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TODAY'S WEATHER Today: Showers, with a few

storms also possible. Wind gusts to 40 mph. Temps fall from around 60 into the mid 50s. Tonight: Spotty shower or storm possible paulpoteet in the early evening. Wind gusts to 40 mph.

HIGH: 60 LOW: 45



Two party chairs agree: these billboards are bad politics

By STU CLAMPITT

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A new billboard campaign advocating for Democrats to decide which Republican candidates win the May primary has billboards, two party leaders in Hamilton which are County in agreement.

Both Democratic Party Chair coming to Jocelyn Vare and Republican the borders Party Chair Mario Massillama- of Hamilton County in the near

against this brand election

T h e reportedly





Massillamany

The website ReCenterIn-

PAC.

vote including the governor, will likely be decided on May 7, not in the Republican November 5. Participating in the Republican primary gives Democrats, Libertarians, and billboards are independents a say in selecting nominees who are likely to be paid for and authorized elected." The website goes on to point by ReCen-

ter Indiana out six "key races to watch" when organizers believe participation

ny told The Reporter they stand future, read, "Even Democrats diana.org states, "Many races, See Bad Politics... Page 3

Beyond the Bradford bloom: unveiling hidden costs of invasive plants

Our old house was in a nice Fishers subdivision built in the late 1990s. Every house had a matching mailbox, prompt snowplowing services and of course – a Callery (Bradford pear is the most popular variety) pear tree in the front yard. These trees, na-



tive to China and Vietnam, are quick-growing and look nice as their white blossoms bloom in the spring (as long as you don't mind that distinctive rotten fish smell).

There are a few essential and super-practical issues with these trees. First, the limbs all split from the same place, creating a wall for windstorms to blow down. This happened to our Callery pear and we had to cut the rest of it down and haul it away. The second, and more important, issue with Callery pears is they are an invasive species.

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Young entrepreneur Franklin Vrtis wins Start Me Up Cup Competition

The REPORTER

On Feb. 29, Carmel High (CHS) sophomore Franklin Vrtis was awarded \$2,000 to further his entrepreneurial project, Go Fun Yourself, a personalized card game business, by the Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) and State Bank in the second annual Start Me Up Cup Competition.

"State Bank teamed up with the Carmel Education Foundation to launch the Start Me Up Cup because of the entrepreneurial aspects of this student-focused contest," said Andy Pinegar, Hamilton County Market President for State Bank. "We understand success-



Photo provided by Carmel Education Foundation Franklin Vrtis (second from right) was awarded \$2,000 by State Bank team members Andy Pinegar, Megan Melvin, Dianne Stennett, and Jim Badger.

ful business owners have that young students to learn the ba- experience has been a great their ambitious goal of starting a entrepreneurial spirit and we sics of a business plan, how to learning tool for these students, company and watching it grow."

want to help develop the next structure a company and how and it has been great for us as generation of business leaders. to make their company grow. well – We have new faith in the

We hope to encourage these From the start, this Shark Tank next generation as we share in

See Vrtis . . . Page 2

Cicero thanks Police Captain Don Nygaard for his 25 years of service

Submitted by Jeff Rednour

Cicero Chief of Police

The Cicero Police Department congratulates Captain Don Nygaard on his

Nygaard served the community of Cicero for more than 25 years as an Officer, Sergeant, and Captain to the Department from Aug. 31, 1998, through March 25, 2024. In addition, he served the Department in the Property Room, Quartermaster, Ordinance Enforcement, as well as many other duties, including a Reserve Officer from Oct. 9, 1990, to Aug. 31, 1998.

Prior to his time with the Cicero Police Department, Nygaard was employed at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department as a Corrections Officer.

Congratulations, Donny!



Donny Nygaard (third from left) was joined by his son Jason and wife Christie. Cicero Town Council President Chris Lutz (right) presented Nygaard with a plaque and thanked him for service on behalf of a grateful community.

Sheridan Community Schools ready to show off new United Animal Health Blackhawk Fieldhouse

Submitted by Sheridan

Community Schools The Sheridan community is coming together to celebrate the much-anticipated official opening of the United Animal

Health Blackhawk Fieldhouse. is complete with a fitness center, athletic area for basketball, wrestling, volleyball, etc., locker rooms, training facilities,

The grand opening will of over 20 local businesses. The state-of-the-art facility take place on Tuesday, April and tours of the facilities. Al-

and new health classrooms. Superintendent Dave Mundy pride in our schools, and this This planning for this project welcomes patrons to contact project is a perfect example of began in 2021 with community him if they would like a tour. that. This is our first major conmeetings and the proper legal The grand opening festiviand procedural steps necessary ties are being made possible we want to share this with the for a project of this magnitude. through the generous support

23, beginning with a sold-out pride for the board, staff, studinner, followed by a program dents, and the entire community," Mundy said. "Sheridan though the dinner is sold out, has a long tradition of taking

struction in over 15 years, and community."

Athletic Director Beth "This facility is a source of DeVinney explained, "We have worked very hard to create a facility that will not only help

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When a proposed solution is not the right one

The REPORTER

There is a massive shortage of psychological services for people in crisis in Indiana and across the country. The COVID-19 pandemic either exacerbated or highlighted this need. A huge part of that need affects young people, who often have even fewer resources available.

Fourteen states have been trying to fill in the gap for counseling services for students by proposing – and in some cases passing – legislation that allows volunteer chaplains to provide counseling service in schools. Bills to this effect in Indiana were in front of the legislature in the most recent session but did not pass.

Chris Hartig reached out to The Reporter to talk about that potential solution and why he stands against it. His reasons are not the ones you might anticipate.

In the interest of transparency, it must be noted that Hartig is the sole Democratic candidate for the Indiana House of Representatives District 29 seat. More important to this discussion, Hartig is a father whose child, Cam, committed suicide at the age of 21 on April 12, 2022.

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Man enters Riverview hospital, dies from self-inflicted gunshot

The REPORTER

Just after midnight on Thursday, Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call of a man with a gun outside Riverview Health in Noblesville.

Hospital security located the man and

confirmed he did have a firearm. Security demanded the man put down the firearm, and additional law enforcement arrived on scene. The man then turned the firearm on himself, discharged it, and died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The Sheriff's Office is handling the investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Detective Sgt. Randy Dings at (317) 773-1872; reference Case Number 2024-10057.



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CALLERY PEAR-

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cies is any plant non-native to an area whose presence causes environmental or economic harm or harm to human health. Callery pear trees spread along roadways and into natural areas through reseeding. They are invasive because they form dense thickets that can push out other plants, including native species. Plants growing in the thickets can't tolerate the deep shade or compete with the pear tree for water, soil and space. In short, these trees are the

scourge of the suburbs. The Callery pear tree is such a problem that the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) has declared it as one of its "Dirty Dozen" invasive species (more on that later). During April, you can participate in your home landscape as well as local parks as part of HIP's Invasive Species Action Month.

If you have an invasive areas. Volunteers will learn sive by searching the name

An invasive plant spe- species growing in your yard how to manage the targeted of your plant along with "In-(examples include the aforementioned Callery pear, work as part of a collaboraburning bush, and Japanese tive effort to improve a natbarberry), you can apply to swap it out for a free native tree or shrub from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District. All you need to do is submit before-and-after-removal photos with the application to be considered. Applications are due Sept. 5 at hcinvasives. org/trade.

> During Invasive Species also improve natural areas in your community. Two Weed Wrangle events remain this month: Tuesday, April 16 at River Heritage Park in Carmel and Saturday, April 20 at Cheeney Creek in Fishers. Weed Wrangles are volunteer invasive species removal events hosted nationwide to control the it is "native" or "introduced" invasive plants negatively to the area. You can do some impacting our public parks, quick online research to degreen spaces, and natural termine if your plant is inva-

invasive species and get to

If you want to roll up your sleeves a bit further, you can participate in a Strike Team workday on Saturday, April 27 at MacGregor Park in Westfield. Though similar in format to Weed Wrangles, Strike Team events typically involve a more rigorous hands-on approach to invasive control. You can reg-Awareness Month, you can ister to volunteer for these events at hcinvasives.org/

How do you know if you have one of these plant pariahs in your yard? I like to use the Seek or iNaturalist apps on my phone for plant identification. However, those apps won't tell you if a species is invasive – only if

diana invasive," and the top results will likely get things sorted out. However, if you'd like to consult a local expert, contacting the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District can help you get your answer. I heard they even make the occasional house call.

The final Invasive Species Awareness Month event happens on Saturday, April 27 at 11 a.m., as HIP will present "The Dirty Dozen: Are These Invasive Plants in Your Yard?" at the Carmel Clay Public Library. You will see my foe the Callery pear on this list, plus others common to our home landscapes.

By eliminating invasive plants, we can restore the balance of the ecosystem, benefit native wildlife, save money, and create healthier and more enjoyable outdoor spaces in Hamilton County. figure out what's growing.

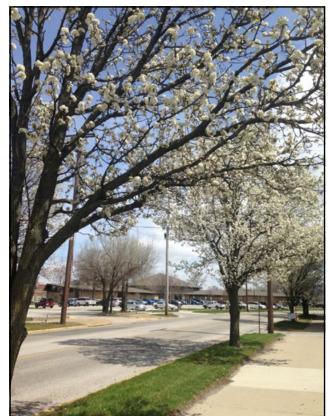


Photo courtesy Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District

So, go out in your yard and Noblesville-based colum- and suggestions at curtis@ nist and author. Send him curtishoneycutt.com.

