street TIF	\$1,158,787.69	\$1,433,082.55	\$471,013.43	\$2,120,856.81
	4455	Pleasant Street TIF	\$342,707.49	\$824,454.39	\$15,371.75	\$1,151,790.13
	4456	Levinson TIF	\$0.60	\$217,251.74	\$209,586.27	\$7,666.07
	4457	Cent 146th St TIF	\$0.44	\$426,717.75	\$426,718.19	\$0.00
	4458	Finch Creek Fieldhouse TIF	\$89,986.64	\$656,984.98	\$633,685.25	\$113,286.37
	4459	Promenade Tif	\$331,601.78	\$604,093.70	\$378,020.46	\$557,675.02
	4460	Lofts On Tenth Tif	\$0.00	\$17,854.64	\$17,854.64	\$0.00
	4461	Nexus Tif	\$0.00	\$79,376.72	\$79,376.72	\$0.00
	4462	Wash Bus Park I Tif	\$0.00	\$65,448.88	\$42,656.32	\$22,792.56
	4463	East Bank Tif	\$0.00	\$26,669.62	\$26,669.62	\$0.00
	4500	Pleas St Phase I Bridge Grant-County	\$0.00	\$7,835,471.88	\$9,057,339.27	-\$1,221,867.39
	4501	Little Chi Rd Ped Bridge Grant-County	\$0.00	\$1,051,380.00	\$1,051,380.00	\$0.00
	4650	Trail Maintenance	\$220,351.78	\$0.00	\$220,351.78	\$0.00
	4651	Forest Park Rail Yard Rehabilitation	\$2,446,113.47	\$0.00	\$297,825.47	\$2,148,288.00
	4653	RD Impact/Pleasant St	\$221,025.13	\$732,998.47	\$837,800.00	\$116,223.60
	4654	DP/Pleasant Street PH & III GO Bond 2022B	\$5,000,000.00	\$4,850,000.00	\$4,996,500.98	\$4,853,499.02
	4655	DP/Issue LIT Refund Revenue Bonds 2019	\$2,973.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,973.74
	4656	DP/Federal Hill Garage - 2021 Bonds	\$2,378,364.13	\$80,120.70	\$1,744,576.23	\$713,908.60
	4657	2016 LOIT Special Distribution for Roads	\$5,913,236.45	\$101,886.85	\$1,383,516.17	\$4,631,607.13
	4658	DP/Finch Creek Park	\$134,933.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$134,933.01
	4659	DP/Pleasant St Phase I - 2021 BAN	\$480,651.20	\$0.00	\$480,651.20	\$0.00
	4661	Dp/Pleasant St Phase II&III - 2022 Ban	\$8,675,063.89	\$0.00	\$8,675,063.89	\$0.00
	4662	DP/Field Drive Bridge	\$105,121.74	\$0.00	\$105,121.74	\$0.00
	4663	DP/Campus Center - 2019 Bonds	\$71,496.42	\$3,308.27	\$0.00	\$74,804.69
	4664	DSR Tax Annual APPR Eco Bonds 2019	\$688,533.34	\$31,299.86	\$0.00	\$719,833.20
	4665	DP/Levinson Garage - 2019 Bonds	\$187,291.65	\$9,001.92	\$0.00	\$196,293.57
	4668	DP/WASHINGTON BUSINESS PARK - 2021 BONDS	\$244,757.01	\$1,928.37	\$246,685.38	\$0.00
	4669	Dp/Washington Business Park li - 2022 Bonds	\$3,172,156.75	\$88,511.87	\$1,991,327.66	\$1,269,340.96
	4671	DP/VILLAGE AT FEDERAL HILL - 2021 BONDS	\$2,481,180.79	\$17,901.44	\$2,441,760.30	\$57,321.93
	4673	Dp/ East Bank Proj - 2022 Bonds	\$4,767,335.46	\$47,476.01	\$4,700,205.48	\$114,605.99
	4674	DP/Innovation Mile - 2022 Ban	\$91,368.14	\$521.69	\$91,653.90	\$235.93
	4675	Dp/Justus Promenade Senior Project- 2022 Bonds	\$0.00	\$1,146,455.21	\$1,146,454.97	\$0.24
	4676	DP/Millhaus Multifamily Project-2022 Bonds	\$0.00	\$4,919.65	\$0.00	\$4,919.65
	4677	Dp/Bastian Solu-2023 Bonds	\$0.00	\$9,000,000.00	\$9,000,000.00	\$0.00
	4678	Dp/Mid Pointe-2023 Bonds	\$0.00	\$6,389,950.13	\$3,738,123.43	\$2,651,826.70
	4679	DP/Milhaus Age Restricted-2023A/B Bonds	\$0.00	\$2,584,412.21	\$2,567,029.63	\$17,382.58
	7704	Benefit Self-Insurance	\$5,127,181.49	\$15,350,124.98	\$15,433,017.31	\$5,044,289.16
	7726	Unemployment Self-Insurance	\$322,056.39	\$783,549.54	\$568,594.00	\$537,011.93
	7727	Accrued Sick Leave Payout	\$7,185.99	\$1,444,452.21	\$1,447,534.20	\$10,267.98
	7728	Property & Casualty Self-Insurance Program	\$5,389.58	\$1,677,948.56	\$1,658,011.96	\$25,326.18
	7729	Property & Casualty Self-Insurance Loss	\$345,898.69	\$636,468.48	\$293,528.68	\$688,838.49
	8801	1937 Fire Pension	\$736,979.44	\$495,094.40	\$513,218.06	\$718,855.78
	8802	1925 Police Pension	\$534,039.77	\$229,899.52	\$239,331.23	\$524,608.06
	8901	Payroll Control	\$101,873.95	\$44,915,011.72	\$44,949,045.50	\$67,840.17
	8947	Deferred Compensation Holding	\$130.10	\$2,238,831.62	\$2,238,831.62	\$130.10
	8976	City Court Service	\$10,866.75	\$119,931.65	\$119,314.65	\$11,483.75
	8977	Revenue Holding/Utility	\$70,000.00	\$5,195,385.24	\$5,198,535.24	\$66,850.00
	8978	State DORRevenue Holding	\$1,161.97	\$11,278.60	\$11,566.52	\$874.05
	8979	Civil City Escrow	\$396,330.83	\$42,920.42	\$43,170.00	\$396,081.25
	8980	IRS Holding	\$2,972.29	\$1,416.88	\$35.39	\$4,353.78
	8981	Property Tax Pass-Through	\$5,408.07	\$2,256.70	\$5,408.07	\$2,256.70
	6201	Sewer Works Operating	\$18,479,334.26	\$17,321,612.48	\$15,306,692.60	\$20,494,254.14
	6202	Sewer Debt Sinking	-\$183,575.76	\$4,768,642.88	\$4,584,715.38	\$351.74
	6206	Sewer Improvement & Betterment	\$15,892,716.18	\$5,276,321.41	\$2,578,622.91	\$18,590,414.68
	6207	Sewer Barrett Law Revolving	\$2,560,881.36	\$137,732.57	\$0.00	\$2,698,613.93
	6208	Sewer Capital/Phase V LTCP & Lift Stations	\$5,859,27			



## Final call for Fishers Parks’ Spring Formal this Saturday

### The REPORTER

Looking for a daddy-daughter style event that fits your family? Calling all parents, aunts and uncles, grandparents and more for Spring Formal 2024.

Get dressed up with the special kiddo in your life and dance the night away with Fishers Parks at the annual Spring Formal event from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, at the Fishers Parks HQ, 8100 E. 106th St., Fishers.

Adults and children aged 7 to 12 are invited to

enjoy a night of fun and dancing that also will feature crafts, games, a 360 video booth, virtual reality, and more.

Cost is \$25 per person. All attendees (children and adults) must be registered. Click here to register now.

#### Event Activities

- Red carpet entrance
- Live DJ and dance floor
- Activities + games
- Caricature portraits
- Take-home craft
- Take-home professional keepsake photo
- 360 video/photo booth

# County Councilman Mark Hall’s February Timesheet

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It’s to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works. As your employee,



it’s important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you’ll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column,

getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

Like many of us, February’s work was interrupted by Influenza A. Yep, I caught the flu. Personally, I missed an entire week of work. Yuck! Glad that’s over. February’s work concentrated on Finance, the Regional Development Commission, the County Utility District and researching upcoming proposed projects for both the full council as well as the RDC.

