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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Mostly sunny morning.  
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## Fishers & HSE artists win \$4K at STAR Bank Senior Showcase

**The REPORTER**  
Fishers Arts Council (FAC) has announced the winners of the 15th annual Fishers Arts Council Senior Showcase sponsored by STAR Bank.

Senior Showcase is an annual exhibit where seniors of both Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern high schools exhibit their artwork and poetry while competing for scholarships.

"The 15th annual Senior Showcase once again highlighted the impressive artistic talents coming out of the Fishers and HSE School programs," FAC President Ross Hilleary said. "This year \$4,000 in scholarships were given to 23 seniors, ranging from \$50 to \$600 per award, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and art patrons across the city. Fishers Arts Council is proud of this event and looks forward to Senior Showcase returning to the new Fishers Art & Municipal



Scholarship winners from Fishers and HSE high schools with FAC President Ross Hilleary, Fishers City Council President Cecilia Coble, and STAR Bank Senior Retail Sales Officer Amanda Ruback.

Complex in 2025." The awards were presented Friday evening, April 12 at FAC's Hub Gallery at the Hamilton County Community Foundation during the Second Friday

reception. Hilleary, along with Fishers City Council President Cecilia Coble and STAR Bank Senior Retail Sales Officer Amanda Ruback, presented the awards. Catherine Snider also

presented a special award, "Best Representation of the Written Word," in memory of her daughter, Jordan D. Snider.

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## How to be an easy target in the Big Easy

*I'm going down New Orleans  
I've got to see Dr. John  
Got my mojo working  
Everything will be fine*  
— Van Morrison

My HOKAs were shined in NOLA.

That's not a euphemism for something dirty, so get your mind out of the gutter. Technically, I was in a gutter in the French Quarter when the aforementioned event unfolded, sitting on a curb with my wife near the intersection of St. Peter and Chartres, watching fortune tellers at card tables and a jazz band busking along Jackson Square. Trumpets, saxophones, and trombones flashed like lightning with mercy in the Louisiana sunshine, followed by bass drum thunder, the crack of snares, and the rhythmic burps of a tuba.

By "shined" I mean a real, honest-to-goodness shoeshine.

By "HOKAs" I mean my HOKA Clifton 9 brand running shoes. Not patent leather dress shoes, mind you, but, instead, canvas SNEAKERS.

A sneaker shoeshine was not on the todo list when charting our first Big Easy encounter. A visit to Café Du Monde, yes. A WWOZ walk-thru, yes. Seeing Kermit Ruffins and Irvin Mayfield perform at Kermit's Tremé Mother In Law Lounge on a Tuesday night, yes. But a shoeshine, no, especially not for tennis shoes.

I guess I had the right to decline the shine, but I'm of Hoosier ilk — I avoid hurting people's feelings despite knowing that I'm nothing but a Midwestern mark to them, a turnip wagon refugee on vacation.

As soon as our butts parked on the curb for a brief rest, an older man in a red T-shirt descended like a hungry grackle homing in on beignet crumbs. He kneeled before me, as if proposing marriage, then gripped my bony kneecap, his palm three times the size of my knee.

"Where did you get your shoes?"  
What a relief, I thought. He was simply complimenting my HOKAs. I was flattered. Before I could answer, he leaned in closer, and his fingers crept up my leg toward the wallet lump of my front pocket.

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**COLUMNIST**

**write on.**  
SCOTT SAALMAN  
Scaramouch

## Feinstein's gets Greased by Don Farrell



Last Thursday night, Don Farrell & Crossroads Entertainment gave an electrifying performance in Summer Nights: The Music of Grease at Feinstein's in Hotel Carmichael, 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Accompanied by the cool sounds of The Terry Woods Band, Farrell kicked off Crossroad Entertainment's new series Don Farrell Presents ... with an energetic tribute to well-known T-Bird song "Greased Lightning." (ABOVE) The cast included Terry Woods (piano), Don Farrell (headliner), Jacob Butler (vocals), Logan Hill (vocals), Maya Mays (vocals), Brett Mutter (vocals), Chelsea Hughey (drums), and Fred Withrow (bass). Catch Farrell and his talented crew every third Thursday at Feinstein's. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, dessert, and cocktails. Shows begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Tickets and other information are available at [feinsteinshc.com](http://feinsteinshc.com).

## Sheridan Lion Bob Dix honored for 55 years



During a recent meeting, Sheridan Lions Club President Jim Kitchel recognized Bob Dix for being a member for 55 years. Congratulations, Lion Bob!



On Friday morning, almost 60 Conner Prairie leaders, donors, and community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of the new Trails at Conner Prairie.