Curtis Honeycutt is a your questions, comments,

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VRTIS

The CHS Student Entrepreneurship Club and CHS business teacher Josh Shelton worked with CEF to market the opportunity and to guide applicants in the preparation of their presentation. Entrepreneurship club leaders reviewed the initial 11 entrants who submitted a video application and a business plan, with a goal of selecting the five finalists who would pitch their idea for the potential to win a \$2,000 investment from State Bank.

ideas were Rebecca Lee: Re- Publisher, Carmel Magazine; about a specific individu-PLASTICS: A Creative Spin and Kimberly Hansen, COO, al!" Vrtis said. "I joined the on the Plastics Crisis; Grace Old Town Companies. Larkey, Siri Byrisetty, and

Franklin Vrtis: Go Fun Your- caliber of presentations and self; Athul Ramkumar and Sid Songrikar: Healthify.AI; and Arjun Sunil: Slow Eater Pet Feeder.

had 15 minutes for their judges felt that his model live pitch and to answer questions from the panel of investment of \$2,000 would judges, otherwise known as "sharks." Panelists included Jim Badger, VP of Marketing, State Bank; David Glenn, President, Coasterstone; Shaun Goodyear, Go Fun Yourself, a card Founder/Owner, Indy Fac- game business that creates The finalists and their ets; Lyndsey Brown, Owner/ personalized card games

Kent Fujita: InsightUp App; were impressed with the more about clever business entrepreneurs, she has seen

range of ideas presented. Though it was a difficult decision, Vrtis had the winning idea focused on creat-Each individual or team ing customized games. The was scaleable and that the be instrumental in propelling his business forward.

Vrtis said he was thrilled to emerge as the winner.

"My SMUC entry was competition to jumpstart my ness classes as part of the au-The judges said they all business's success and learn dience. As a parent of young

strategies. I hope that with firsthand the positive impact the prize money, I can invest in improved ease of access and increased publicity through online advertisements. I'm so glad SMUC has given me that chance and I'm even more excited to get it started!"

Vrtis has successfully created several games already including the Roundabout Game featured in several Carmel area stores.

2025, with students in busi-sion to work."

that comes from thinking through all aspects of a concept, as well as navigating challenges any business will inevitably face.

Penix says she "is grateful to work with engaged community members who believe in providing opportunities for students where they can not only learn, but dream. The foundation's mission is to support Carm-CEF Executive Director el students in achievement Jennifer Penix plans to host and lifelong learning and the the Start Me Up Cup in the Start Me Up Cup is a perfect high school auditorium in example of putting our mis-

> About the Carmel **Education Foundation** One of the oldest foun

dations of its kind, the Carmel Education Foundation was created to help Carmel Clay students achieve their full potential. Since 1966, the Foundation has awarded over \$2,100,000 in college scholarships to Carmel High School seniors and over \$1,000,000 in education grants to inspire lifelong learning for Carmel Clay students. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation's mission by funding grants, awarding 85 to 100 scholarships annually and expanding resources for Carmel Clay Schools.



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BAD POLITICS-

in the Republican primary by non-Republicans could affect the outcome. Three of those races will be decided in whole or in part by Hamilton County: Indiana House District 24, from which Donna Schaibley is retiring, House District 29, which is being vacated by Chuck Goodrich in his bid for Congress, and Indiana Governor.

The website lists all the candidates and provides links to some – but not all – of their campaign websites.

Vare told The Reporter she spoke with Massillamany and found they are in complete agreement in standing against the actions of this political action committee.

"I want Democratic voters to vote in the Democratic primary and Mario wants Republicans to vote in the Republican primary," Vare ple to vote genuinely. said. "We were in alignment when we had a conversation come out and vote for this about how we want people to vote genuinely, but even before that, we want people to vote."

Massillamany told The know what to call it." Reporter he agreed.

come out and vote," Massillamany said, "My main push is that people should is welcoming to everyone take advantage of the ability to participate in one of the greatest countries' election processes and vote on May 7. We have so many important races that influence not only national, but also local levels. Republicans, Democrats, get out and vote. Democrats vote in theirs. Republicans vote in ours."

Vare said she wants peo-

"We want people to primary," Vare said. "On top of that, vote genuinely, and not be influenced by tricky strategy or - I don't even

Massillamany called "We want people to the tactics advocated for in these billboards deceitful.

> "Hamilton County GOP and we want everyone to become a Republican, but we want people to actually who identify with the Republican Party or believe that they identify with Republican values to vote in a Republican primary – not to try and somehow influence Republican primaries in some deceitful or nefarious way,"

Massillamany said.

One consideration in voting in an opposing party's primary is that it could block voters from later becoming candidates for their own party. In Indiana, in order to run for office as a member of either the Republican or Democratic parties, a person must have voted in a party's primary election each of the last two times that person voted. Otherobtain and file a certificate from the appropriate county chair of the party declaring the individual's membership of that party.

"I know I know most people don't have aspirations to run for office," Vare said. "I also point out that coming out and voting gen-

uinely helps in other ways. We see a desire for more political balance. This is a step to political balance in our county."

Massillamany said he would like to see more people become Republicans, rather than just vote to influence the Republican primary.

"I take my job seriously," Massillamany said. "While we are welcoming and want people to identify wise, the individual must as Republicans and participate in the process as Republicans, we want to make sure that it's truly people that identify with the Republican Party and Republican values that are participating in our Republican primary."

> In Hamilton County, if you call yourself a Republican or a Democrat, your

party leadership encourages you to vote for your own party in the May 7 primary rather than being influenced by a PAC with no apparent ties to this community.

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If you want to be more informed about the candidates on your ballot, The Reporter is currently publishing a full list of candidates and polling locations. We are also publishing short summaries of each candidate who chooses to fill out this form on our website, which candidates can fill out at readthereporter. com/2024-candidate-info.

That information is in today's edition and will appear in every online edition of The Reporter up to and including our May 7 special election edition.

Proposal -

shortage of school counselors and the ratio right now of students per counselor in Indiana is 694 to 1," Hartig said. "The recommended amount is roughly around 250 to 1. So there's a huge gap right there and I understand trying to put in volunteer chaplains. They've done great work, but they are not crisis counseling trained."

While Cam was not in school at the time, Hartig said his child had struggled with depression and other things while in high school. Hartig also said he had reached out to Catholic services for Cam's assistance.

'This is a great volunteer resource and they do great services; however, they're not crisis trained to identify our children at risk," Hartig said. "My child spoke to two people the day prior to when they [Cam] committed suicide. Cam laughed and said all the right things to get them to leave. They were untrained on the trigger signals. 'This is what to watch for with someone in crisis.' They just were not trained. Chaplains have the best intentions and they do serve a very important purpose; however, our children in our

counselors."

Hartig shared with The Reporter that Cam had struggled with depression and trauma during high cause of the view the modern world has of those who identify as non-binary.

"They would have sad days and had dealt with depression for quite a while and said, 'I'm just really having a very difficult, challenging time," Hartig said. "A couple people came over. They talked. They laughed. They watched a little bit of TV. They said all the things that signaled 'yeah everything's fine' and got them to leave."

Cam, like so many young people who struggle ors are not the answer, it is with depression and other not clear what the answer is. issues, both needed help and wanted to live a more bal- while we would have to anced life, but also was not invest in order to reduce comfortable accepting that the student to counselor rahelp in good ways. Thus, tio from 694 to 1 down to many such people develop the recommended 250 to the defense mechanism of 1 – which still seems like a presenting the appearance rather large ratio – he admits that things are better when they are not.

And that too, is a thing that well-trained profession- for psychological services, al crisis counselors are much especially among young more likely to see than even people, than we have ever

"I understand there is a schools need trained crisis the most well-intentioned volunteer who does not have the requisite years of education and experience to see beyond the surface.

> Yes, teachers see their school and after, in part be- students for several hours every day, but they too are not crisis counselors.

> > "We have too much being put on the teachers for these children at risk, and our counselors have pretty close to three times the workload of what they should to protect our children," Hartig said. "So a band-aid – similar to House Bill 1192 [a bill in the last session making allowance for volunteer chaplains as counselors] – is not addressing our children's safety."

While volunteer counsel-

Hartig said he knows that money alone will not solve the problem.

We have a greater need

faced in this country and in Indiana. Because of that, we do not have a mass of new psychologists ready to graduate from college.

Even if we did, that only addresses providing a kind They're trained for a differof triage to what must be a far deeper problem underlying the swell in young people struggling with deep depression and choosing to end their lives.

Yes, many of them identify somewhere on the LGBTQ+ spectrum. Many more do not. It is a problem that crosses socioeconomic and class lines.

It should be noted that when asked directly, Hartig told The Reporter he is not running for office in order to try to fix this problem. He would be hesitant to get the admits to not know what the help they need if they feel whole solutions looks like. like it was just under one He is also firm in his position that chaplains as counselors are not the answer.

"Chaplains are really saying across the board. 'Hey, we're not trained to do this," Hartig said. "They're willing to volunteer. Bless them for that. ent purpose and we need real crisis counselors. There are some children who may not feel comfortable going to a reverend or some form of a religious chaplain. When we start going this route, just Christianity alone has 40,000 different denominations, and there's multiple other religions and non-faith as a choice. How do you provide comfortable service for every single possible faith? I don't think it's possible. I feel like students

particular religion or faith." There are no answers in this article.