February’s personnel committee meeting was canceled. Normally, personnel requests are voted on as they occur – first in the personnel committee and then at the next regular council meeting using a recommendation from the committee.

The finance committee meeting included a detailed presentation of, and much discussion about, the county’s cash position. We were also briefed on the increase in interest income over budget and the final county tax rate as approved by the Department of Local Government and Finance. The county is in a strong financial position, our tax rate went down slightly, we have the sixth-lowest tax rate in the state and continue to maintain the best possible bond rating, AAA.

You may recall from a few months ago, the 2024 budget, for the first time in a few years, contributes to the rainy-day fund. The challenge ahead will be to balance the expense of upcoming projects with keeping our reserves strong.

I spent time this month studying the County Utility District. Of particular interest is how it works, why it was necessary and then learning how important it is as a means of protecting the water sources (aquifers) we have in the area. Water is increasingly becoming a challenge for counties throughout Indiana and for Hamilton County to stay competitive.

Reviewing the proposed Police and Fire Training Center plans along with the financing options has taken a good amount of time. This project is being revisited from a few years ago. This

proposed project would be funded with existing county TIF district money. Along with updated functionality this new development has the support of our public safety leadership around the county. After much review, I am in favor of the project, provided we can successfully fund the construction and provided ongoing operational and maintenance costs are paid for independent of county funds.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, February’s work included attending our first 2024 Finance Committee meeting, watching a Board of Commissioners public meeting, attending a Noblesville City Council meeting and a Cicero Town Council meeting.

This month there were two constituents service requests. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer.

February’s taxpayer questions were regarding the 2024 budget and the county tax rate. A constituent expressed concern after reading in the paper that higher than expected county investment income would be moved into existing budgeted line-item expenses. The 2024 budget included a substantial budgeted amount of investment income, and thanks to our County Treasurer, the investment income numbers exceeded the anticipated budgeted income. Those excess funds will be held in the county general account until appropriated.

The second request was for information regarding the county tax rate and where on the county auditor’s webpage our rates by township could be found. The taxpayer wanted to compare the county tax rate with that of Noblesville School District.

This month, it was an honor to represent you at the Westfield Small Business Networking meeting and at the Judge Andrew Bloch robing ceremony.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month 14. There are quite a few projects in the queue for 2024, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners’ priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people’s business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it’s important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it’s important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

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Carmel Redevelopment Authority, Hamilton County, Indiana						
Cash Fund Statement - 2023						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash Bal Jan. 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash Bal Dec. 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	900002	2016 Project Fund	\$422,397.64	\$857,144.95	\$1,114,696.81	\$164,845.78
	900003	2017 Project Fund	\$3,362,605.57	\$107,574.86	\$2,184,195.10	\$1,285,985.33
	900004	Redevelopment Authority Debt Service Fund	\$19,182,490.28	\$47,443,386.28	\$47,055,477.00	\$19,570,399.56
	900005	Redevelopment Authority Capital Projects Fund	\$78,175.97	\$543.33	\$78,719.30	\$0.00
	900007	2018A Project Fund	\$469,544.25	\$886,949.10	\$880,679.22	\$475,814.13
	900009	2021A Project Fund	\$40,879,451.52	\$3,118,600.23	\$14,702,212.96	\$29,295,838.79
	900010	2022A Project Fund	\$62,742,642.73	\$8,199,415.91	\$6,294,094.80	\$64,647,963.84
		<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$127,137,307.96</b>	<b>\$60,613,614.66</b>	<b>\$72,310,075.19</b>	<b>\$115,440,847.43</b>
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Carmel Civil City, Hamilton County, Indiana						
Cash Fund Statement - 2023						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash Bal Jan. 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash Bal Dec. 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	0	Carmel City Court	\$83,237.91	\$1,116,015.98	\$1,115,241.15	\$84,012.74
	0	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$78,462,466.57	\$78,462,466.57	\$0.00
	0	Redev Commission Trust Accounts	\$14,354,994.90	\$3,691,444.49	\$10,300,754.04	\$7,745,685.35
	0	2016 GO Bonds Trustee Accounts	\$6,901.58	\$21.50	\$6,923.08	\$0.00
	00	2021 GO Bond Trustee Account	\$1,270,172.94	\$40,892.53	\$736,999.69	\$574,065.78
	1	General	\$17,536,721.22	\$123,498,974.79	\$125,700,999.26	\$15,334,696.75
	102	Ambulance Fund	\$3,240,630.74	\$2,728,472.87	\$1,047,111.46	\$4,921,992.15
	103	Parks Capital	\$465,940.28	\$5,469,136.39	\$1,108,166.68	\$4,826,909.99
	106	Park Impact Fee Fund	\$2,800,154.68	\$2,059,261.89	\$596,749.13	\$4,262,667.44
	107	Hazardous Material Response Fund	\$40,282.56	\$3,291.60	\$0.00	\$43,574.16
	108	Motor Vehicle Program Fund	\$2,560,555.27	\$5,532,188.61	\$4,402,025.87	\$3,690,718.01
	109	Parks Monon Fund	\$3,803,786.67	\$7,179,146.87	\$6,332,450.02	\$4,650,483.52
	110	Parks Facilities Fund	\$234,474.17	\$281,831.86	\$201,284.86	\$315,021.17
	176	ARP COVID LOCAL FIS REC	\$2,067,288.91	\$4,714.42	\$2,072,003.33	\$0.00
	201	Motor Vehicle Highway	\$382,980.84	\$20,001,742.22	\$19,471,584.26	\$913,138.80
	202	Local Road And Street	\$2,080,683.82	\$2,732,964.96	\$1,962,306.07	\$2,851,342.71
	203	Cumulative Capital Improvement	\$190,663.79	\$181,078.68	\$216,396.88	\$155,345.59
	204	Capital Lease Fund	\$922,398.77	\$9,893,140.96	\$7,685,174.22	\$3,130,365.51
	205	MVH-CRP	\$4,022,687.50	\$2,148,109.48	\$2,500,000.00	\$3,670,796.98
	206	Cumulative Capital Sewer	\$9,650.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,650.61
	209	Deferral Fund	\$162,434.30	\$9,170.57	\$44,232.53	\$127,372.34
	210	User Fee Fund	\$317,967.51	\$109,084.64	\$37,101.37	\$485,950.78
	211	Cumulative Capital Development	\$660.42	\$5,148,387.83	\$4,850,125.19	\$298,923.06
	220	Barrett Law Fund	\$5.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.67
	221	Barrett Law Surplus	\$166,368.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166,368.57
	252	MIHP Fund	\$6,800.10	\$341.57	\$1,928.23	\$5,213.44
	256	Opioid Settlement Unrestricted	\$59,213.94	\$10,595.20	\$0.00	\$69,809.14
	257	Opioid Settlement Restricted	\$138,165.84	\$38,291.65	\$0.00	\$176,457.49
	301	Health Insurance Fund	\$2,579,551.17	\$21,778,258.16	\$22,972,768.20	\$1,385,041.13
	302	Workers Comp Fund	\$151,355.29	\$300,000.00	\$332,213.75	\$119,141.54
	403	Lease Rental Fund	\$3,852.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,852.65
	405	2004 Road Bond Fund	\$21,180.27	\$2,851,664.98	\$2,793,500.00	\$79,345.25
	406	2016 G.O. Bonds Debt Service	\$14,773.44	\$1,611,764.24	\$1,478,456.92	\$148,080.76
	407	2021 L/R Property Tax Bond	\$14,647.60	\$753,979.86	\$670,000.00	\$98,627.46
	408	2022 L/R PROPERTY BOND	\$0.00	\$5,217,421.10	\$5,003,000.00	\$214,421.10
	450	Old Town/126Th Street	\$459.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$459.75
	501	Dnr/Tree City	\$74,758.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,758.66
	502	Clerk's Record Perpetuation	\$288,643.50	\$26,434.25	\$40,957.03	\$274,120.72
	503	Court Interperter Fund	\$81.37	\$4.96	\$0.00	\$86.33
	504	Support For The Arts	\$19,133.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,133.77
	505	Public Defenders Fund	\$2,989.35	\$3,228.09	\$2,083.33	\$4,134.11
	506	JUDICIAL SALARY FEES	\$94,720.89	\$24,501.36	\$35,841.06	\$83,381.19
	507	Historic Preservation Fund	\$278,392.55	\$63,590.29	\$5,555.59	\$336,427.25
	801	Police Pension Fund	\$138,607.36	\$659,972.12	\$646,840.52	\$151,738.96
	802	Fire Pension Fund	\$4,396.33	\$662,797.84	\$644,145.52	\$23,048.65
	851	Fire Gift Fund	\$15,884.33	\$27,794.82	\$28,366.14	\$15,313.01
	852	Police Gift	\$154,962.38	\$122,181.96	\$54,459.75	\$222,684.59
	853	Parks Gift Fund	\$129,598.85	\$97,703.12	\$108,021.19	\$119,280.78
	854	Community Relations Gift Fund	\$193,416.25	\$213,245.63	\$173,852.50	\$232,809.38
	855	Carmel Redev Gift - Dinner Fund	\$116.81	\$7.11	\$0.00	\$123.92
	856	Carmel Redev Gift-Marketing	\$42,423.60	\$101,539.38	\$3,612.00	\$140,350.98
	900	Grant Fund	\$789,877.65	\$2,227,667.57	\$1,020,701.78	\$1,996,843.44
	902	Redevelopment Commission	\$17,904,551.07	\$43,573,648.49	\$46,032,690.89	\$15,445,508.67
	903	Economic Fund	\$73,565.17	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$93,565.17
	904	Housing Authority	\$58,865.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,865.18
	911	Drug Task Force	\$384,125.90	\$269,017.80	\$215,747.38	\$437,396.32
	912	Rainy Day	\$11,828,767.62	\$1,034,292.00	\$0.00	\$12,863,059.62
	919	Throughfare Fund	\$1,887,057.05	\$455,868.68	\$4,955.00	\$2,337,970.73
	920	Keystone Ave Fund	\$141,581.65	\$8,623.59	\$0.00	\$150,205.24
	921	Non-Reverting Bicycle Facility	\$51,679.31	\$20,572.87	\$0.00	\$72,252.18
	922	Non-Reverting Center Green Ice Rink	\$631,346.68	\$500,144.41	\$421,990.61	\$709,500.48
	923	Non-Reverting Events & Festivals	\$56,283.86	\$105,043.89	\$25,855.78	\$135,471.97
	924	Non-Reverting Code Enforcement	\$52,201.16	\$13,697.80	\$0.00	\$65,898.96
	925	Non-Revt Sidewalk Program	\$55,928.40	\$11,907.90	\$4,890.75	\$62,945.55
	999	Levy Excess Fund	\$0.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.18
WASTEWATER	0	Wastewater Bond & Interest At Bony	\$2,816,298.01	\$1,639,124.75	\$1,413,750.88	\$3,041,671.88
	00	Wastewater Construction Fund	\$502,029.32	\$2,888.23	\$504,917.55	\$0.00
	651	Sewer Operating	\$2,510,931.42	\$11,937,056.19	\$11,980,243.32	\$2,467,744.29
	652	Sewer Depreciating	\$0.35	\$39,257.00	\$39,256.39	\$0.96
	653	Sewer Bond Sinking	\$485,169.02	\$1,156,381.17	\$1,096,261.34	\$545,288.85
	654	Sewer Construction Fund	\$46,467.96	\$10,691,310.34	\$3,190,118.76	\$7,547,659.54
	659	Sewer Connection Fund	\$1,115,705.44	\$814,636.30	\$1,929,842.29	\$499.45
	660	Sewer Availability Fund	\$0.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.25
WATER	601	Water Operating	\$1,853,706.22	\$43,266,975.05	\$44,372,963.41	\$747,717.86
	602	Hydrant Meter Deposit Fund	\$42,705.00	\$600.00	\$75.00	\$43,230.00
	604	Water Depreciation	\$0.37	\$770,647.00	\$770,646.78	\$0.59
	605	Water Bond & Interest	\$1,573,682.00	\$65,688.00	\$0.00	\$1,639,370.00
	606	Water Sinking Fund	\$9,569.01	\$9,076,744.52	\$8,940,963.42	\$145,350.11
	609	Water Connection	\$1,378.03	\$2,473,644.36	\$2,184,683.34	\$290,339.05
	610	Water Availability	\$184.02	\$616,451.65	\$616,504.53	\$131.14
	612	Water Construction Fund (BAN)	\$43,930.69	\$30,138.17	\$74,068.86	\$0.00
STORM WATER	0	Stormwater Bond Trustee Accounts	\$5,109,823.64	\$212,302.91	\$63,421.02	\$5,258,705.53
	250	Non Reverting Storm Water	\$1,147,844.04	\$4,219,766.24	\$4,279,085.73	\$1,088,524.55
		<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$112,421,025.35</b>	<b>\$440,110,954.28</b>	<b>\$433,029,332.20</b>	<b>\$119,502,647.43</b>
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“The last original idea was E=MC<sup>2</sup>, and there’s some evidence to suggest he stole that from the Egyptians.”

– Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1988

— COUNTY —	
NOTICE	
<b>Project:</b> Hamilton County Special Projects 2024	
<b>Bid Package:</b> 10 Female Annex Boiler Replacement	
<b>Scope of work:</b> Boiler and hot water pump replacements inside of the Female Annex mechanical room.	
<b>Contractor Bids:</b> Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, during its regularly scheduled meeting in the Commissioners’ Courtroom will receive sealed bids for items as listed below. These sealed bids must be forwarded by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor, located in the basement of the historic courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 prior to 11:30 a.m. on March 25rd, 2024. After 11:30 a.m. bids may be delivered to the Commissioners’ Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening. All bids will be opened and read aloud beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25th, 2024.	
<b>Project Information:</b> To request project documents (drawings, scope of work, etc.), please email <a href="mailto:HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com">HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com</a> and access will be provided.	
<b>Subcontractor walkthrough:</b> Contact Mitch Imler (317-417-2712 or <a href="mailto:HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com">HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com</a> ) to schedule.	
<b>Questions:</b> All questions and correspondence should be directed to <a href="mailto:HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com">HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com</a> .	
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# Indiana Arts Commission launches summer training for educators

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced on Thursday the opening of registration for the 2024 Summer Institute for Creative Teaching. The Summer Institute for Creative Teaching began in 2023 and is a partnership with the Indiana Department of Education.

The Summer Institute for Creative Teaching is a three-day, in-person learning experience for Indiana educators. Through hands-on experience and collaboration with peers, participants will learn effective and innovative teaching strategies to implement in their classrooms. The Summer Institute will include engaging artistic activities and opportunities to explore how creative teaching can enhance curriculum and will take place July 10 to 12, 2024, at the Herman B Wells Community Center at Lebanon High School.

The conference is designed for both classroom

educators who are interested in trying new creative activities and learning how to apply them to their curriculum, as well as arts education programming staff at arts organizations who want to connect with peers and learn new strategies in arts learning.

The conference registration fee is \$75, which includes three days of enriching activities, carefully designed professional development experiences, all materials and supplies, and meals including two lunches and two breakfasts. After May 1, the fee increases to \$110. Scholarships are available for educators to attend at a partially or fully reduced rate.

“Teachers who participated in last year’s Summer Institute told us it was one of the most engaging and beneficial training experiences they have completed,” said Stephanie Haines, Arts Education and Accessibility Manager for the IAC. “Educators appreciated the opportunity to dive into cre-

ativity in a big way, network with other teachers, and connect with resources that support their classrooms. We’re

so grateful for the partnership with the Department of Education that allows us to offer this opportunity.”

Registration for the Summer Institute is open now and will remain open until May 15.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Summer Institute for Creative Teaching and how to register.

## — WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP —

Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	0061	RAINY DAY	\$249,543.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249,543.11
	0101	TOWNSHIP FUND	\$1,025,437.69	\$1,396,969.37	\$1,082,223.20	\$1,340,183.86
	0840	TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$132,858.88	\$247,628.56	\$209,794.06	\$170,693.38
	1111	FIRE FIGHTING FUND	\$483,173.09	\$845,623.51	\$709,833.70	\$618,962.90
	1190	CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND	\$481,173.21	\$60,900.87	\$0.00	\$542,074.08
	1312	RECREATION OPERATING	\$144,071.24	\$64.00	\$29,692.00	\$114,443.24
	1390	CUMULATIVE PARK & REC	\$202,284.09	\$54,751.75	\$81,284.01	\$175,751.83
	2305	CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT	\$5,088.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,088.93
	7776	ERAP - COVID	\$49,258.82	\$61,980.11	\$111,238.93	\$0.00
	7777	CDBG-COVID-19	\$167,622.00	\$0.00	\$167,622.00	\$0.00
	7778	ERAP 2 - COVID	-\$693,369.22	\$1,618,930.94	\$1,511,269.09	-\$585,707.37
	9999	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	\$0.00	\$115,892.87	\$115,892.87	\$0.00
		<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$2,247,141.84</b>	<b>\$4,402,741.98</b>	<b>\$4,018,849.86</b>	<b>\$2,631,033.96</b>
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>						
State of Indiana SS: Hamilton County I, Danielle Carey Tolan, Trustee of WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, Hamilton County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township. <i>Danielle Carey Tolan / Jamie Mills</i> , Washington Township Trustee Telephone: 317-574-9490 Date this report was to be published: March 1, 2024 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting this 13th day of February, 2024. <i>Danyele Easterhouse</i> , Township Board Chairman This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 13th day of February, 2024. Washington Township Board: <i>Jim Ake</i> <i>Danyele Easterhouse</i> R3948						
						3/1/24, 3/4/24

## — WESTFIELD —

Westfield Redevelopment Authority, Hamilton County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	313	2023 RDA Bond GJ	\$0.00	\$35,361,658.48	\$35,325,282.64	\$36,375.84
	326	LIT Bonds 2018	\$0.00	\$1,736,407.00	\$1,736,407.00	\$0.00
	440	Cash w/ Fiscal Agent-COIT 2016 Sinkfd	\$17,267.11	\$1,938,294.98	\$1,936,263.65	\$19,298.44
	442	Cash w/ Fiscal Agent-Operating	\$14,463.96	\$14,617.86	\$6,335.49	\$22,746.33
		<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$31,731.07</b>	<b>\$39,050,978.32</b>	<b>\$39,004,288.78</b>	<b>\$78,420.61</b>
R3921						3/1/24, 3/4/24

Westfield Civil City, Hamilton County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	1101	General	\$44,039,390.73	\$40,341,382.44	\$31,723,871.82	\$52,656,901.35
	2201	Motor Vehicle Highway	\$1,813,210.02	\$2,730,874.00	\$2,502,608.02	\$2,041,476.00
	2202	Local Road And Street	\$2,161,912.26	\$1,201,492.02	\$1,265,127.04	\$2,098,277.24
	2203	Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH)-Restrict	\$1,408,428.99	\$999,366.07	\$0.00	\$2,407,795.06
	2228	Law Enforcement	\$228,629.93	\$117,857.84	\$73,072.56	\$273,415.21
	2236	Rainy Day	\$3,007,724.32	\$92,741.47	\$3,319.67	\$3,097,146.12
	2240	Fire Operation	\$7,786,145.89	\$17,155,426.74	\$14,333,608.84	\$10,607,963.79
	2248	LOIT Special Distribution	\$67,767.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67,767.14
	2300	Fire Donation Fund	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
	2301	Police Donation	\$45,568.46	\$22,175.24	\$8,935.02	\$58,808.68
	2400	ARP2021-Covid Recovery	\$9,163,927.41	\$0.00	\$118,828.16	\$9,045,099.25
	2500	Parks Programming/Events	\$83,271.98	\$216,023.16	\$203,710.22	\$95,584.92
	2501	Performance/Maint	\$569,273.35	\$14,540.75	\$0.00	\$583,814.10
	2502	Leaf	\$326.91	\$6,742.12	\$0.00	\$7,069.03
Stormwater	2503	Golf Cart Fund	\$11,410.19	\$7,200.00	\$700.00	\$17,910.19
	2504	Parks Rental Fees	\$89,110.95	\$11,425.00	\$917.54	\$99,618.41
	2505	EMS	\$65,229.96	\$1,632,459.71	\$1,414,201.00	\$283,488.67
	2506	Training Facility Center	\$150,543.53	\$68,495.00	\$93,422.74	\$125,615.79
	2507	IT Surplus City Equipment	\$47,289.31	\$2,180.00	\$0.00	\$49,469.31
	2508	Sports Campus - Restrict	\$15,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,400.00
	2509	Sports Campus Operating	\$6,926,669.06	\$7,512,838.98	\$6,761,435.61	\$7,678,072.43
	2510	PSAP Special Distribution	\$0.00	\$579,374.00	\$197,237.69	\$382,136.31
	3321	GO Bond 5 2016 Debt Serv	\$1,988.42	\$0.00	\$1,988.42	\$0.00
	3323	GO Bond 2018 Debt Service	\$3,934.80	\$0.00	\$3,934.80	\$0.00
	3324	GO Bond 2019 Debt Service	\$170,688.35	\$1,172,154.90	\$1,164,745.34	\$178,097.91
	3325	Go BD 2020 Debt Service	\$160,974.48	\$1,149,543.49	\$1,141,057.50	\$169,460.47
	3326	GO Bond 2022 Debt Service	\$0.00	\$3,547,806.78	\$1,529,406.55	\$2,018,400.23
	3327	Grand Junction Ban SinkFD	-\$250,271.05	\$1,395,070.10	\$927,234.96	\$217,564.09
Stormwater	3328	Invest MS Westfield 2012B Bond Fund	\$48.32	\$100,253.84	\$99,922.75	\$379.41
	3329	LR BD2022AB Debt Service	\$0.00	\$615,158.42	\$0.00	\$615,158.42
	3398	SEP 2020 SinkFd	\$18.58	\$122,394.30	\$122,169.40	\$243.48
	3399	Cash w/ Fiscal Agent - Metro	\$21.69	\$197,047.44	\$196,926.65	\$142.48
	4401	Cumulative Capital Improvement	\$279,366.01	\$84,243.33	\$0.00	\$363,609.34
	4402	Cumulative Capital Development	\$2,809,491.15	\$2,210,640.96	\$1,096,180.15	\$3,923,951.96
	4403	Park Impact	\$5,575,681.47	\$3,338,338.39	\$1,583,781.40	\$7,330,238.46
	4443	Food and Beverage Tax	\$3,125,601.06	\$1,906,667.28	\$796,911.86	\$4,235,356.48
	4443	Road & Street Improvement	\$9,514,322.57	\$8,721,352.23	\$6,365,580.73	\$11,870,094.07
	4445	Eastside Tif	\$1,695,410.33	\$2,186,908.58	\$3,144,420.03	\$737,898.88
	4446	Aurora Tif	\$282,735.87	\$229,833.67	\$0.00	\$512,569.54
	4447	Grand Junction TIF	\$5,285,338.75	\$2,828,493.95	\$6,707,686.40	\$1,406,146.30
	4448	Eagletown Tif	\$3,440,666.69	\$1,573,334.30	\$4,477,628.00	\$536,372.99
	4449	SEP TIF	\$61,582.52	\$275,001.22	\$122,141.00	\$214,442.74
Stormwater	4450	Main St TIF 2011B Debt Sv	\$2,032,809.30	\$741,884.22	\$2,349,922.75	\$424,770.77
	4451	146th St TIF	\$2,193,375.11	\$1,016,412.19	\$0.00	\$3,209,787.30
	4452	Gigabit Broadband TIF	\$0.00	\$196,696.64	\$196,696.64	\$0.00
	4453	Spring Mill Sta TIF	\$1,247,615.49	\$840,690.60	\$0.00	\$2,088,306.09
	4454	Eagletown TIF 2016 DSR	\$354,117.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$354,117.50
	4455	Union Square TIF	\$44.77	\$9,560.23	\$0.00	\$9,605.00
	4456	Wheeler Landing TIF	\$2,491.25	\$86,124.40	\$5,024.50	\$83,591.15
	4501	City Facade Improv Grant	\$9,962.19	\$5,037.81	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
	4502	Duke Energy MP Program Grant	\$1,980.00	\$0.00	\$1,980.00	\$0.00
	4503	IDEP Safety Grant	\$25,223.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,223.20
	4505	Duke Site Readiness Program Grant	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
	4506	Community Crossing Grant	\$48,285.59	\$999,766.00	\$999,766.00	\$48,285.59
	4507	NE 196th - SR 38 Grant	-\$60,475.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$60,475.03
	4508	161st Union Improvement	-\$175,317.18	\$154,247.07	\$0.00	-\$21,070.11
Stormwater	4509	151st and Towne Rd Grant	\$555.78	\$6,589.28	\$2,269.28	\$4,875.78
	4510	Opioid Litigation Grant	\$51,701.68	\$55,924.06	\$0.00	\$107,625.74
	4511	Westfield Blvd Connector	-\$359,036.06	\$334,752.51	\$0.00	-\$24,283.55
	4512	Duke Energy FDIP Program Grant	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
	4513	Little Eagle Creek Ave	\$96,018.64	\$66,866.75	\$73,215.15	\$89,670.24
	4515	WW IAC Arts Project Grant	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
	4600	Parks and Rec Donation	\$8,464.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,464.37
	4651	Lease Rental BD2022AB FD	\$8,979,120.31	\$103,230.13	\$9,054,005.96	\$28,344.48
	4652	Lease Rental BD2022 Union Sq	\$12,064,599.74	\$524,335.30	\$4,378,398.51	\$8,210,536.53
	4653	GO Bond 2020	\$911,967.04	\$0.00	\$219,975.62	\$691,991.42
	4654	GO Bonds 2022	\$5,732,500.00	\$0.00	\$976,224.39	\$4,756,275.61
	4655	Grand Junction Ban Construction	\$464,757.73	\$0.12	\$463,617.48	\$1,140.37
	4656	Grand Junction Investment	\$837,719.40	\$421.16	\$838,140.56	\$0.00
	4657	SEP 2020 Construction	\$16.84	\$0.56	\$0.00	\$17.40
Stormwater	4658	Wheeler2021A BD Constr	\$556.52	\$4,240,914.62	\$3,097,885.52	\$1,143,585.62
	4659	Wheeler 2022B Construction	\$193,047.56	\$5,734.18	\$125,812.50	\$72,969.24
	4660	Fire Ambulance Lease Proceeds	\$283,637.39	\$4,087.10	\$280,237.00	\$7,487.49
	4661	Greenspace Beautification	\$2,189.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,189.20
	4662	GO Bond 2023	\$0.00	\$6,104,673.60	\$142,155.00	\$5,962,518.60
	4663	Front Street 2023 Bond	\$0.00	\$219,752.84	\$219,721.25	\$31.59
	4699	Infrastructure Improvements	\$543,617.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$700,615.00	\$5,843,002.00
	7726	GP Diamond Escrow	\$590,807.02	\$594,857.86	\$0.00	\$1,185,664.88
	8901	Payroll	\$47,987.83	\$28,940,457.44	\$26,891,626.05	\$2,096,819.22
	8902	PERF Payroll	\$342.92	\$4,075,266.52	\$3,906,539.58	\$169,069.86
	8976	UMR	\$9,205.60	\$5,495,817.29	\$4,525,592.30	\$979,430.59
	8977	Anthem Bank	\$243,622.82	\$0.00	\$243,622.82	\$0.00
	6501	Stormwater	\$754,945.07	\$2,617,926.30	\$2,184,173.58	\$1,188,697.79
	6502	SW 2017 B and I Sinking	\$0.00	\$361,088.00	\$361,088.00	\$0.00
	6504	SW 2017 Construction	\$237.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$237.11
Stormwater	6505	SW 2017 Bonds DSR	\$315,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$315,000.00
	6604	Trash	\$1,703,281.21	\$3,162,244.17	\$2,882,585.23	\$1,982,940.15
		<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$149,015,805.31</b>	<b>\$171,335,196.67</b>	<b>\$153,318,602.54</b>	<b>\$167,032,399.44</b>
R3922						3/1/24, 3/4/24