## Trails at Conner Prairie now open, helping you explore & conserve nature

**The REPORTER**

Conner Prairie has officially opened its new trail system, **Trails at Conner Prairie**, as part of the Museum's ongoing efforts to fully immerse its guests in nature. Offering both guided and independent nature explorations, Forest Therapy, and more, the Trails at Conner Prairie is a holistic experience for the entire family. The Trails are open during Museum hours and are included with general admission.

Located along the oxbow bend of the White River, the wildlife-friendly Trails consists of two different pathways: the Prairie Trail, a two-mile paved pathway, and the R.B. Annis Vista Trail, a two-mile more rugged, natural trail.

The Trails have been certified as Indiana Wildlife Federation Sustainable Trails. Both pathways offer self-guided programs curated by Conner Prairie nature specialists that enhance the guest experience as they invite you to learn more about the plants, animals, and people who historically and presently call this area home. Leaflets are available at any trailhead that provide information and/or invitations to engage with nature and history, and mile

markers are posted every one-tenth of a mile. Special programming is also available each month with topics ranging from Earth Day, Wellness in Nature, Birds & Brews, Water Exploration and much more.

**White River Art Canoes further advance Conner Prairie's innovation in combining art and nature**

What began with Conner Prairie's **Habitat** exhibit, which helps guests understand interconnected natural habitats and features art from prominent local artists, continues with the White River Art Canoes.

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ATTENTION VOTERS!

Following the Sports Section, you can read candidate 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.

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(ABOVE LEFT) Best in Show Winner Hannah Gao (center) with Amanda Rubeck of STAR Bank (left) and Fishers City Council President Cecilia Coble (right). (ABOVE RIGHT) Jordan D. Snider Award Winner, Judian Hunsader of Fishers High School, with Catherine Snider, steward of the Jordan D. Snider award.

The award for Best in Show went to Hannah Gao (HSE High School) for her painting titled "Oasis." The evening's other big winner was Judian Hunsader (Fishers High School) for his collection of song lyrics titled, "Jude's Lyrics." He won the Jordan D. Snider award for Best Representation of the Written Word. Hunsader gave a reading of his song, "Chrysalis," during the ceremony. A total of 83 students participated in the exhibit offering 173 pieces of art along with nine poetry-based submissions.

The artwork will remain on exhibit through April 26 at the FAC Hub Gallery at the Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Thursday. The gallery can be viewed on Fridays by making an appointment with FAC.

"This year's exhibit is the largest Senior Showcase by far, and we must give special thanks to STAR Bank for providing additional funds that allowed us to add a Digital Art award category this year," FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said. "Their support has been incredible, since 2021, in allowing us to provide more opportunities for students to be recognized for their tal-

ents. We hope every single student who participated in the exhibit understands how phenomenal their skills are and to keep on expressing themselves creatively."

Several new sponsors joined this year to fund the scholarships including Fishers Dental Care, Boomerang Development, The Goddard School (Brooks School Road), as well as local art supporters, Laura & Ed Villanyi. Returning for their third year as scholarship sponsors are Catherine Snider, Four Day Ray, and Schoolhouse 7 Cafe.

Sponsors for the 2024 scholarships were as follows:

- STAR Bank: Best in Show, 1st Place awards in each category, 2nd Place Photography
- Catherine Snider: Jordan D. Snider Awards
- Four Day Ray Brewing: 3rd Place awards in each category
- Boomerang Development: 2nd Place Drawing
- Schoolhouse 7 Cafe: 2nd Place Painting
- The Goddard School (Brooks School Road): 2nd Place Digital Art
- Fishers Dental Care: 2nd Place 3D Art
- Laura & Ed Villanyi: Honorable Mention awards in each visual arts category

A complete list of winners follows:

- Best in Show: Hannah Gao (HSE)
- Jordan D. Snider Award for Best Representation of the Written Word: Judian Hunsader (FHS)
- Jordan D. Snider Honorable Mention: Hannah Gao (HSE)
- Drawing
  - 1st Place: Evie Bissonette (HSE)
  - 2nd Place: Damian Ryan (FHS)
  - 3rd Place: Daniel Serrano (HSE)
- Honorable Mention (HM): Grace Floyd (FHS)
- Painting
  - 1st Place: Heather Stutz (HSE)
  - 2nd Place: Cruz Jafri (HSE)
  - 3rd Place: Clara Hagedorn (FHS)
  - HM: Vaughn Ehrgott (HSE)
  - HM: Avery Stein (FHS)
- Photography
  - 1st Place: Kendall Matusewicz (FHS)
  - 2nd Place: Ameera Tai (FHS)
  - 3rd Place: Dieter



Art provided Best in Show artwork (painting) "Oasis" by HSE senior Hannah Gao.