There is an explanation of a problem, a look at one possible solution, and an admission that we need to keep looking for better ones.

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In the meantime, Hartig, as many parents who have lost children do, fills his life with symbols and reminders of both his own loss and the need to make the world better so no one else has to go through what he did.

Hartig told The Reporter that Cam had orange hair. Hartig drives a two-tone orange truck. He bought orange campaign signs. And he carries Cam's name badge from work in his pocket, close to his heart.

He said he doesn't "beat the drum about LGBTQ" but he does carry a deep awareness that those young people are even more at risk. And he is looking for better solutions for all the kids who need help.

> this contest as either an individual

or a business, call

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our high school and middle school programs, but the entire community. This especially includes all our youth programs. It will take a lot of coordination, but we will work hard to collaborate to share this facility with all we can."

Mundy added, "We have worked to create a facility that will last for generations terested in learning and be a source of pride, more about this amazing anyone to contact him at any while at the same time being event or other happenings time by calling (317) 758mindful of cost and our re- at Sheridan Community 4172 ext. 2308.

sponsibility to our taxpayers. No referendum money was used on this project as it was done with careful monitoring of our current funds. We think we hit the perfect balance!"

If you are in-



DeVinney Mundy

Schools, Dr. Mundy invited

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ATTENTION VOTERS!

Following the Sports Section, you can read candiate bios submitted to The Reporter. You'll also find a list of all candidates as well as where you can vote early & on Election Day.

Candidates can click this box to send their information for publication.









Noblesville Schools accepting exhibitor applications for 10th Back to School BASH

The REPORTER

The 10th annual Noblesville Schools Back to School BASH is BASH will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 26. This event has been a favorite of the Noblesville community for a decade and typically draws 8,000 or more attendees each year.

The event features food, games, athletics, arts, music, and community youth

Exhibitor space at the limited and organizations must be selected and approved for participation. Community businesses and organizations interested in exhibiting at the Back to School BASH must apply by May 1. Click here for more information and to apply.



From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

sistant Principals

Update No. 126 Welcome back! I hope everyone was able to take advantage of spring break to rest, reenergize, and view the incredible celestial phenomenon on

DR. DEREK ARROWOOD

Monday. March marked the 100th of our incredible assistant riculture Placement categoedition of our monthly video that features five awesome things about Hamilton Heights. Produced by the exceptionally talented Rodney Freeman, this is just one way we share happenings, successes, people, projects, and other exciting things taking place around our campus with the community. These videos can be accessed through our website and YouTube channel. If you have an item you would like me to include in a future monthly update just let me know. In case you missed it, you can view the March video here. Stay tuned. The April update will be posted soon!

dedicated to highlighting the vital role our assistant principals play in the success of our schools. We want to celebrate the contributions

principals, Whitney Gray ry by the Indiana FFA Assoand Mitch Street (HHHS), ciation. State Star category and Ken Watson (HHES) at the 95th Indiana FFA all year long. They make State Convention in June. powerful contributions to Congratulations! improving our schools, maintaining a safe and welcoming learning environment for our students, and in supporting our teachers in their professional development, to name a few. Your leadership and commitment to our community is truly inspiring. Thank you for enhancing student achievement and outcomes at Heights!

Speaking of achievement, Hamilton Heights

State Finals competition in Week – a week the Percussion Scholastic A class. Five HHMS Robotics teams have qualified to compete at the VEX Worlds Robotic Competition in Dallas, Texas, at the end of the month. Senior Tatym Green has been named as a State Star finalist in the Ag-Landers (HHMS), winners will be announced

> As a reminder, Hamilton Heights High School Honor Society is sponsoring its third and final Blood Drive of the school year next Wednesday, April 17 from 3:30 to 6:40 p.m. at the high school. Anyone age 16 and older can donate. Register here today. Thank you for being a lifesaver through your selfless donation.

April is Child Abuse Indoor Percussion placed Awareness and Prevention

week 17th at the Indiana Per- Month, a time for commuwas National As- cussion Association (IPA) nities to come together to build caring connections, supportive environments, and positive experiences for all children. While this is an important topic yearround, April gives us the opportunity to shine a light on child abuse and inspire conversations about how to prevent it.

> Safeguarding our children is a collective responsibility, one that requires each of us to stay alert to the signs of child abuse and step into action when necessary. Children need all of us to deliver when it comes to their safety and best interests.

> Please take time this month to think about what you can do to help a child that may exhibit signs of mistreatment or neglect. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call the Indiana Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-800-5556. It's not just the law, it's the right thing to do. Thank you for joining us in the care, advocacy, and safety of our children every day.

#WeAreHuskies



5,000th baby born April 10 at Ascension St. Vincent Fishers

The REPORTER

Labor and Delivery teams at Ascension St. Vincent Fishers announce the 5,000th birth at the hospital on Olio Road.

Baby Neela Annette Cripe was born at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces and 20 inches in length. Born to Dafne Sanchez and Trevor Cripe of Ingalls, Ind., Baby Neela is their first baby, and they say delivery was smooth.

"Pregnancy was honestly pretty easy, delivery was really easy, the staff here was great, so we're really happy overall," Sanchez said. "We didn't realize she was going to get the balloons and all this attention, but she's loving it."

Dr. Valerie Gathers, OB/GYN, said this milestone shows the dedication Ascension St. Vincent Fishers has to serving the community as its only Labor and Delivery Center within city limits.

"Fishers has been booming, not only with move-ins but with deliveries," Gathers. "In fact we've delivered our 5,000th baby. It's so exciting. I'm a Fishers resident so this is even exciting for me because I'm getting to deliver my neighbors, friends. It's awesome. I've been practicing for 11 years Fishers first began delivand delivering babies is one of the biggest joys I get. I can wake up at 3 o'clock in the morning, smiling, happy because you get to be the first face that this newborn sees when they come into the world."

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness recognized the achievement by honoring Baby Neela with the "World Changer" award.

"I'm excited for this major milestone, not only for the family but also for Ascension St. Vincent Fish-



(ABOVE) Baby Neela Annette Cripe was welcomed into the world by her parents Dafne Sanchez and Trevor Cripe of Ingalls, as well as countless caring doctors and nurses. (BELOW) Baby Neela was presented the World **Changer Award by Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness.**

ers for providing quality healthcare to our residents," Fadness said. "We strive to create a community that gives children the opportunity to become World Changers, and Neela is already getting started. Congratulations to the family."

Ascension St. Vincent Fishers administration is celebrating Baby Neela and all 4,999 babies before her with a special celebration and treats for Labor and Delivery healthcare workers.

Ascension St. Vincent ering babies in 2013 and ing extra care. It has a 10- communities. bed unit with 24-hour OB/



ists, pediatricians, and an- 8,000 babies per year, caresthesiologists. Ascension ing for infants at any geshas a Level II Special Care St. Vincent Fishers recently Nursery for infants at least celebrated 10 years serving 32 weeks gestation need- Fishers and surrounding

Statewide, Ascension GYNs, newborn hospital- St. Vincent delivers around

tational age and offering multidisciplinary and specialty care to mothers experiencing any complex or high-risk maternal health

Local GOP clubs gearing up for election season

The REPORTER

Three Republican Clubs in Hamilton County will soon hold events welcoming candidates and public officials – and you're invited!

Northern GOP Club

The Northern Hamilton County GOP Club invites you to meet the Fifth District Congressional candidates.

The club will hold a chicken dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, April 22 at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St. Come meet your elected officials as well as those seeking your vote.

The cost of the dinner is \$10 for non-members and free for members and spon-

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Saturday, April 21 to Club President Emily Pearson at emily. pearson317@gmail.com

Westfield GOP Club The Westfield GOP will

soon welcome the city's new Police Chief Shawn Keen to it's upcoming meeting.

The club will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 at Viking Meadows

Clubhouse, 15757 Viking Meadows Drive, Westfield.

Come learn more about Chief Keen's background and his goals for the police department. This will also serve as an opportunity to connect with fellow Republicans before the primary election on Tuesday, May 7.

RSVP to westfieldingop@gmail.com.

Fishers GOP Club

The Fishers GOP will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 at Balmoral House, 10101 Hamilton Hills Lane, Fishers.

State Senator Walker and Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston will be the guest speakers, where they will provide a recap of this year's legislative ses-

All primary candidates are invited to attend to introduce themselves to club members.

Refreshments will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

Please RSVP to Tiffanie Ditlevson at tiffanie@hamiltoncountygop.org or John Weingardt at john@pswcpa.com.



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Celebrating special occasions at work

Last week we began to explore how to bring joy to the workthrough place celebrations. We touched on marking your calendar to remember birthdays, Administrative Professional's Day,

and other fun occasions. The simplest way to show someone how much you and others care is through a good old-fashioned card. I think now more than ever, a real card means a lot to people. With most of our communication being done via email, social media, or text/call, getting a

card stands out. You can go as elaborate

COLUMNIST an amount they giving every year or every quarter for special oc-AMY SHANKLAND templates free Perfectly Imperfect and card makers

online where you can create cards in just a few minutes.

If you do have a party fund or are able to buy cards for co-workers on your own, stock up on appropriate, fun cards the next time you visit a dollar store. I like to get cards to match example, my friend Cara was nicknamed The Princess when she worked in or as simple as you like our department for the City here. If you don't have a of Noblesville, so I was al-"party fund" where every- ways on the lookout for any along with a pen in a hidden

one contributes card with a tiara!