## — CICERO —

Notice	
On March 5, 2024 Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:30 PM at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.	
R3960	
3/1/24, 3/4/24	

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## — WESTFIELD —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION			
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the City Council at their regular meeting place at Westfield City Hall at 130 Penn Street, in Westfield, IN at 7:00 PM, on the 11th day of March, 2024, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.			
0101	General Fund- Facilities and Events Department		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Personal Services		\$475,667
	Supplies		\$12,500
	Services and Charges		\$491,465
	Capital Outlays		\$15,000
0101	General Fund- Parks Department		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Personal Services		\$29,953
	Supplies		\$17,300
	Services and Charges		\$1,234,340
	Capital Outlays		\$37,000
	TOTAL for General Fund		\$2,313,225
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.			
R3967		3/1/24, 3/4/24	



# Christine D. Brown Memorial 2024 Scholarship open now

## The REPORTER

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program recently announce the application for the 2024 Christine D. Brown Memorial Scholarship, which is open and available at [this link](#).

The deadline for applications is Monday, April 1. To qualify for this scholarship, you must fit all the following criteria:

- Current or former students or graduates who have resided in or attended a Westfield Washington Township school (i.e. Westfield Public Schools, Guerin Catholic High School, Options High School, Homeschooling, etc.)



- All recipients must demonstrate their plans for continued education
  - Be a graduating senior or no older than age 25
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# What’s new in Carmel, Indiana?

## *The Omnibus Show sits down with new Mayor Sue Finkam about her first days in office*

## The REPORTER

*The Omnibus Show* welcomed Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam to the podcast on Monday, Feb. 26 hear about her first days in office, her outlook, and what is in store for her first term.

In her interview, Finkam discusses how the city strives to be the best. She reflects on what is being done right and where improvements can be made.

With those questions in mind, Finkam and city officials have launched a new Community Survey. [Click here](#) to learn more and take the survey.

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Next week’s guests on *The Omnibus Show* will be Hollywood acting couple Linda Purl and Patrick Duffy. You may remember Purl from *Happy Days* and *Matlock*. Duffy starred on *Dallas*. Purl will perform at Feinstein’s at Hotel Car-



Photos provided

(Above left) Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam was the guest on Monday, Feb. 26’s show. (Above right) TV legends Linda Purl and Patrick Duffy will talk about “Duffy’s Dough” on the Monday, March 4 podcast.

michael on March 7. [Click here](#) for tickets.

Also, the two have taken on a new ‘roll’ in life – promoting Duffy’s Dough, Patrick’s family sourdough. Learn more at [duffysdough.com](http://duffysdough.com).

## About The Omnibus Show

The podcast is for people who are interested in everything, with deep con-

versations on a wide variety of subjects. *The Omnibus Show* is a podcast started by Dave Gibbs. He started out, after graduating from Indiana University, as a journalist and photographer; he worked all over Indiana, the Pacific Northwest, and the Chicago area. His late father, John, was the Ex-

ecutive Producer for *City Desk* at WMAQ-TV (NBC) Chicago, which was a decades-long interview show between top reporters and celebrities, people, and politicians with ties to Chicago. Visit [TheOmnibusShow.com](http://TheOmnibusShow.com) for more information and to sign up for the newsletter.

# Hamilton Southeastern High School graduate Whitney L. Coker named 2024 Rising Star Honoree

## Submitted

Partner Whitney L. Coker of Craig, Kelley & Faultless who grew up in Fishers and graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School in 2002 was named a 2024 Rising Star honoree.

Along with Whitney Coker, Craig, Kelley & Faultless has six other lawyers who are 2024 Indiana Super Lawyers or Rising Stars honorees. David W. Craig, William J. Kelley II, Scott A. Faultless, and Krysten M. LeFavour were once again Super Lawyers honorees. David Craig has once again been named among the Top 50: 2024 Indiana Super Lawyers List. Alexander R. Craig, and Samantha Craig Stevens were Rising Star honorees yet again.

Each year, Indiana Super Lawyers recognizes

the top lawyers in Indiana via a patented multi-phase selection process involving peer nomination, independent research, and peer evaluation. Only 5 percent of the attorneys in Indiana become Super Lawyers honorees each year. Those named to the Rising Star honoree list are selected using the same process except they are 40 years old or younger or have been in practice for 10 years or less. Only 2.5 percent of the lawyers in Indiana are named Rising Stars honorees.

Not only have David Craig and Scott Faultless been Indiana Super Lawyers honorees for several years, but they also sit on the Board of Regents for the Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (that requires Board Certification in Truck Accident Law). They both have been rec-



Coker

He is also the host of the podcast, [After the Crash](#).