- Hamm (FHS)
- HM: Maddie Beaulieu (FHS)
- Digital Art
  - 1st Place: Samuel Anderson (FHS)
  - 2nd Place: Brooklynn Ferrell (FHS)
  - 3rd Place: Mia Noel (FHS)
  - HM: Morgan Wright (FHS)
- 3D Art
  - 1st Place: Mia Ignieri (HSE)
  - 2nd Place: Faith Perry (FHS)
  - 3rd Place: Olivia Weyer (FHS)
  - HM: Hannah Young (HSE)

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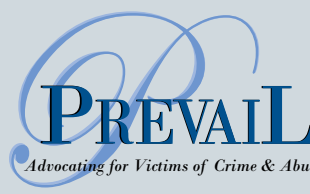


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# BIG EASY

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I was being played like a piano. His spider fingers possessed the adeptness of Professor Longhair rattling the ivories. I bent forward to block the alleged pickpocket's progression.

He straightened, glanced at my wife. "You have a fine woman. Yes, sir. Where you from?"

"Indiana," my wife said, before I could lie about living in New Orleans and possibly save our asses.

"Indiana," he repeated, our state's name sticking to his tongue like a favorite chorus mired in molasses. It took him 20 seconds to sound out those four syllables. His grin was wolfish. That's when I knew that he knew that he had us.

"Yes, sir, you have a fine woman."

"She's a dandy," I said. "I will be your bodyguard," he proposed and chuckled.

The man leaned in again. His head eclipsed Jackson Square. He pulled a ratty, red rag from his pants pocket, gave it an exaggerated shake as if evicting fleas.

"Those are fine shoes." "Tennis shoes." "I'm going to shine them shoes."

"They're tennis shoes." "They still need shine." His left hand found my right ankle, gave it an anaconda squeeze. The man was a human bear trap. My lack of protest was interpreted as consent. I was destined for a shoeshine.

He wasn't the first street denizen to prey upon us. Earlier, a robbed, bald guy with sandals and a fistful of beads said "peace" and slid three bracelets up my left wrist, an act that I assumed was a New Orleans custom reserved for new arrivals, similar to lei greeters ceremoniously putting flowers around the necks of arriving tourists in Hawaii. "Thank you," I said, appreciating the monk-like man's Crescent City welcome.

"You pay me now?" I told him the God's honest truth, "I don't have cash."

Undeterred, he snapped his fingers near my face. "Cha-ching," he said with a sheepish smile.

"No cha-ching." "Yes cha-ching," he persisted, albeit weaker. "Credit card?" I offered.

Recognizing an impasse had befallen on the robbed and the rube, Mr. Peace Train's smile disappeared, along with my trio of bracelets. Head down, he drifted down Decatur Street like post-hurricane flotsam, muttering something indecipherable. My peace offering was voided. Hell hath no fury like a mock monk scorned.

But back to Jackson Square.

"I'll shine your tennis shoes. Make your fine woman proud to be with you."

The shoeshine man held up a small tube. He twisted the cap, squeezed out white cream. For all I knew, it was toothpaste. His rag made circular motions on the tops, sides, and bottoms of my SNEAKERS.

"Finished," he said, releasing my ankle. "Just look at the shine."

"You do great work," I said, even though my sneakers didn't look any different. The shoeshine shyster stood.



I handed him a \$20 bill. The earlier bracelet incident had resulted in a visit to an ATM in anticipation of future monk encounters. Our body guard walked away.

Apparently, the only thing easy in the Big Easy was me.

My wife and I rose from the curb, our perch of vulnerability. Stepping from the gutter, the burps of the tuba revived our enthusiasm for Crawfish Town, as did the Jazzmen who sang, "While you stroll in New Orleans, you ought to go see the Mardi Gras. If you go to New Orleans, you ought to go see the Mardi Gras ..." Though

\$20 lighter, we continued to indulge in the sights, sounds, and food, knowing there was no other city for which we could care more.

Scott's new humor col-

lection, **Quietly Making Noise**, is available on Amazon. Contact him to be a guest speaker at one of your gatherings. Contact: [scottsalmann@gmail.com](mailto:scottsalmann@gmail.com).

# TRAILS

As part of Conner Prairie's ongoing partnership with the White River Alliance, the Alliance has given its **White River Art Canoes** to Conner Prairie. Decorated by local artists, the canoes will be installed throughout the Trails for guests to experience as they explore.

**Indiana's first-ever Black Birders Week hosted at the Trails at Conner Prairie**

From May 26 through June 1, Conner Prairie will host Indiana's first-ever Black Birders Week, a week-long program dedicated to uplifting black

nature enthusiasts while highlighting the visibility of black birders. Throughout the week, virtual and in-person events will be available, including Guided Beginning Bird Walkers and bird-focused play invitations.