If you don't know evfeel comfortable eryone quite yet, stay on the safe side and stick to themes like balloons, cake, candles, etc. I always make certain casions, you can that I know someone well make your own before going into the "hucard. There are morous card" territory. You also should remember to respect different cultures.

Next, create a check list of names you can print off for each card signing occasion. End the checklist with the phrase "last person to sign the card please return to Amy" or whatever your name is. I put this checklist in a brightly colored folder labeled "signature needed" various personalities. For along with the card and place it on the first person's chair so he or she can easily

If you're not in an office, you can put the folder

location in a common area such as the break room and give everyone a heads up via email or text about it.

One important note – give people a lot of time to chair, etc. I try to make it a sign the card. I try to get the folder circulating at least ble, since most people love the day before the special occasion if not sooner. You never know when someone might have a day off, a big project they must complete, or an emergency. If someone's on vacation or ill, you can always sign their name and put "signature on file" something we jokingly did at the City of Noblesville.

I always sign the card first to set the tone. Depending on how well I know the individual, I'll put a sincere compliment, "inside" (departmental) joke, or at least a comment about what a pleasure it is to work with the person.

Once you get the card back, now it's delivery people aren't even getting time! You can tape it to the person's door or locker, leave it in their coat, on their surprise whenever possi-(nice) surprises. If you just can't make a surprise happen, there's nothing wrong with giving it to someone before lunch or the end of their shift with a smile and a wish for a great day.

Most of the time now, many cards from their own family or circle of friends. This small gesture will make their day, week, or

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Noblesville Lions perform sight screenings on 63 kids



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll The Noblesville Lions Club recently visited Saxony pre-school for a kid sight screening. This screening provides a valuable service to the parents free of charge, alerting them to the possibility of eye problems with their child at an early age. The club checked 63 children. (Above) Lion Steven Shaw photographing Lions Dale Unger and Ron Williamson with the student being screened.

Hamilton County housing inventory increases, average Noblesville home price falls

The REPORTER

In March, the residential real estate markets in Noblesville and Hamilton County were strong. Inventory increased throughout the county; however, in Nosale price decreased.

In Noblesville:

- price decreased 7.7 percent to \$411,152.
- The average price per square foot for a Noblesville home decreased, down 5.6 percent to \$152.65.

the market compared to this time last year.

 Closed home sales decreased 3.6 percent compared to this time last year.

In Hamilton County:

- than this time last year.
- The average home sale ventory increased 40.4 per- from which to choose. We cent compared to March are also seeing homes leave
 - to \$487,862.
- Pended home sales de-• Homes spent 65 per- creased, down 5.4 percent

"The residential real estate market continues to strengthen as we move into the second quarter of 2024," F.C. Tucker Company President Jim Litten said. "Inven-• Homes sold 15.6 per- tory continues to increase blesville, the average home cent, or seven days, faster across central Indiana, which offers prospective buyers Available housing in- a wide selection of homes the market more quickly • The average home sale compared to last year, which price increased 1.9 percent is what we would anticipate seeing this time of year."



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Poll workers needed

The REPORTER

Early voting workers are needed to help at polling Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St. places in Carmel, Westfield, and Fishers.

To work early voting, you must submit to a background check and complete a couple hours of county orientation. The pay is \$19 hour. Below are the locations where workers are needed, with the dates and times they are open. (Take note that these are open times; you would have to be there early to open the equipment and stay a little after closing to seal the equipment.)

Westfield

• Westfield City Hall,

Fishers

- Roy G. Holland Memorial Park Building, 1 Park Drive
- · Billericay Park Building, 12690 Promise Road

Carmel

- Wilfong Pavilion at Founders Park, 11675 Hazel Dell Pkwy., Building A
- Jill Perelman Pavilion, 3000 W. 116th St.
- Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

Times

· Wednesday and Thursday, April 24 & 25 from 2 to 7 p.m.

· Friday and Saturday, • Cool Creek Nature April 26 & 27 from 10 a.m.

to 3 p.m. · Wednesday and Thursday, May 1 & 2 from 2 to 7

 Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you'd like to work the polls, please contact Beth Sheller as soon as possible at bethany.sheller@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or (317) 770-4414.

Election Day workers are also needed. You can get information and complete an online form at this link or email or call Sheller at the contact information listed above.

Motorists: stay alert & share road with farm equipment this spring

The REPORTER

Planting season is quickly approaching for Indiana's 94,000 farmers. With the warm weather and sunshine, Hoosier motorists will also see more large slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana's rural roads and highways.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police and Hoosier Ag Today encourage motorists to slow down, be alert, and be patient on roadways this spring.

"Indiana farmers will be working hard this spring to ensure their crops are planted safely, timely and efficiently," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who serves as Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Whether you live in rural, urban or suburban Indiana, remain alert on the road this large farm equipment moving between fields."

In 2021, four occupants were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in two deaths, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

"With the onset of warmer weather, we will begin to see more and more farm machinery on our rural roads and highways," ISP Superintendent Doug Carter said. "Patience, courtesy, undivided attention, and understanding will help everyone get to where they need to be safely. Let's all do our part ment on the left without click here.



Photo provided by ISDA Communications

to ensure our farmers enjoy a safe planting season."

While the term "farm equipment" encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list inspring as you may encounter cludes several safety tips for farm equipment:

- Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.
- Be patient. Farm equipnt is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.
- Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.
- Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equip-

ensuring that the farmer driving is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over to allow a pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

• Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.

• Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

Indiana State Departmotorists approaching large ment of Agriculture Director Don Lamb reminds motorists that farmers work hard to ensure they are being as safe as possible.

"As a farmer myself I have heard of way too many accidents involving farm equipment and motor rural Indiana roads," Lamb said. "Unfortunately, crashes and deaths occur each year during this busy time. We want to encourage motorists to slow down, be alert and be patient when sharing the roads with farmers this busy spring season."

For a list of safety tips,





Don't miss out on Fairyville!

The REPORTER

The 12th annual Noblesville Creates Fairvville alights on the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus and all over Downtown Noblesville Wednesday, April 17 to Saturday, April 20, with crafts and activities for all ages and most events free. Sponsors include J.C. Hart Company, the City of Noblesville, and Four Day Ray Brewing in Fishers.

Noblesville Creates' partners and other local businesses throughout Noblesville downtown will also offer various specials, events, and activities during Noblesville Creates Fairyville that are open to the public. In addition, environmental groups will be on scheduled events throughthe trail on Friday and Saturday to help celebrate Earth Day, and Earth Day-themed activities will be available Friday evening and throughout Saturday.

More of the activities that will be available during Fairy Friday on April 19 include the Noblesville Creates Fairy Emporium where you can make your own wand, crown, or small fairy house. There will also be face painting provided by the Fabulously Fun Company and a fairy scavenger hunt and dream planning with Gal's Guide Library. Additionally, Caravan Classes will be hosting an Art for Tots Fairyville edition.

Starting at 6 p.m. for Fairyville After Dark on April 19, there will be magic performed by Josh Cecil as well as acrobatics and fire performances by Acro & Flow. Additionally, there will be a pub crawl from 6 to 9 p.m. including Four Day Ray Brewing Fishers beer, Primeval Brewing, and Syd's Bar and Grill.

During Sprite Saturday on April 20, the Noblesville Creates Fairy Emporium will still be available along with the fairy scavenger hunt and dream planning with Gal's Guide Library. Throughout the Downtown

ees can enjoy clowning and entertainment by Bill Wilkison. Along the Fairy Trail, attendees can encounter live fairies presented by The Belfry Theater and En Pointe Indiana Ballet. There will also be special demonstrations of glass blowing by Patty Klunzinger and old-fashioned spinning by the Youth Wool Spinners.

Live music will be provided Friday evening and throughout Saturday, including harpist Sara Walthery, Indy Winds Flute Choir, Dulcimer Music, Scrapper & Skelton, Bach 2 Rock Fishers, and interactive drumming with Resounding

There will also be out the festival, including a Fairy House Contest, Fairy Tea Parties, the Fairyville Parade, and, for adults, Fairyville After Dark and the Fairy Ball. More details and dates for those events can be found below.

Noblesville Creates Fairyville Events Fairy House Contest April 17 to 20

The full collection of fairy houses made by local artists of all ages will be on display on the Noblesville Creates campus Wednesday, April 17 through Thursday, April 18 and moved to the Fairy Trail on Friday, April 19. Voting can take place Wednesday through Saturday at noon, in person and on Facebook. Winners will be announced on Saturday, April 22.

Registration for the Fairy House Contest is open through Saturday, April 13. Click here to register.

Fairy Friday Noon to 9 p.m., April 19

Walk the Fairyville Trail, encounter real-life fairies, and explore activities and entertainments for all ages. After 6 p.m., live fairies and entertainment will begin to emerge.

Fairyville After Dark 6 to 9 p.m., April 19

Enchanting enter-Noblesville Square, attend- tainment specifically for princess fairies. Each tea



Photo provided

Get ready, Noblesville! Countless real-life fairies will soon flock to and flutter around downtown.

grownup fairies including party runs approximately magic, fire performing, acrobatics, and a pub crawl.

Fairyville vendors 6 p.m., April 19 to 5 p.m., April 20

Fairy-inspired wares will be sold on the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus and around Noblesville Courthouse Square.