Craig, Kelley & Faultless have built their practice to successfully battle dangerous trucking companies, reckless drivers, unsafe businesses, and unreasonable insurance companies. They limit their practice to representing people who have been seriously injured or killed by the carelessness of others. The firm handles cases involving semi-trucks, wrongful death, and other catastrophic injury cases throughout the United States. They have a team of experienced attorneys, paralegals, investigators, and staff who will aggres-

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# Human trafficking alert: Attorney General Todd Rokita kicks off Indiana Child ID Kit Program to protect kids

**The REPORTER**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced that all Indiana kindergarten through fifth-grade students will receive a child ID kit this fall.

The announcement was made during a press conference with the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, NFL Alumni Association, Colts Super Bowl XLI Champion Marlin Jackson, and Pro Football Hall of Famer Mike Singletary.

On average, 1,000 chil-

dren go missing across the United States every day.

“Human trafficking is on the rise and our open border policies have brought it right to our front door,” AG Rokita said. “That is why I have filed multiple lawsuits to secure our southern border. Our office fights to keep criminals on appeal behind bars, we protect victims of crimes like human trafficking through our Address Confidentiality Program, and now we have built a coalition of commu-



**Rokita**

nity leaders to provide kits to all K-5 students this fall free of charge to Hoosier families.”

When a child goes missing, time is of the essence. Child ID kits give parents a tool to provide detailed information, a photograph, fingerprint, and DNA to law enforcement quickly. Completed kits are kept in a safe place at home, out of a database, so parents are prepared if the unthinkable happens.

Kits will be distributed by school superintendents

and School Resource Officers to all K-5 schools across the state. The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police will also distribute kits to local law enforcement.

The Attorney General’s Office brought together this coalition – Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, NOBLE, Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, and the NFL Alumni Association – with public and private funding from the General Assembly and American Electric Power to make these kits available to all K-5 families free of charge in the 2024 school year.

# Senators introduce bipartisan Mark Our Place Act to thank Medal of Honor recipients

**The REPORTER**

U.S. Senators Mike Braun, Jon Tester, and Sherrod Brown have introduced the Mark Our Place Act, which amends current law to allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide a headstone, marker, or medallion for Medal of Honor recipients, regardless of their date of death.

Currently, this is only available to Medal of Honor

recipients that served after 1917.

“We owe a debt of gratitude to those who have served and sacrificed to protect our freedom,” Sen. Braun said. “The Medal of Honor represents exceptional service and it should be permanently and distinctly memorialized for all recipients, regardless of their dates of service.”



**Braun**

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

## Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

# Indiana’s energy crossroads: balancing reliability with innovation

Indiana stands at an energy crossroads. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) has sounded the alarm: our state needs more power. Not just to fuel the promising influx of new manufacturing projects, like microchip plants and data centers, but to ensure that our existing industries continue to thrive without the threat of blackouts or curtailments.

Jim Huston, head of the IURC, recently testi-



**GUEST COLUMNIST**  
**JON FORD**

fied before Congress, painting a stark picture of Indiana's energy needs. The message was clear: without action, the lights could go out, and our homes could grow cold. The Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security echoed this sentiment, highlighting the nationwide struggle for affordable and reliable electricity amid increasing regulatory pressures.

Utilities have invested \$6.7 billion in emission

control technologies since 2001 to reduce emissions from Indiana’s main source of power, coal. While adding more wind and solar power sources, it's important to remember that these sources are intermittent and rely on weather conditions. Therefore, it's crucial to have reliable 24/7 power sources like coal, natural gas, and nuclear energy to support them.

The recent cold spell that forced Indiana manufacturers to halt production is a harbinger of what's to come if we fail to act. The North American Electric Reliability Commission's

(NERC) warning about the loss of dispatchable resources, primarily coal and nuclear, is a wake-up call we cannot ignore.

Affordability is the other piece of the puzzle. Indiana could once boast about having low electric rates when competing against other states for manufacturing dominance. We do not have the luxury to do so anymore. Commissioner Huston mentioned in his opening remarks that Indiana used to have some of the lowest utility rates in the country, primarily due to the availability of affordable coal. However, as

more environmental regulations were implemented on coal facilities, Indiana's utility rates increased significantly. Indiana ranks 29th in the country for utility rates, which is quite a drop from its previous position as the fifth lowest.

Indiana's energy future hinges on a balanced approach prioritizing reliability and affordability. It's time to champion an “all of the above” energy strategy that leverages our abundant resources, like coal, while paving the way for innovation.

Let's ensure that Indiana remains a manufacturing powerhouse and a bea-

con of progress.

As Hoosiers, we must come together to support a diverse energy mix that ensures our economic prosperity. Contact your elected officials, participate in community conversations, and promote policies that protect our state's energy reliability and affordability.

By working together, we can ensure that Indiana has a steady power supply that keeps our lights on and allows industries to continue to thrive.

*Jon Ford is a former state senator and the president of Reliable Energy Indiana.*



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*The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam. Timna was Lotan’s sister.*  
*The sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho and Onam.*  
*The sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. This is the Anah who discovered the hot springs in the desert while he was grazing the donkeys of his father Zibeon.*  
*The children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah daughter of Anah.*  
*The sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran and Keran.*  
*The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan and Akan.*  
*The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.*  
*These were the Horite chiefs:*  
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**Vickie Sue Dial**  
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Vickie Sue Dial, 72, Atlanta, passed away on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, surrounded by her loving family at her residence.  
She was born in Anderson on June 18, 1951, to the late Warren and Marilyn (Dobson) Belt. On January 10, 1970, she married Steven Allen Dial and they shared 46 years of marriage.  
Vickie was a homemaker and loved caring for her children and family. She loved animals, gardening, and bird watching, especially hummingbirds. In her younger years, Vickie enjoyed roller skating and that is where she met the love of her life. Vickie and Steven were both skating at Rainbo Roller Rink in Noblesville when they met one another, and the rest, as they say, is history.  
Vickie is survived by her children, Lonnie (Amy) Dial of Atlanta and Donna Dial of Tipton; grandchildren, Rachelle (Riley) Davidson, Michael Dial, Alyssa (Dylan) Chilton, Treyton Trent, Dakota Dial, Blake Dial, Dustin Dial, Alexis Dial, Zayne Dial, and Jesse Bowers; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Pearl Belt of Indianapolis and Barbara Murdock of Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.  
Vickie was preceded in death by her parents, Warren & Marilyn Belt, and her husband, Steven Allen Dial.  
The family has chosen cremation and has entrusted Hartley Funeral Homes with Vickie’s care.  
Online condolences can be given at [hartleyfuneral-homes.com](http://hartleyfuneral-homes.com).

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## Lauren's story, part 2: Votaw embraces fewer limitations, new addition to family

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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The story of Fishers girls basketball coach Lauren Votaw's ulcerative colitis and ileostomy journey didn't end with her February 2021 surgery to remove her colon.

In fact, some parts of the story are still in the first chapter. That includes the part where Votaw talks about how much her life has improved after years of suffering from colitis as well as the part where she and her husband Jeremy welcomed a new addition to their family.

Votaw was in the hospital for 70 days after the surgery due to several complications, and she admitted there were times that were not easy. (Votaw posted about her journey on her Facebook page, which you can find at [facebook.com/lauren.vail.18](https://www.facebook.com/lauren.vail.18).) But once she was out of the hospital, she was on her way to a much-improved life.

An ileostomy is a stoma, or surgical opening, formed when the end of the small intestine (ileum) is brought onto the surface of the skin. Waste product then leaves the intestine and stoma, where it is deposited into a bag.

It is necessary to empty the bag throughout the day, but Votaw said in a Facebook post on about Inflammatory Bowel Diseases that it takes "approximately one minute" to empty it – which again is

a perfect example of how her life has improved.

"I thought my life was going to be limited when in reality, it's the complete opposite," said Votaw. "I have way fewer limitations now on what I can eat, when we can travel. I don't have to worry about where a bathroom is. I can exercise more because my body is healthier."

Votaw is sharing her story with the hopes that she can "take some of the stigma away from stomas and ileostomy."

"I don't hide my ileostomy," said Votaw. "I don't hide the bag because I want people to ask about it. I want people to know how it saved my life. You never know when you might run into somebody with Crohn's disease that they've been scared to have the surgery because they're scared of the bag. In most cases, your life is way better."