**The Trails at Conner Prairie part of a larger ecological effort**

Six miles of White River shoreline are stewarded by Conner Prairie, including two miles of the new R.B. Annis Vista Trail, which runs along the river embankment. The Trails at Conner Prairie is just one of

the many ways the Museum plays a significant part in the regional effort to expand the greenway along the river, the area's most significant natural resource.

In early March, the **White River Greenway** north extension project began construction. A partnership between Conner Prairie and Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, this north extension project will span over five miles in Carmel when completed.

**Prairie Pathways Campaign funds the Trails** Conner Prairie's \$40 million Prairie Pathways

Campaign provided the funding for the Trails at Conner Prairie to accelerate learning and inspire a genuine connection between the visitor and the river, shoreline, woods, and habitats. Outdoor experiences like the Trails offer opportunities to increase health and well-being, while exploring the history and ecology of the land and the river. To learn more about the Prairie Pathways Campaign visit [connerprairie.org/prairie-pathways-campaign](http://connerprairie.org/prairie-pathways-campaign).

For more information, visit [connerprairie.org/trails-at-conner-prairie](http://connerprairie.org/trails-at-conner-prairie).

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# Noblesville considers allowing alcohol drinking in Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY  
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Noblesville could allow outdoor drinking of alcohol in the downtown area if the City Council on Tuesday passes an ordinance to create a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.

Known by the acronym DORA, the special area allows people to carry open containers of alcohol inside it. The Noblesville DORA would include the majority of the downtown area east of the White River and, on the other side of the waterway, extend west to the Federal Hill Commons park.

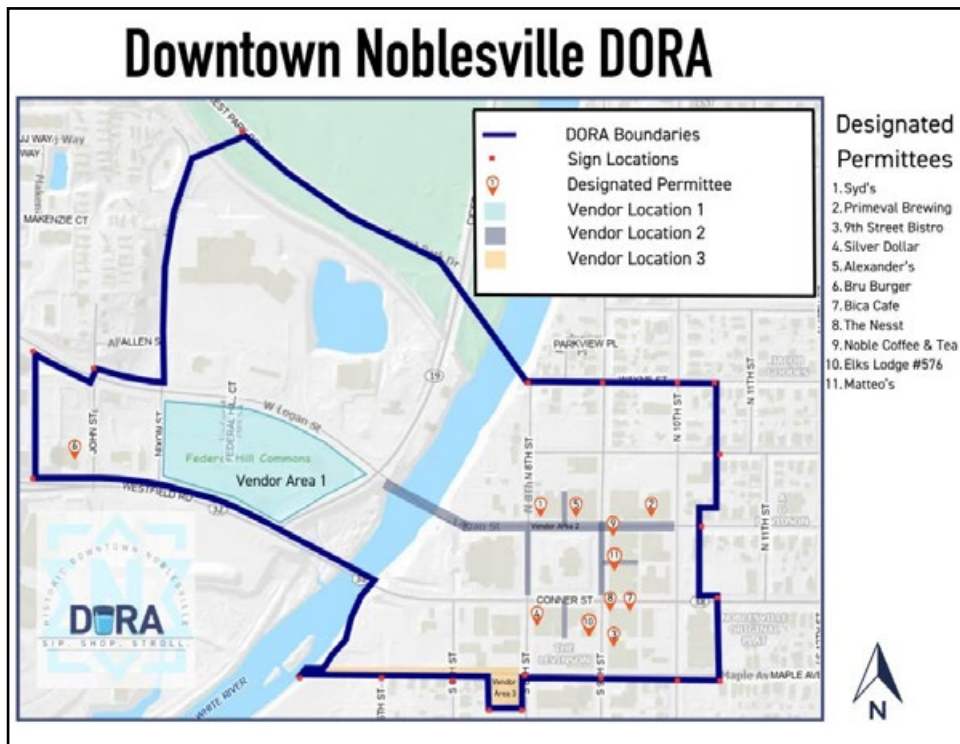
The goal is to increase foot traffic and encourage people to come downtown.

The DORA would operate from noon to 11 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays through Sundays.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen told News 8 on Friday that the city lobbied Indiana legislators for communities' ability to create the special drinking districts. The governor signed the proposal into law in July, and at least 11 communities so far have adopted ordinances to allow and regulate and regulating Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas.

"We hope that this gives a boost not only to our restaurant and bar scene downtown, but to our retail scene in downtown, which is overall really critically important to our overall economic vibrancy in our city," Jensen said.

People taking to-go drinks will be required to use plastic cups labeled with a Noblesville DORA logo and finish their drinks before entering



Graphic provided by City of Noblesville

another bar or restaurant.

"This is done in a uniform way so they will be in plastic DORA-designated cups," Jensen said. "They can take them into establishments that have signage that allow them to be in there."