Fairyville Trail April 19 & 20

The full collection of fairy houses made by local artists of all ages will be on display and open for voting along the Fairy Trail the afternoon of Friday, April 19 through 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 20.

Sprite Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 20

Participate in ture-themed crafts and activities led by Noblesville Creates and other partners around Noblesville Courthouse Square.

Crafts and activities will range from \$7 to \$10.

Fairyville Tea Parties 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 20

Bring your young fairy-lovers to the Birdie Gallery to drink tea, learn about fairy etiquette, and meet some real-life fairies. Your ticket includes food and drinks, an activity, and special interactions with the 45 to 60 minutes. Advance registration is required. (\$20 per person; each child must be accompanied by a paying, participating adult.) Click here to attend.

The Sun & Shade

Fairy Dance Parade 1 p.m., April 20

All fairies and humans can join the Mayor of Fairyville on this parade to celebrate the Eclipse. Along the parade route, the Mayor of Fairyville will tell a favorite fairy story about the sun and moon and teach everyone the Eclipse Fairy Dance.

2nd annual Fairy Ball 7 p.m., April 20

An immersive theatrical experience featuring variety acts by talented performers from around central Indiana. Expect the unexpected, fun, and weird. This event serves as a fundraiser for the Noblesville Creates Fairyville event and a fun time for adult fairies.

Click here to purchase a ticket.

Noblesville Creates Fairyville is free to attend; some special events have costs and requirements. Click here to purchase tickets and learn more about Creates the Noblesville Fairyville event.

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U.S. Senate passes challenge to joint employer rule in bipartisan vote of employees if scheduling;

The REPORTER

On Wednesday night, listen to Braun's the U.S. Senate passed a remarks in favor challenge to the new Biden of repealing the Administration rule that new joint employmany say will negatively impact franchise businesses, an important part of the small business economy.

Thirty-two percent of Determining small business owners say that they would not own a business without franchis-

an immediate, long-term negative effect on millions of workers and thousands of businesses," Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) said in his remarks on the Senate floor. "The National Labor Relations Board should not move forward with this joint-employer rule because it will have a negative economic impact and is inconsistent with common law."

Senators Joe Manchin (D-W.V.) and Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.) joined the Republicans in passing the challenge.

Sen. Braun pioneered the use of the Congressional Review Act to challenge what he says are President Biden's overreaching executive actions, including a challenge to protect Americans' retirement savings from being politicized for a lower return on investment, and a bipartisan challenge that the Supreme Court noted was a significant factor in overturning the president's vaccine mandate.

Click here to er rule.

Background

Addressing the Standard for Joint-Employer Status under the National Labor Relations Act:

Under the new standard, "This rule would have an entity may be considered a joint employer of a group

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Braun

each entity has employment relationship with employees and they share or codetermine one or more of the employees' sential terms and conditions of em-

ployment, which are defined exclusively as: (1) wages, benefits, and

other compensation;

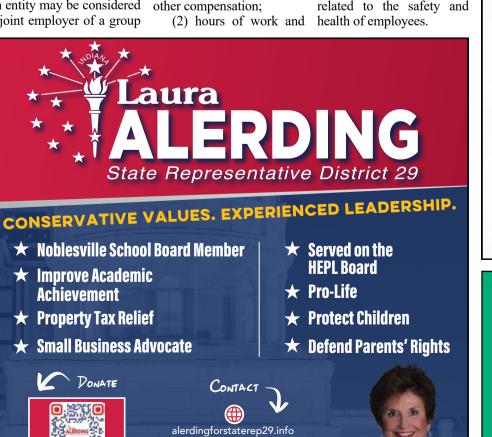
(3) the assignment of duties to be performed;

(4) the supervision of the performance of duties;

(5) work rules and directions governing the manner, means, and methods of the performance of duties and the grounds for discipline;

(6) the tenure of employment, including hiring and discharge; and

(7) working conditions related to the safety and



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Attorney General Rokita co-leads on letter regarding DOJ's potential to interfere in states' election processes

Submitted

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is co-leading and 16 states in fighting federal interference with election laws after U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland vowed to deploy lawyers into the states to combat "legislative measures that make it harder for millions of eligible voters to vote."

"The Biden administration is weaponizing the U.S. Department of Justice against the states," AG Rokita said. "These actions pose a direct threat to democracy, election integrity, and the rule of law. We will stand up and defend our rightful authority within the framework of American federalism."

Speaking in March, Garland said he had "double[d] the number of law-

yers in the civil rights division" "launched the Justice Department's Election Threats Task Force" to deal with states allegedly maintaining "discriminatory, burden-

some, and unnecessary taken aim is voter ID laws, restrictions on access to the which they claim disenfranballot."

AG Rokita and West Virgina Attorney General letter states, "voter ID Patrick Morrisey co-led a laws prevent voter fraud **16-state letter to Garland** by stopping those who atwarning that the states would "vigorously defend our election laws" and "not allow intimidation and fearmongering to supersede the will of the people."

threats – the idea that states

hindering citizens freely and easily casting votes – is false and ludicrous.

measures which Garland and others have

chise eligible voters.

"On the contrary," the tempt to impersonate others at the polls. In 2005, Indiana led the charge to preserve election integrity by implementing the firstin-the-nation voter ID law, The letter states that the which requires in-person very premise of Garland's voters to present a valid government-issued photo

are depriving or ID to vote – (and) the Unit-U.S. ed States Supreme Court from held that voter ID laws were constitutional and did not impose a burden on the electorate."

Amid reports of fraud in p.m. on Saturday, May 11. local vets. One of the various parts of the nation, there are many Americans who distrust the results of the 2020 general election. Some polls indicate more than 30 percent of the electorate believe the election

> "With voter confidence at an all-time low," AG Rokita said, "the U.S. Department of Justice should champion voter security measures instead of attacking states that implement them. And the DOJ should respect, as well, the constitutional provisions giving states the role of regulating elections."

Support local artists & veterans at Carmel VFW

The REPORTER

Save the date for Mother's Day weekend for an and handcrafted creations. afternoon of shopping while It's an indoor, non-smoking supporting local veteran event, and you may also orprograms.

Spend at Art & Country, and art and craft fair at the Carmel VFW, from 11 a.m. to 3

Admission is free.

Find a wide variety of art der food and drinks and enjoy an afternoon outdoor seating on the patio.

> The Carmel VFW is located at 12863 Old Meridian St. Shop local and support

Noblesville Councilor Aaron Smith makes IBJ's 'Forty Under 40'

Smith

Submitted

announces that Noblesville Common Councilor Aaron

Smith has been selected as one of the Indianapolis Business Journal's (IBJ) "Forty Under 40" for 2024. Each year, the award seeks to celebrate the unique accomplishments of central Indiana's

business, government, and non-profit leaders.

"We've embraced Noblesville's challenges and opportunities in a unique way over the past five years, and organizations like the IBJ have taken notice," Smith said. "I'm grateful to work alongside Mayor Chris Jensen, our council, and a dynamic administration to enhance the quality of life in Noblesville."

As the council's president in 2023, Smith's leadership proved pivotal in driving several key initiatives forward. He played a crucial role in the successful effort to bring the Pacers' G League team to Noblesville and central Indiana. Smith also championed a groundbreaking salary increase for Noblesville's public safety officials and led negotiations on the high-profile Pulte/Del Webb project aligned with the with their two kids. city's long-term vision for Wayne Township.

closely with Smith during Foundation.

his first term, especially The City of Noblesville during his time as council president.

> "Aaron's impact on Noblesville's growth over the past four years is undeniable, but it's his strategic mindset that truly sets him apart," Jensen said. "Aaron's leadership will be crucial

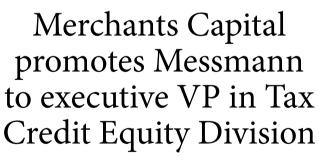
in ensuring Noblesville's success for years to come." Jensen noted Smith's

leadership as indispensable in maintaining a productive working relationship with other elected officials in Hamilton County, particularly during the first year of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project.

"The entirety of this long-overdue infrastructure project runs through his district, and he's been one of the most crucial council members helping the city champion this difficult development," Jensen said. "His efforts have played an essential role in keeping Pleasant Street on time and on budget."

Smith currently serves as the 3rd District representative on the Noblesville Council, leads the Downtown District Committee, and previously served as the council president and vice president. He and his wife, Bronwen, live development to ensure the in downtown Noblesville

Smith also owns a small business with offices on the Mayor Jensen, who was square and serves on the named to the IBJ "Forty boards of Noblesville Main Under 40" list in 2020, has Street and the Noblesville had the privilege of working Chamber of Commerce



Messmann

The REPORTER

nounced Wednesday that promotion is a direct re-

utive leadership team with the promotion of Chris Messmann Executive Vice President. He oversees the tax credit equity division's asset management, fund, and risk management

teams, including pre-clos- in a leadership role for 10 ing financial projections and post-closing investor reporting.

Messmann contributed to the extensive growth of Merchants' tax credit equity platform, which boasts equity under management the United States. in its third year of operation and is now a nationally ranked syndicator working with top developer and in-

vestor partners nationwide. "We are extremely fortunate to count Chris among our executive team and congratulate him on this well-earned promotion," said Julie Sharp, Execu-

Capital. "His leadership

has been invaluable during Merchants Capital an- the past three years and his it has expanded its exec- flection on the investments

we are making in our team, systems and processes that will enable us to serve our investor and developer clients for decades to come."