"Lauren worked tirelessly to manage this disease and continue to participate in all the activities a young adult wants to experience," said Ann Vail, Votaw's mother. "She made so many adjustments to her daily routine just so she could do the things she really wanted to do. Very few people realized how challenging her daily life had become. After the surgery, not only did she feel significantly better than she had for 10 years, many other aspects of

her daily life improved and she had more time and energy for her personal and work activities."

Votaw also wants to be a general awareness of bowel diseases. She estimated that she had gone through "12, maybe 13 colonoscopies in that entire time," when most people will have five in their entire lifetime.

"I was having to miss school a lot and the students would ask why," said Votaw. "One of the things that I would try to do was be open and honest about what was going on. Colon cancer is a very curable cancer if they find it early and a lot of people are scared of colonoscopies."

Votaw wants to help her students understand that it's okay to talk about topics like that, and it's not something to avoid.

"If they're ever in a situation, they know it's okay to do that," she said.

Votaw and the Fishers girls basketball team has gotten involved with the Crohn's and Colitis Walk at Conner Prairie. They participated in the walk in 2022, and also helped with the event set-up.

"It means a lot to me that they come and participate in that," said Votaw. This year's Indiana Take Steps Walk is scheduled for June 8 at Conner Prairie. More information is available [here](https://www.indianastepswalk.org).

Lauren and Jeremy Votaw marked two years

since Lauren's surgery by finding out they were going to be parents. That was also a story marked with twists and turns before a happy ending.

The Votaws were matched to adopt a baby that was due in November 2022. But that baby's birth mother changed her mind and decided to raise the baby herself.

"Obviously at the time we were very sad," said Votaw. "We weren't really sure what to think. But we trusted our faith. It's very strong and that's a very important part of our lives. I had a peace that I couldn't really understand after that happened. I'm just going to keep doing my thing. Everybody kept saying 'The child you're supposed to have will end up with you.'"

Lauren Votaw coached her Tigers team through the 2022-23 season, a historic campaign where Fishers reached the Class 4A state championship game for the first time in school history. During the season, the Votaws kept hearing about another mother that their adoption agency thought would be a good match.

A few days before the state title game, the Votaws received an email asking if they wanted to show their profile to the mother. They said yes. The mother contacted the couple the Wednesday before the state championship, and a phone conversa-



Photo provided

**Lauren and Jeremy Votaw happily introduced their new baby, Logan Vail Votaw to the world this winter. Logan was born on June 26 in Missouri and returned home with the Votaws a couple weeks later. His adoption was finalized in January.**

tion followed.

The next Monday, Votaw reached out to the mother. She replied with an email that had the adoption contract.

"We were matched literally 48 hours after the season," said Votaw. "And it was almost as if God was saying 'This is why we waited.'"

On June 26, the baby boy

was born. His name: Logan Vail Votaw. The new family returned home a couple weeks later, and the adoption was finalized in January.

"We're excited for him to be a part of the Tiger family, for the girls to get to see us as parents," said Lauren Votaw. "Logan's going to be around."

### Basketball

## Five county girls players earn "Supreme 15" honors, IBCA releases All-State honors for 2023-2024

### The REPORTER

Five Hamilton County girls basketball players are among the 15 seniors and 15 underclass girls' basketball players have earned IBCA/Franciscan Health "Supreme 15" All-State honors for 2023-24, it was announced Thursday.

The IBCA also named Large School All-State teams (15 seniors, 15 underclass) and Small School All-State teams (16 seniors, 15 underclass).

The "Supreme 15" is the top honor awarded, and players were voted to that group without regard to school size. The Large School and Small School all-state teams are secondary accolades -- the Large School group including players from Class 3A and Class 4A schools and the Small School group including players from Class A and Class 2A schools. Players who make the Supreme 15 are not considered for Large School or Small School honors. The Senior Small School All-State team had 16 members because of a tie in the voting for the final spot.

In addition, 89 more seniors and 90 more underclass players were selected honorable mention all-state. The honorable mention lau-

rels are awarded without regard to school size. In total, 270 players -- 135 seniors and 135 underclass players -- were recognized on the 2024 IBCA girls' basketball All-State teams.

Fishers' Talia Harris, Hamilton Heights' Camryn Runner and Noblesville's Reagan Wilson were among the players voted to the 2024 IBCA/Franciscan Health Supreme 15 Senior girls' team. The other players are, listed alphabetically: Payton Bengé, Plainfield; Aniyah Bishop, Lake Central; Kennedy Fuelling, Norwell; Emma Haan, Zionsville; Rachel Harshman, Mooresville; Denyha Jacobs, Warren Central; Ellery Minch, Mt. Vernon (Fortville); Jordyn Poole, Fort Wayne Snider; Chloe Spreen, Bedford North Lawrence; Wiseman, Indian Creek; Juliann Woodard, Jennings County; and Ava Ziolkowski, Crown Point.

Hamilton Southeastern junior Maya Makalusky and Noblesville junior Meredith Tippner were both voted to the 2024 IBCA/Franciscan Health Supreme 15 Underclass girls' team. The other players are, listed alphabetically: Laila Abdurraqib, Lawrence Central; Lillian Barnes, Valparaiso;

Addison Baxter, Columbia City; Myah Epps, Homestead; Gracyn Gilliard, Munster; Avery Gordon, Brownsburg; Lillie Graves, McCutcheon; Jaylah Lampley, Lawrence Central; Lola Lampley, Lawrence Central; Brooklynn Renn, Silver Creek; Kira Reynolds, South Bend Washington; Gabby Spink, Gibson Southern; and Brooke Winchester, Warsaw.

Westfield's Ellie Kelleher was named to the Senior Large School All-State team. Hamilton Southeastern sophomore Kennedy Holman was named to the Underclass Large School All-State team, with Sheridan junior Kenzie Garner named to the Underclass Small School All-State team.

Hamilton Heights' Ella Hickok and Noblesville's Ava Shoemaker were both

named Senior Honorable Mention, while Fishers junior Nevaeh Dickman, Fishers junior Allison Scheu and Hamilton Southeastern sophomore Kayla Stidham were named Underclass Honorable Mention.

The IBCA/Franciscan Health All-State teams are selected through a process organized by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and presented by Franciscan Health Sports Medicine.

All IBCA-member head coaches have the opportunity to nominate players. A panel of 20 IBCA coaches -- 16 from the current regional areas, three district representatives (one each from IHSAA Districts 1, 2 and 3) and the committee chairman -- then meet to review the nominations, vote and finalize the selections.

Those on the IBCA all-

state committee for 2024 included chairman Doug Springer of Northridge plus Rod Parker of Homestead from District 1, DeeAnn Ramey of North Central from District 2 and Kevin Moore of East Central from District 3.

Completing the voting panel were Kristi Ulrich of Penn, Andy Maguire of Zionsville, Curt Bengé of Plainfield and Tyler Chocate of Evansville North in Class 4A; Chris Tomcsi of Griffith, Ray Davis of Maconaquah, Kaley May of Danville and Dan Grill (for Adam Dennis) of Madison in Class 3A; Tony Scheub of Andean, Justin Jordan of Whitko, Mark Harper of Riverton Parke and Jared Rehmel of Linton-Stockton in Class 2A; and Rick Budka of Morgan Township, Ryan Chiddister of Union (Modoc), Jason West of

Southwestern (Shelby) and Marty Niehaus of Springs Valley in Class A.

Franciscan Health Sports Medicine is making a financial contribution to the IBCA Scholarship Fund as the presenting partner of the IBCA All-State Teams. As part of the partnership, Franciscan Health Sports Medicine will provide plaques to Supreme 15 honorees and certificates to players receiving Large School All-State, Small School All-State or Honorable Mention All-State recognition. Those items will be made available to each recipient's coach during April, allowing her coach to present the award to each player prior to the end of the 2023-24 academic year.

The IBCA thanks Franciscan Health Sports Medicine for being a partner in this annual project.