Downtown bars are on board; about a dozen have signed up to be participating locations.

Michael Smith, general manager of Syd's Fine Food and Spirits, told News 8, "You'll be able to come to Syd's and you'll be able to grab a pint or a cocktail, walk around the [Hamilton County Courthouse] Square, go to some of the shops that are around here, and kind of keep people in the downtown Noblesville area."

Smith says the Noblesville DORA will be good for the city.

"People are going to be able to come in with their families, get a drink, come

out to the Square, hang out with their families on the Square instead of in a bar atmosphere," Smith said. "I think it's a really good thing for downtown Noblesville and all the young families coming in."

Customers at Syd's agreed with the city's plan.

Noblesville resident Darren Peck said, "Noblesville's got many downtown attractions - car shows, Bridge of Flowers, Federal Hill park - and it will be great that you will not be restricted to just the bar."

Adam Grubb, another resident, said, "It's just a nice addition to the city as it continues to change."

A city official tells News 8 that the Noblesville Police Department will have foot and bike patrols downtown, and it has collaborated on a public safety plan for the special drinking district.

The Noblesville City

Council heard the first reading of the bill April 9. The second reading and the public hearing will be on Tuesday. The council will have the chance to vote to approve the ordinance at Tuesday's meeting.

The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission says 11 communities have already set up Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas: Batesville, Fort Wayne, Greensburg, Huntingburg, Jasper, Jeffersonville, Kirklintown, Lawrenceburg, Shelbyville, Winona Lake, and Yorktown.

Wisconsin and Ohio are among other states with DORAs.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/entertainment-news/noblesville-considers-allowing-alcohol-drinking-in-designated-outdoor-refreshment-area.

## Support local artists & veterans at Carmel VFW

The REPORTER

Save the date for Mother's Day weekend for an afternoon of shopping while supporting local veteran programs.

Spend an afternoon at Art & Country, and art and craft fair at the Carmel VFW, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

Admission is free.

Find a wide variety of art and handcrafted creations. It's an indoor, non-smoking event, and you may also order food and drinks and enjoy outdoor seating on the patio.

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

## Get ready for Choose to Move 5K in Fishers

The REPORTER

The Choose to Move 5K will take place on Saturday, April 27 in Fishers.

The opening ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. with ALL races starting at 9:15 a.m. 5K runners/walkers will be at the front and the one-mile

walkers towards the back. The Start/Finish line is located on Saxony Blvd East. This race will end at the same location.

Click here to see a map of the course.

For more details on this event, go to indianaparkinson.org.

## Saving sick pups: Humane Society for Hamilton County & Elanco partner for first National Parvo Awareness Day

The REPORTER

Each year, more than 330,000 puppies are diagnosed with canine parvovirus (parvo) and as many as 91 percent of those pups will die if left untreated.

Parvo is highly contagious and spreads through contact - at the dog park, at kennels, through food and water bowls, in homes with multiple pets and through the hands and clothing of people who care for infected dogs. The main culprit is infected dog feces.

Yet Elanco research estimates that only 44 percent of dog owners truly know what parvo is.

As parvo season -

begins, Elanco has declared Tuesday, April 23 as the first-ever National Parvo Awareness Day and is launching its Parvo is Poop educational campaign to spread awareness about this devastating disease and how together, everyone can Test, Treat, and Defeat Parvo.

Elanco and the Humane Society of Hamilton County have come together for the first-ever National Parvo Awareness Day to spread awareness about parvo and advance Elanco's mission to save one million puppies from this deadly disease by 2030.

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Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ

# The wisdom of silence & a controlled tongue

Some three decades ago I walked out of a Kroger store in Winchester, Ky. When I pushed my cart to where my car was parked, I discovered, much to my outrage, that someone had hit the right rear quarter panel of my car and did not leave a note or anything to identify them.



**JOHN A. SMITH**  
Think on These Things

The culprit obviously did not know how to drive and did not have even a shred of human decency. They had hit the bumper on the right rear corner and preceded to rip, dent, bang, crush and otherwise destroy the right rear quarter panel. I had a \$500 deductible on my insurance and was furious that I would be out that money because of somebody's stupidity and lack of virtue.

For some unknown rea-

son, I did not say a word. I just stood there fuming. My blood pressure was rising, my heart was racing, and my breathing was becoming shallow. I only knew of one thing to do and that was to call the police.

I was carrying a 12 pack of Diet Pepsi and a sack of groceries, so I decided to sit them in the back seat before going back into the store to use the phone (yes, this was pre-cell phone days). The right rear door was jammed and would not open. I was going to have to put up with my teenage children fussing with each other as to who would have to get in first and slide over. This was not going to be fun!