Messmann joined Merchants Capital in 2021, having served

years at a national tax credit equity syndicator. Prior to that, Messmann was a tax accountant at Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, one of the largest Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LImore than \$1.4 billion of HTC) accounting firms in

> "Our team is achieving remarkable success in the tax credit equity space, reflecting strongly on our innovative platform and dedicated team of professionals," Messmann said. "I'm honored to join the executive team that is driving our strategic growth."

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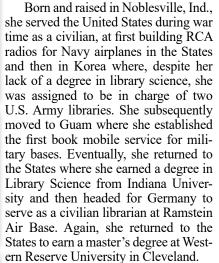
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Ruth Irene Dwigans, who only answered to Irene or



Dwig, was the daughter of Clarice Maxine Ayers Baughman and Clinton Henry Dwigans.





Irene worked in the Erie County was in charge of several branch libraries, ultimately becoming the Supervisor of Branches. She subsequently built a collection of large

print books and foreign fiction. late Norma Jean Lamb, spent summers in Lake Placid, traveled extensively, and pursued their interests in opera, classical music, and theater. They maintained rich friendships

with former colleagues and devotees to the arts. Irene died peacefully on April 3, 2024, and is survived by two siblings, nieces and nephews, and their families.

A family reunion to celebrate her life will take place in Indiana later this Spring. There will also be a celebration of her life in Buffalo, N.Y., for her friends and very dedicated caretakers later this Spring.

Meeting Notices

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B. Westfield

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center 18025 River Road

Wilda Ruth "Babe" Durbin July 5, 1931 – April 8, 2024

Wilda Ruth "Babe" Durbin, 92, passed away peace-



fully at her granddaughter's home in Sheridan on Monday morning, April 8, 2024. Born July 5, 1931, in Hamilton County, she was the daughter of the late Bernard Paul "Ducky" Beam and Juanita Marguerite (Bess) Beam.

A 1949 graduate of Sheridan High School, Babe was raised in the Boxley community and attended Boxley United Methodist Church. She also worked

for a number of years at Elliott Pharmacy, manning the cash register as well as the soda fountain.

Babe enjoyed watching old westerns and cheering for the Sheridan Blackhawks, but her favorite pastime was being with her family. Her life revolved around her grandchildren; whatever the activity, Babe was going to have a front-row seat. There wasn't much that Babe wouldn't do for her family or friends, but when it came to Euchre ... she wasn't going to take it easy on anyone. It didn't matter who you were, experienced player or novice, young or old Babe played to win.

She loved beautiful flowers and had great appreciation (N.Y.) Library system for 37 years. She for a well-maintained yard. Babe was a bit picky about her own lawn maintenance. It needed to be a) done to her specifications, and b) by somebody who knew what they were doing. You don't let just anybody mow the lawn.

Babe loved to have a good time. Her big smile and After her retirement in 1991, she and her partner, the fun-loving personality are going to be missed by everybody who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Babe is survived by her two sons, Rick E. Durbin of Westfield and Terry L. Durbin of Sheridan; three grandchildren, Greg E. Durbin of Sheridan, Julie A. Durbin (Barb) of Sheridan, and Ashley N. Durbin of Zionsville; two great-grandchildren, Kendra L. Durbin and Luke F. Cook; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard Paul "Ducky" Beam and Juanita Marguerite (Bess) Beam; grandson, Michael Bradley Durbin; brother, Dennis Wayne "Sonny" Beam; two sisters, Judy Morris and Phyllis J. Baird (and husband Jack Baird); her Boston Terrier, Spike; and by her loving husband, Forest E. Durbin, on May 28, 2010. She and Forest were married on November 12, 1949.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from noon until the time of service. Burial will follow at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Travis Pryor will be officiating.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

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JOSEPH'S BROTHERS GO TO EGYPT

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you just keep looking at each other?" He continued, "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die."

Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also.

Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. "Where do you come from?" he asked.

"From the land of Canaan," they replied, "to buy food.'

Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected."

"No, my lord," they answered. "Your servants have come to buy food. We are all the sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies."

Genesis 42:1-11 (NIV)

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Westfield's Trey Buchanan (left), Noblesville's Aaron Fine (center) and Fishers' Keenan Garner (right) have all been named as 2024 IndyStar Indiana Boys' All-Stars.

Three county players selected for Indiana Boys' All-Star team

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County boys are among the 13 players that have been selected for the 2024 IndyStar Indiana Boys' All-Stars, All-Stars game director Mike Broughton announced Thursday.

Those chosen to the team will play three games in June -- one exhibition game against the Indiana Junior All-Stars as well as home-and-home contests against the Kentucky All-Stars.

Trey Buchanan of Westfield, Aaron Fine of Noblesville and Keenan Garner of Fishers were all selected to the team. Isaac Andrews of Wapahani, Jack Benter of Brownstown Central, Flory Bidunga of Kokomo, Micah Davis of Franklin Community, Evan Haywood of Brebeuf Jesuit, Jack Miller of Scottsburg, Tyler Parrish of Kokomo has been named be June 8 at Gainbridge of Kokomo, Tucker Tornat- All-Stars. He will be assist-

The 2024 IndvStar Indi-

ers and be announced later.

have four players who have Noblesville. He also had a been a part of state cham- 63-61 mark in four seasons pionship teams (Benter, as a college head coach at 2024 2A; Garner, 2024 4A; Indiana Tech and Wheel-Miller, 2024 3A; and Wind- ing Jesuit in West Virginia. ham, 2023 4A) as well as Hoffman is 239-108 in 14 five players who have been a part of state runner-up squads (Andrews, 2024 2A; in 2019 and 2021. Thomp-Bidunga, 2023 4A; Parrish, 2022 4A; Rogers, 2023 4A; at Barr-Reeve, including and Windham, 2024 4A). the 2021 Class A state The squad also features two crown. He is 244-185 in 17 players who were named IBCA first-team Academic All-State (Andrews and Miller) and one player who cennes Lincoln. was selected IBCA honorable mention Academic All-State (Buchanan). In addition, Andrews was honored as the 2024 IHSAA Trester June 7 at Lexington Cath-Award winner for Class 2A.

John Peckinpaugh of

ana Mr. Basketball will come in three seasons at Kokomo roster for the Indiana girls' and the girls' portion of 96 and the North girls won from among the above play- and 91-41 in five seasons as Junior All-Stars was ana high school head coach, The '24 boys' All-Stars including two seasons at seasons at Silver Creek, including Class 3A state titles son is 134-29 in six seasons seasons overall with previous stops at Springs Valley, Wood Memorial and Vin-

The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 5 at Kokomo. The first game against Kentucky will be olic High School. The final game against Kentucky will Chesterton, Karson Rogers head coach of the 2024 boys' Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

All-Stars was announced March 25.

The Indiana Junior Alldoubleheaders this year --Junior All-Stars at Scottsburg and June 7 against the Indiana seniors at Kokomo.

The second *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star "Futures Games" will be June 3 at Hamilton Southeastern. The Futures doubleheader with Indiana-only squads of sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format. The girls' Futures Games rosters were announced March 29. The boys' Fuannounced later.

Peckinpaugh is 69-17 announced March 11. The Kentucky began in 1940, South boys prevailed 100- up to 10 players.

the All-Stars was added in nounced March 4. The roster 1976. The Junior All-Stars, for the Indiana boys' Junior boys and girls, were added in 1996. The All-Star senior girls have played Kentucky every year since 1976, ex-Stars will play two girl-boy cept 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The June 2 against the Kentucky All-Star senior boys have played Kentucky in all but three years since 1940 --1943 (World War II), 1944 (World War II) and 2020 (COVID-19 pandemic). The doubleheader Futures Games doublehead-

er was added in 2023. The Indiana Senior boys Games will be a girls-boys lead 104-45 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior boys lead 41-11 in games against the Indiana Junior boys. The Indiana Junior boys lead 7-5 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior girls lead 53tures Games rosters will be 41 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior The Indiana All-Stars girls lead 41-11 in games program was founded in against the Indiana Junior All three dates will be 1939 when the Indiana girls. The Indiana Junior the state. Broughton also ta of Evansville Memorial ed by Brandon Hoffman doubleheaders with the In- Boys All-Stars played the girls lead 11-1 in their series reviews votes submitted of Silver Creek and Josh dyStar Indiana girls' All-state champion Frankfort with Kentucky. In the inau-by coaches and media who Thompson of Barr-Reeve. Stars, whose roster was Hot Dogs. The series with gural Futures Games, the each could recommend

The Indiana portion of the All-Star Games is organized and produced by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The Indianapolis Star, with its IndyStar brand, is a title sponsor. Hoosier Shooting Academy is a presenting partner of All-Star Week, and Energy Systems Group is a presented partner of the June 8 All-Star doubleheader at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

The IndyStar Indiana All-Star Team is selected through a balloting process of coaches and media overseen by game organizers from the IBCA. The top vote getter will be named Mr. Basketball, and the remainder of the team is finalized by Broughton after observing numerous games and events throughout the season, conferring with coaches, school officials and media across

Noblesville's own Randy Lewandowski promoted to Indianapolis Indians President and CEO

The REPORTER The Indianapolis Intoday announced executive-level promotions to support the growth, organization's community involvement and direction toward sustained success while maintaining focus on providing fun, affordable entertainment annually to fans at Victory Field. Randy Le-

tion, ascending to president strategic planning and CEO from his previous and fostering a position of president and general manager. The promotion is effective imme- environment

In his new role, Le- organization wandowski will oversee all aspects of the organization's day-to-day operations with an emphasis on business strategy that optimizes the club's growth, community wandowski, a resident of involvement and financial Noblesville, is one of three and operational perforexecutives to earn a promomance. As the senior leader,

positive and collaborative work will position the achieve shortlong-term goals. Overseeing projects to

improve Victory Field, managing club operations with the Pittsburgh Pirates and serving on various Major League Baseball-related committees, acting as the primary liaison with the Indians Board of Directors, Capital Improvement Board, White River State Park, State of Indiana and City of Indianapolis, and serving on numerous Boards including Indy RBI, Indy Chamber and Indianapolis Public

Lewandowski

et office intern in 1994 and has held full-time roles as assistant ticket manager, director of operations, assistant genpresident and general man-

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ager, in his 31-year tenure. Lewandowski graduated with a degree in business management from Anderson University in 1993. There, he was a fouryear starter on the baseball mendous commitment to team and earned Academic All-America honors as a first baseman and pitcher.

others, are just a into the Bishop Dwenger Bruce Schumacher, Indians High School Hall of Fame, was named International League Executive of the Year in 2016, and two years later was inducted into the Northeast Indiana Baseball Association Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Christina, have two adult children, Alyssa (Mike) Tallman and Sam, and one granddaughter, Isla.