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<p>January 2024 Average Sale Price</p> <p><b>\$326,978</b> compared to this time last year</p>	<p>Sales Decreased January pending home sales compared to this time last year</p> <p><b>4.8%</b></p>	<p><b>55</b> More Homes For Sale 1/23 vs. 1/24</p>
<p><b>6.6%</b> Price Increase 1/23 vs. 1/24</p>	<p>Months of Inventory Increased</p> <p><b>1.6%</b> 1/23 vs. 1/24</p>	<p>Interest Rates 30-Year Fixed <b>6.875%</b> With an APR of 7.037%</p>

**TOP COUNTIES**  
Decatur Sales Up 100%  
Putnam Sales Up 82.6%  
Bartholomew Sales Up 19.7%

**FAIR HOUSING CASES**  
Total- 7  
Rental- 6  
Sales- 1  
Other- 0







Indy Ignite team makes Fishers Event Center its home court

SPORTS SCHEDULE

The REPORTER

Indiana's first professional volleyball team, Indy Ignite, has revealed that the Fishers Event Center will become their official home court. This new, state-of-the-art venue in Fishers will host all Indy Ignite home games once they begin play in January 2025.

The announcement Wednesday morning took place at the Fishers Event Center, followed by an exclusive hard-hat tour of the future home of Indy Ignite. At the event, Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, Pro Volleyball Federation CEO Jen Spicher, Indy Ignite Co-Owner Jim Schumacher, former Husker volleyball player Kenzie Knuckles, and Indy Ignite General Manager Mary Kay Huse spoke about the team and the fierce competition they will bring to the Indy region.

"Indy Ignite is proud to represent not just Indianapolis – but the entire, region-wide volleyball community that makes Indiana one of the best states in the sport," Huse said. "From the Fishers Event Center, our team will be able to serve the thousands of young athletes in central Indiana, giving them everything they need to have an incredible night with their families – great food, easy access, and of course, the world's greatest volleyball players in action."

Slated to open in November 2024, the Fishers Event Center will be the

largest mid-size event center in the region, seating crowds of up to 7,500 people. This brand-new facility is part of a \$550 million expansion to the Fishers District, one of the region's largest shopping, living, and dining destinations.

Before Indy Ignite games, fans can explore the walkable 40-acre Fishers District and enjoy a variety of high-end restaurants within minutes of the arena. The Fishers Event Center will also feature its own exclusive sports bar, VIP courtside lounges, and dedicated family suites for guests to watch the game in private.

Indy Ignite will share the venue with the ECHL Indy Fuel hockey team and the recently announced Fishers Freight Indoor Football League team. Together, these pro sports teams will bring over a hundred events to Fishers each year, creating new opportunities for exciting, fast-paced fun for the whole family.

"We are beyond excited to welcome Indy Ignite and the Pro Volleyball Federation to the Fishers community," Fadness said. "The Fishers Event Center is set to become an epicenter of entertainment for the entire region, and Indy Ignite is going to spark a new chapter for sports in our city. We look forward to cheering them on as they revolutionize the world of volleyball from right here in our own backyard."

Several local volleyball teams joined the announcement, representing clubs and high schools across the Indianapolis region. This included the nationally ranked Hamilton Southeastern High School girls volleyball team that won the Indiana State Championship in both 2022 and 2023.

In their speeches, Mary Kay Huse and Jen Spicher addressed the athletes in the audience and emphasized that Indy Ignite is their team – made to inspire young women like them to pursue their dreams.

"Central Indiana is an undeniable hotbed for both men's and women's volleyball, where thousands of talented athletes first learn to love the game," Spicher said. "These incredible young ladies deserve an opportunity to continue their careers on the professional stage, and that is our core mission and vision at Pro Volleyball Federation. We are so proud to welcome Indy Ignite to the league, as we continue to disrupt the status quo and bring pro volleyball to passionate

sports communities like Indianapolis."

Pro Volleyball Federation began play in January 2024 with seven teams competing for a place in the four-team Pro Volleyball Federation Championship in May. Indy Ignite will be one of three expansion teams to debut in January 2025 – with season ticket deposits available now.

Visit [IndyIgniteVB.com](#) to secure your season tickets and become a member of the exclusive Indy Ignite Founders Club today.

Friday, March 1

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Westfield vs. Noblesville, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 24 at New Castle

Hamilton Heights vs. Yorktown, 6 p.m.

New Castle vs. Delta, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 27 at Guerin Catholic

Bishop Chatard vs. Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

Heritage Christian vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 43 at Sheridan

University vs. Sheridan, 6 p.m.

Park Tudor vs. Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m.


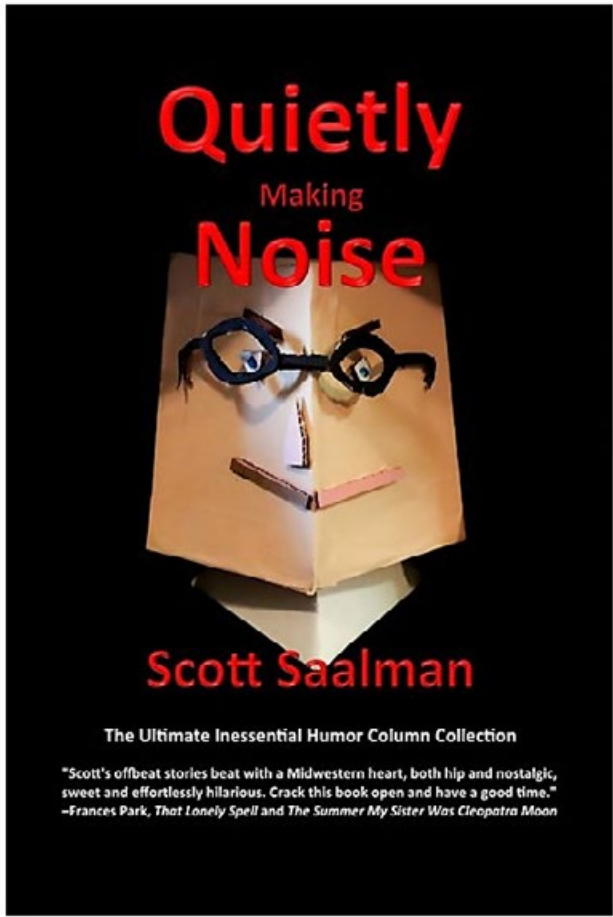
GYMNASTICS

Noblesville at Franklin Central regional, 6:30 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Westfield at Indiana Wesleyan HSR Qualifier, 5:30 p.m.

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Newgarden unveils vivid 108<sup>th</sup> Indianapolis 500 ticket

Submitted by IMS

Two-time NTT INDY-CAR SERIES champion Josef Newgarden paid homage to one of Team Penske's sponsors – Shell – when he unveiled the ticket for the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Thursday, Feb. 29 in Indianapolis.

Newgarden earned his first victory in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" last May in the No. 2 Shell Powering Progress Team Penske Chevrolet, and one of the many honors bestowed upon the winner is unveiling the ticket for the next year's race. Featuring the winning driver on the next year's "500" ticket dates to Mauri Rose's appearance in 1948.

Nashville native Newgarden dropped the cover from a billboard-sized version of the colorful ticket, affixed to the side of The Children's Museum of Indianapolis parking garage and viewable from the parking lot of the adjacent Shell gas station.

Designed in house by Senior Art Director Mandy Walsh, the ticket features a photo of Newgarden jumping from the car on the famous Yard of Bricks last May 26 before he climbed through the fence to join fans in the grandstands. In addition to honoring Shell with the location of the ticket unveil, Newgarden shared Shell gift cards with the first 108 fans as a continuation of his fan-focused celebrations.

"My initial reaction seeing the ticket is how special

it is," Newgarden said. "It reminds me of right at the end of the race and the moment I was able to have with the crowd. To me, that was almost more significant than winning the race itself – was having the opportunity to celebrate with everyone who comes to the Indy 500."

"The '500' is so much bigger than just me – it's everybody who makes it out. There are generations upon generations who have been going to that race and have made it so historic. That's what this ticket signifies. It's that celebration with the community and what makes the Indy 500. It's different than what you normally see. People are used to seeing Victory Lane. This is seeing the event for what it is and the significance and honor of being able to be there."

Newgarden will defend his Indianapolis 500 victory Sunday, May 26 in the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, with live coverage starting at 11 a.m. ET on NBC, Peacock and the INDYCAR Radio Network.

Tickets for the Indy 500 and all Month of May activities are on sale at [IMS.com](#), by calling the IMS Ticket Office at 317-492-6700 or by visiting the ticket office.

The 2024 NTT INDY-CAR SERIES season starts Sunday, March 10 with the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg presented by RP Funding in St. Petersburg, Florida (live, noon ET, NBC, Peacock, INDYCAR Radio Network).



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