I stomped over to the left rear door and noticed a pair of gloves and bag that I did not recognize. My green satchel was not in the

front seat. Suddenly I was gripped with a sickening sense of stupidity and an overwhelming sense of relief. What if I had called the police? What if I had expressed my rage in such a way that everyone would have seen it? What if I had found the person, I assumed was responsible and flew all over them? I don't know why I was struck speechless when I first saw the damaged car, but I am grateful.

As I reflect on this episode, I am reminded of a statement made by the wise man of Proverbs: "Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is counted prudent" (Prov. 17:28). The wise man of Proverbs warns us against the multiplying of words: "When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise" (10:19). The person who multiplies his words for the

sake of hearing himself or because of a lack of discipline sets himself up for many a verbal pitfall. Often those who love to multiply words think little of the consequence of the words. Like an unbridled animal that runs wild without thought or awareness of the damage being done, the unbridled tongue sets afire the forests of life (James 3:5-6).

It was once said, "Speak little because for one sin that we may commit by keeping silent where it would be well to speak, we commit a hundred by speaking upon all occasions.

Silence demonstrates self-mastery. The wise man chooses his words with calmness and deliberation. He speaks sparingly rather than spending his words foolishly in a flurry of verbal activity. When he has nothing to say, he says just that - nothing. His silence conceals rather than reveals a lack of knowledge or wisdom. We are admonished in Proverbs to think before we

speak: "He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him" (18:13).

There are a multitude of reasons why a person might impulsively speak before having all the facts. Some out of pride speak quickly thinking they already know the facts and the answer. Others speak quickly out of a lack of patience. Those with uncontrolled tempers whose words are ignited at the slightest provocation speak quickly without regard for all the facts of the matter. Regardless of the reason, hastily spoken words often lead to grievous injury and shame.

So noxious is this problem and so dangerous are these quick, foolish tongues that the inspired writer of Proverbs declares, "Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him" (29:20). The fool may be taught, but the man who is quick with his words closes himself off to the education

that might lift him out of his self-imposed foolishness.

May each of us heed the words of James, "let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger" (1:19). May we learn and demonstrate the wisdom of silence and few words.

*Write or call and let us know what you think. Would you like more information or a personal study of this issue? I would love to accommodate your request. Do you have questions or disagreements? We will be happy to study God's Word with you and help you find the "peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:7).*

*We hope you will accept our offer to visit and investigate. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!*

## Phase 2 of State Road 32 project begins next week

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation is nearing the end of Phase 1 of the Reconstructing State Road 32 project in Noblesville.

This coming week, the goal is to switch traffic on Tuesday evening, April 23, then begin Phase 2. This phase will involve a closure of SR 32 (Conner Street) from just west of 9th Street to just east of 14th Street which will last 30 to 45 days.

Pedestrian access to all



Graphic provided

businesses along Conner Street will be maintained, and a north/south pedestrian crossing on the west side of the Conner/9th intersection will be in place.

Stay up to date on this project by signing up for the newsletter at [this link](#). You can also catch updates on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and by going to [ReconstructingSR32.com](#).

# Special Series of Bible Studies!



**May 9-12, 2024**, we are excited to host a series of Bible lessons presented by **Max Dawson**. Although now living and preaching in Texas, Max is a native of Central Indiana and began his preaching life here. Max is a very capable, energetic, and knowledgeable Bible teacher. You will be blessed by his lessons.

Thursday to Saturday we will meet at 7:00 pm. Saturday at 6:00 pm we will have an hour devoted to singing hymns prior to Max's lesson. Sunday we will meet at our regular times.

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study. We will soon offer bible Studies in Spanish on Sunday afternoons.



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# How early should you apply for Social Security & Medicare?

When you get ready to retire, where do you start? Noblesville residents are very lucky to live close to the Social Security Administration field office in Anderson. (Do not go to the Indianapolis office.) They are a great office to work with and the lines are not long. Much of the country can't get walk-in appointments and must wait a month or two to get an appointment with the SSA.

For best results, go as soon as they open in the morning. This is the same for calling the 800 number. You can expect 45 minute or longer delays, which are lowest first thing in the morning. Most of the times that I have to call the SSA,



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**SYLVIA GORDON**  
*Make Sense of Medicare*

I have to hang up because I've been waiting on hold too long and have to go somewhere or meet a client. Then I have to start all over the next day. You have been warned!

The Social Security Administration is working with the same funding and staffing from 10 years ago. In other words, they are not at their best! Working to serve over 60 million Americans – all while under a lot of stress – creates an environment for you to get wrong information. Not a day goes by where I don't get at least one email from someone wanting to verify information that they were told at the SSA which is different

from what I teach on my social media accounts. Ninety percent of the time, the information they want me to verify is, in fact, incorrect. This is easy to verify on the [ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov) website. Please don't get ready to retire and expect the SSA to be very helpful. It could happen, but it is unlikely.