Bruce Schumacher, who eral manager and general assumed duties as Indians manager, before becoming Chairman of the Board and CEO in 2016, is in his 42nd season with the team and is handing over CEO responsibilities to Lewandowski. Schumacher will remain Chairman of the Board.

"Randy has shown treour fans, staff and community and is a proven leader to guide the Indianapolis Safety Foundation, among In 2015 he was inducted Indians organization," said dyIndians.com.

Chairman of the Board. "His promotion to president and CEO recognizes his contributions to our club's many successes and positions us well going forward."

Additional executive-level promotions include Matt Guay, promoted to vice president and general manager from his previous position of assistant general manager of tickets and operations, and Joel Zawacki, promoted to vice president and CCO from his previous position of assistant general manager of corporate sales and marketing.

The Indians are in their 122nd season of continuous operation. For more on the Indians, visit IndyIndians. com or contact the Victory Field Box Office at (317) 269-3545 or **Tickets@In-**

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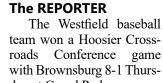












day at Grand Park.

The Bulldogs scored their run in the top of the first inning, but the Shamrocks scored twice in the bottom of the first. Drew Law led off with a triple, then Brayden Hibler singled him home for the first run. Hibler later scored on Alex Rudolph's RBI fielder's choice.

Westfield put up three runs in the third inning, all on one hit. Rudolph blasted a double into right field

around Brownsburg to bring in Gabe Garcia, Ian Wilson and Matt Drozlek. The Shamrocks added three more runs in the sixth inning, starting with a tworun inside the park home run from Hibler. Nick Fero also scored. Wilson got the final run of the game, getting home on a wild pitch.

> Ty Anderson pitched six and two-thirds innings for the win, striking out 10 with no walks and allowing only two hits.

Westfield improved to 3-0 in HCC play and plays at Brownsburg tonight to complete the conference series. The 'Rocks are 7-1 overall.



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Scott Heady introduced as new **SPORTS SCHEDULE** UIndy basketball head coach

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INDIANAPOLIS UIndy officially introduced the school's new head men's basketball coach on Thursday afternoon during a press conference on cam-

Scott Heady, who spent the last seven seasons as Marian University's head basketball coach, was announced as UIndy's 12th head coach in program history earlier this month.

a change," Heady said. "I felt like we accomplished about as much as we could accomplish at Marian other than winning a national championship.

Heady led Marian to NAIA Tournament each season during his seven-year tenure. In fact, the

By ANDREW CHERNOFF it came to why the time was right to take over the UIndy program.

"We'll be tough defensively," Heady said. "I think four of the seven years at Marian, we were top 25 in the country in defensive efficiency. So, it all starts on the defensive end, and I don't think that's going to change. I think tough and together defensive teams usually are unselfish and disciplined offensive teams as well."

Heady is a 1986 gradu-"It was maybe time for ate of UIndy, which makes this even more special for the head coach.

> Purdue head coach Matt Painter knows what it's like coaching an alma mater first-hand as well and he actually had a conversation with Heady this past week about Heady's new role.

"It's funny because I Knights made it all the way was at the Final Four and to the national semifinals in I was talking with Matt Painter and he said, 'Man, Heady said on Thursday you're going to love it,"" it all "just kind of fit" when Heady said. "He goes,



Photo provided by WISH-TV Scott Heady speaks during his introductory press conference Thursday as the new head coach of Ulndy.

There's nothing better boys basketball team in (than coaching at your alma 2012 and 2013. mater).' It's a great feeling and just to come back. I feel very fortunate and plan to take full advantage of the opportunity because it is a tremendous opportunity."

Heady has also found success at the high school level in Indiana, winning back-to-back IHSAA 4A the Carmel High School coach.

Heady replaces Paul Corsaro, who left UIndy late last month to become IU Indianapolis' next head coach.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/ college-basketball/scottheady-introduced-as-newstate championships with uindy-basketball-head-

Friday, April 12

BASEBALL

Edwardsville (Ill.) at Carmel, 6 p.m. Hamilton Heights at Maconaquah, 6 p.m. Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Westfield at Brownsburg, 6 p.m. Noblesville at Fishers, 6:30 p.m. **BOYS LACROSSE**

Fishers vs. Park Tudor, 7:30 p.m. at Zionsville Hamilton Southeastern at Olentangy Liberty (Ohio), 7:30 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE

Bloomington South at Fishers, 7:30 p.m. **SOFTBALL**

Hamilton Southeastern at Mount Vernon, 5:30 p.m. Lawrence North at Noblesville, 6 p.m. New Palestine at Carmel, 6 p.m. Sheridan at Cardinal Ritter, 6 p.m. **TENNIS**

Cathedral at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m. Westfield at Avon, 6 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD Traders Point Christian, Wisdom Builders at Sheridan, 5 p.m. Noblesville boys, Westfield boys at Bob Potter Field Events Classic, 5:30 p.m. at Lawrence North Fishers, Noblesville boys, Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson Sprinters Showcase, 5:45 p.m. University at Small School Showcase, 6 p.m. at Park Tudor Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville,

VOLLEYBALL Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers Midwest Battle, 6 p.m.

Westfield at Franklin Central Flashes Showcase, 6:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.



Rain brings end to Indianapolis 500 open test

Submitted by IMS

As rain showers continue to move through the Indianapolis area, day two of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge Open Test at Indianapolis Motor Speedway has been canceled, concluding the test.

During day one Wednesday, the Indianapolis 500 Rookie Orientation Program and veteran refresher laps were completed, along with

veteran testing. Combined, 34 drivers turned a total of 1,327 laps in sessions that featured adjusted start times in anticipation of weather.

on Friday, May 10 for practice and qualifying ahead of the Sonsio Grand Prix on Saturday, May 11 on the IMS road course. Practice for the 108th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled

with the race scheduled for Sunday, May 26.

The next event for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES is the Acura Grand Prix of Teams will return to IMS Long Beach on Sunday, April 21 on the Streets of Long Beach. Coverage begins at 3 p.m. ET on USA Network and Peacock. Coverage is also available from the INDYCAR Radio Network via the INDYCAR App powered by NTT DATA to begin Tuesday, May 14, and SiriusXM channel 218.





Upcoming Broadcasts (subject to weather)

Fri April 12 - IHSAA Baseball & Girls Lacrosse

5:50 pm Covenant Christian vs Scecina | IHSAA Baseball | Indiana SRN 6:00 pm Noblesville vs Fishers | IHSAA Baseball | Fishers Sports Network 6:30 pm Fishers vs Bloomington North | Girls Lacrosse | Fishers Sports Network

Sat April 13 - IHSAA Baseball & Girls Lacrosse

11:00 am Greenfield Central vs Fishers | IHSAA Baseball | Fishers Sports Network 12:20 pm Evansville Bosse vs Avon | Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN 2:00 pm Lake Central vs Fishers | IHSAA Baseball | Fishers Sports Network 6:00 pm Carmel vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports

Mon April 15- IHSAA Softball & Girls Lacrosse

5:30 pm Lawrence North vs Fishers | IHSAA Softball | Fishers Sports Network 6:00pm Harrison (W. Lafayette) vs Noblesville | IHSAA Softball | HCTV Sports 7:20 pm Westfield vs Heritage Christian | Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

Tues April 16 - IHSAA Baseball & Girls Lacrosse

5:20 pm Covenant Christian vs Heritage Christian I IHSAA Baseball | Indiana SRN 5:30 pm Brebeuf vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | Girls Lacrosse | HCTV Sports 7:00 pm Brebeuf vs Noblesville | Varsity | Girls Lacrosse | HCTV Sports

Wed April 17 - IHSAA Baseball

5:20 pm Indpls Lutheran vs Scecina | IHSAA Baseball | Indiana SRN

































Meet the Candidate

Dear Readers,

In these pages you will read all about the candidates who have chosen to respond to The Hamilton County Reporter's request to share their information and help you make an informed decision at the polls on or before May 7. Candidate information is presented as it was submitted.