For example, you can apply for any Social Security benefit four months prior to the date you are eligible for it to begin, or you want it to begin. But if you are a good German like me, you might try to do it even earlier! In which case they will email you that you are not eligible for Social Security. This alarms people.

What the SSA should do is inform the Germans that they are applying too soon and can apply the following month. It's simple,

but it's now how our government operates.

If you are going to apply for your own benefits, it's easy to do online at [ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov). But if you are applying as a spouse, ex-spouse, or widow, you should go in person. You will need to provide original documentation before the SSA will talk to you about your benefits. You need your marriage license (and possibly divorce decree). You don't need a death certificate as the funeral homes forward that to the SSA.

To apply for Medicare, you don't call 1-800-MEDICARE. The Social Security Administration handles the administration of Medicare. You can apply for Medicare three months before you are eligible for it to begin.

**See Apply . . . Page 8**

# This Child Abuse Prevention Month, I'm calling for accountability for residential care facility industry

The sobering truth about childhood sexual abuse is that it is likely much more prevalent than we understand it to be and instances of it are incredibly underreported.

Currently, it's estimated that one in four girls and one in 20 boys experience sexual abuse before turning 18 in the United States. Beyond the immediate horrors of this violation, victims are likely to experience health struggles throughout their life, including substance use disorder, PTSD, major depression, risky sexual behaviors, future additional victimization, and perpetration of sexual violence.

It's a horrible crime with lifelong consequences for the victim.

As the nation takes a moment to reflect on the prevalence of child abuse during Child Abuse Prevention Month this April, I want to point to a growing issue that we are only starting to grasp the full extent of: young adult residential care facilities. In my work as a community researcher, I have worked with teenagers who have experienced the unimaginable – substance use disorder, abuse, neglect, sexual violence, the list goes on. Increasingly, it is becoming clear that without additional regulations



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**VICTORIA GARCIA WILBURN**  
*State Representative*

and scrutiny, the facilities that are supposed to be helping kids in these situations – residential care facilities – are actually harming them.

From a Netflix documentary (*The Program: Cons, Cults, and Kidnapping*) to federal and state advocacy by Paris Hilton, herself a survivor of various facilities in the so-called "troubled teen industry," Americans are starting to become informed about the too-often psychologically and physically abusive nature of residential care facilities for children and teenagers. Youth under the care of the state or who are facing significant personal struggles are often sent to these facilities for behavioral therapy, but their experiences in these facilities frequently worsen their psychological scarring.

Here in Indiana, we've seen two cases of residential care facilities' employees taking advantage of the position of trust they have over the children under their care in the past year alone. (The [Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center](#) has had its license revoked; [Piercetown Woods Academy](#) is still operating as a licensed contractor of the state.)

As a state representative, it's my job to craft

and amend state laws dealing with the children under the care of the Department of Child Services. In response to the allegations at Piercetown Woods, I worked across the aisle to get legislative language amended into a new law that will address part of the problem at Piercetown Woods. A lack of clarity in state code led DCS to develop factually inaccurate employee materials. Basically, a minor at a DCS-licensed residential care facility is still considered a minor in state law when they are 18, 19, and 20.

Oftentimes, teens who enter facilities like Piercetown Woods stay a few years after they've turned 18, but from a legal and ethical standpoint, they are still minors while in the facility. Employees who have inappropriate relationships with residents over 18 are not only acting unethically but may also be committing child sexual abuse. By clarifying this in state code, we have ensured that DCS employees and contractors understand these young people are considered minors under the law.

While this is a significant bipartisan victory worth celebrating, I know that work remains. What happened at Piercetown Woods and the Wernle Center was awful. There is still a risk that another child at these facilities or the others operating in Indiana falls victim to

abuse by an employee and the incident is not handled appropriately. That's why I believe we need to clarify the protocols DCS must follow during a child abuse investigation.

For example, if it becomes clear throughout the process of investigating child abuse at a residential care facility that DCS wasn't the first point of contact for the employee who discovered this potential abuse, there must be an audit of that facility's employee handbook and follow-up to ensure the handbook is changed. Per state law, being a mandatory reporter means reporting suspicious behavior to the state first – not up the chain of command at your job. In addition, if DCS finds that a facility and its employees do not have a thorough understanding of the specific laws that apply to them surrounding criminality and child sex abuse, onsite training from DCS needs to take place.

These policies will go far toward creating the culture of accountability that the residential care facility industry sorely needs. Facilities that receive state funding to care for kids should be held to the highest of standards.