The Reporter takes no responsibility for any typographical, grammatical or It's primary election season, and we have a fine selection of candidates for factual errors. These are the candidates speaking to you in their own words (or in the words of duly designated campaign staff). The only edits we have made have been to cut down those statements that were submitted over the 200-word limit we set to ensure everyone had equal space in our pages.

Candidates vying for the same office are grouped together in a shaded box.

Sincerely, The Hamilton County Reporter

STATE-

Matt McNally

Democrat for State Representative District 39

Matt is a veteran of Afghanistan, airline pilot, union member, and proud husband and father. He served in the military for over 22 years and retired in 2022 after attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. Matt currently serves the Carmel and Westfield communities as the Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 10003, on the board of



the Westfield Kiwanis Club, and was an English as a second language instructor with Exodus Refugee. He and his wife, Brooke, have two children who attended Westfield public schools.

Matt first ran in 2022, when his campaign connected with more than 30,000 voters on their doorsteps. Matt is running because, after talking to many community members, he knows the policies pushed by the current super-majority are out of step with Hoosiers in the 39th District. Matt is ready to start working together for Indiana.

Connect with McNally at McNallyForIndiana.com, on Facebook, or by emailing matt.mcnally@mcnallyforindiana.com.

Joel Levi

Democrat for State Senate District 20

Joel was born and raised in Anderson, Indiana. He attended Anderson University where he met his wife Megan. After getting married they lived in Nashville, Tennessee from 2013-2020. Upon moving back home, they settled in Cicero, Indiana where they now live with their five year old son Mitchell. Joel's son currently



attends the Little Huskies Pre-K at Hamilton Heights. Megan and Joel have always had a heart for healthcare. His wife is a nurse practitioner at Community Health. Joel is a pharmacy technician in the Coumadin Clinic and Outpatient Pharmacy at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

Levi is running for State Senate so that our children can live in the Indiana they deserve. This starts with our kids feeling safe at school. The simplest way to ensure this is with common sense gun laws.

If elected into the Indiana State Senate, Levi's top riority would be spearheading legislation so that Democrats and Republicans can join together to keep our Hoosier children safe. His goal is to reach across the aisle and find Republican legislators that believe in the Second Amendment, but that also believe in requiring background checks at gun shows and on third party sales.

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Victoria Garcia Wilburn

Democrat for State Representative District 32

earned a degree in occupational therapy as a first-generation college student and started as a clinician and

In 2005, Victoria and her husband, Christopher chose to make Indiana home. Victoria's awareness of public safety issues and the need for healthy, accessible communities deepened during this time as her husband served as a police officer. They grew their family, welcoming three beautiful children while Victoria

Dr. Victoria Garcia Wilburn is a

Victoria grew up in a working

class neighborhood in the Chicago suburbs and was raised in a union family who believed organizing was critical to action. She

public health advocate.

University of Indianapolis.

common-sense gun safety laws.

leader in the field of Occupational

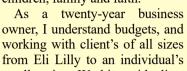
Therapy, a mother of 3, and an advocate for mental and behavioral

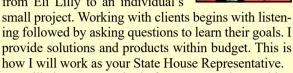
health.

Laura Alerding

Republican for State Representative District 29

I am a Conservative Republican serving my fourth year on the Noblesville School Board. My conservative record makes it clear that I stand up for Parents Rights, children, family and faith.





I will show my gratitude for your vote by working long hours with grit and determination to find solutions to issues that affect your daily life. I am pro-life, pro-business, pro-family, and pro-first responders and I will stand strong to protect each group. You may see me knocking on doors introducing myself to voters, or meeting with business owners, elected officials, residents, or community leaders to learn their concerns, or perhaps at a school board meeting where our work affects the \$160 Million Dollar budget, 10,300+ students and 1500+ employees.

My husband Jim and I love Noblesville and living close-by to many of our children and grandchildren!

Connect with Alerding on Facebook, at AlerdingForStateRep29.info, or by emailing Laura@AlerdingforStateRep29.info.

Dr. Chris Hartig

Democrat for State Representative District 29

Dr. Chris Hartig was raised by a Vietnam Veteran Marine who taught him that "you must put in the work to get the results," and a mother who gave him the values to "do the right thing, especially when it seems like a hard choice.' He is ready to put in the work as the Democratic candidate for Indiana House Representative, District 29 (Noblesville and part of Fishers).



Dr. Hartig worked 15 years in the mortgage and finance industry and spent the last decade as a Management and Leadership professor at WGU Indiana, supporting working Hoosiers to upskill to earn training and certifications to improve their lives. He earned a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership from Northcentral University, an MBA in Management and Strategy from Western Governors University, and a BA in Economics from Ball State University.

His legislative priorities are to serve as a guardrail against the unchecked extreme supermajority, protect personal freedoms, and support public schools.

Connect with Hartig at DrChrisForIndiana.com, on Facebook or by emailing chrisforindiana@yahoo.com.

Candidates can click this box to submit

County-

Sue Maki

Republican for County Council At-Large

Sue Maki is currently serving as Hamilton County Councilor At-Large where she holds the position of Vice President. Sue has been active in the Hamilton County civic community for many years. Her leadership roles include past president of Hamilton County Tourism Commission, Carmel Rotary, Carmel Middle



School PTO and the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board. She currently serves on the board of Invest Hamilton County, the Economic Development Organization for the County.

Her professional experience includes 18 years in the insurance industry with most of the time in a management capacity. She worked for the City of Carmel Utilities for 15 years, retiring from them in 2022 to devote her time to County Council work and other volunteer endeavors.

Making an impact across all towns and cities in Hamilton County, Sue served as Executive Director of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy from 2000 - 2003. She is also a 1999 graduate.

Sue holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Anderson University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Baldwin-Wallace University Berea, Ohio.

Sue lives in Carmel with her husband of 41 years, Tom Kapostasy. They have two grown sons, a daughter-in-law and a Cairn Terrier dog, Cooper.

Connect with Maki at SueMaki.com, on Facebook, or by emailing suemaki4council@gmail.com.

FEDERAL-

Dr. Valerie McCray

Democrat for United States Senate

My name is Dr. Valerie McCray and I'm working hard to become your next U.S. Senator representing Indiana.

As a Psychologist, I've witnessed how U.S. policies profoundly affect the mental well-being of our people. I've worked directly with veterans struggling with PTSD, incarcerated individu-



als in desperate need of support and rehabilitation, and youth struggling to overcome the effects of violence. It's clear that mental health must be a national priority and we cannot address our nation's challenges one crisis at a time. That's why I'm running for U.S. Senate.

Relentlessly, I will fight for beyond-subsistence wages, unions, healthcare for all, women's rights to choose, equal rights for everyone, strengthening public education, and repealing Citizens United so people (not corporations) can be truly represented. In addition, I will champion student loan debt reduction, closing the wealth gap, and funding environmental restoration efforts.

I am both compassionate and fierce, and can relate to the struggles of working class Hoosiers. I will break barriers and build a brighter future for Indiana. Together, we can build a movement for change – one that prioritizes mental health and ensures every individual has access to resources needed and policies that help us thrive.

Connect with McCray on Facebook and at ValerieMcCray.org.

their information to The Reporter.



Victoria's dedicated her career to improving the well-being of Hoosiers and advocating for equity and access to mental and behavioral health services. Her work has been instrumental in increasing central Indiana resources for children and families affected by

completed her doctorate degree in health science at the

substance use disorders and in training future health care professionals in trauma informed care. Victoria's running to strengthen public schools, improve public health infrastructure and advocate for

Connect with Wilburn on Facebook, at WilburnForIndiana.com, or by emailing victoria@wilburnforindiana.com.

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Kathy Kreag Williams, Circuit Court Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

The voters of HAMILTON County are notified in accordance with Indiana Code 3-8-2-19 that a primary election will be held within the county on May 7, 2024, with the polls open from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time. I certify that based on the declarations of candidacy filed in the office of the county election board (or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County Boards of Elections and Registration), and the public questions certified to me by the State of Indiana or this county's election board, the following individuals and public questions will be placed on the primary election ballot:

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Jennifer G. McCormick 1341 W County Road 50 N New Castle, IN 47362					
Ryan Pfenninger 12928 Brighton Lane Carmel, IN 46032					
Deborah A Pickett 11668 Rosemeade Dr. Carmel, IN 46032	United States Representative, Fifth District				
Joel Levi 263 Alvov Court Cicero, IN 46034	State Senator, District 20				
Josh Lowry 521 Jet Stream Blvd Westfield, IN 46074State Representative, District 0					
Christopher Hartig 1512 Maple Avenue Noblesville, IN 46060	State Representative, District 029				
Victoria Garcia Wilburn 9277 N Temple Ave Indianapolis, IN 46240	State Representative, District 032				
Matt McNally 303 Fox Court Carmel, IN 46032	State Representative, District 039				
Starr Joy Hairston 10302 Lakeland St Fishers, IN 46037	State Representative, District 088				
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Keely J. Gladieux 4913 Rustling Ridge Ct Noblesville, IN 46062-5001	Hamilton County Council, At Large				
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PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS IN-PERSON ABSENTEE OR "EARLY" VOTING INFORMATION

The dates, times and locations of in-person voting at the circuit court clerk's office and, if applicable, at satellite offices are as follows:

425 E MAIN ST	Open Wednesday 04/24/2024 until Thursday 04/25/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 04/26/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM Open Wednesday 05/01/2024 until Thursday 05/02/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 05/03/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM			
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DATED. THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2024.	

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