*State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn represents Indiana House District 32, which includes large portions of Fishers and southern Carmel.*



## NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

April 16, 2024 Meeting

### Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- White River Elementary presented on its school-wide learning initiative about chickens and chicken coop building.
- The Department of Learning presented on their recommendations for new science curriculum. Materials were then approved by the board.
- Insurance policies were renewed.
- The July board meeting was moved to the 15th to ensure a quorum.

Visit the school board area of the [Noblesville Schools website](#) for meeting agendas, minutes, videos and more.

### Letter to the Editor

## Doug Church: Shonkwiler is best qualified for the job

Dear Editor:

Since I became old enough to vote, I have followed my dad's admonition: vote for the best candidate.

Over time, I understood that he meant that, regardless of party affiliation or other partisan characteristics, if someone was simply better qualified based on all the factors that he would take into account, that's who got his vote. In this election that is why I am voting for Alaina Shonkwiler to serve as my state representative for District 29 in the Indiana House of Representatives.

As a person with deep roots in our community, we have had a chance to observe her in action in various roles over many years and her work has been exemplary. Her motives have always been based upon a servant-leadership model. She is young enough to have the chance to serve many terms and move into leadership roles within the House. We know how valuable it is to have men and women from our County in such positions.

As a mother, a community leader, a worker devoted to improving the quality of life for her City and County, Alaina hits all the marks that make her the best candidate. That's why she has earned my vote.

**Doug Church**  
*Noblesville*

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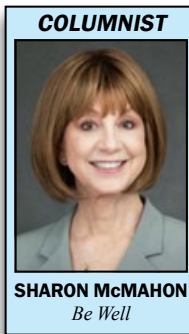
# Don't be a Pooh . . . it's all up to you

"A bear, however hard he tries, grows tubby without exercise." — Winnie-the-Pooh, A.A. Milne

Here are some sobering statistics for Americans: 30.7 percent are overweight; 42.4 percent are obese; 9.2 percent are severely obese.<sup>1</sup>

I am sorry to report these numbers, but take heart, there is a remedy. Actually, and thankfully, there is more than one remedy. Let's explore and take another look at Pooh's quote above. Pooh obviously contemplates a more svelte appearance and wishes for it. Does he wish it enough to make the necessary changes? Apparently not!

While Pooh's reluctance to make the necessary choices to change his plump profile will not pro-



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Be Well

vide results, he is after all a fictional character. We can read and enjoy his adventures as a "tubby" (Pooh's word, not mine!) character whose quips often testify to a more philosophical bent.

Moving on into the more human traits of complacency and commitment, we often wish to improve our health and appearance but remain in our comfort zones and routines. Just as our bodies naturally change as we age, it is necessary for us to make conscious changes both physically and mentally — even emotionally — to enjoy the prime health we wish to achieve.

Making the effort to break free from long established habits which undermine our peak physical objectives begins with the

desire to do so. Our comfort zone is, after all, comfortable! Ask any serious athlete, from high school forward, and they will tell you that success in reaching your goals is, first of all, mental. From beginning a walking routine to running a marathon, the willpower, determination, and action required for success is internal. Once the internal commitment is made, your body will work in tandem to deliver results.

Tossing in another quote this week, Confucius reminds us that "it does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."

This adage reminds us that the path we choose to obtain the results we wish is really up to us. If you are ready to embark on a pro-

gram which should enable you to have more energy, longevity, and better cognition as you move forward in life, make a commitment with yourself first. Then make an appointment with your licensed health professional to seek information on any issues pertinent to beginning a program of activity. If you plan to join a fitness center, talk to the management and learn what professional certifications are held by their trainers. If you plan to begin a program on your own, there are professionally certified personal trainers who can get you started. Once again, do your research to determine the level of experience and designations a candidate may offer. Ask for references.

Another important aspect of your new program is to do what you enjoy — or to experiment and find an activity you will enjoy on a regular basis. Obviously the human condition determines what will eventually bring you success. If you enjoy swimming, that will keep you more interested than a cycling class, for instance.

Keep in mind that optimum conditioning is like what I call the "three-legged stool." In order for the stool (your body) to do its work properly, you need aerobic conditioning (first leg), strength training (second leg), and flexibility (third leg), which are all useless without the seat (nutrition).

Again, if any of this feels overwhelming, please consider working with a certified trainer to help you find

success in your target nutrition and fitness goals.

<sup>1</sup> Fryar CD, Carroll MD, Afful J. Prevalence of overweight, obesity, and severe obesity among adults aged 20 and over: United States, 1960-1962 through 2017-2018. NCHS Health E-Stats, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2020. Updated Feb. 8, 2021. Accessed Jan. 29, 2021. [cdc.gov/nchs/data/hestat/obesity-adult-17-18/obesity-adult.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hestat/obesity-adult-17-18/obesity-adult.htm)

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

## Noblesville police alleged shooter in apparent road rage incident

### The REPORTER

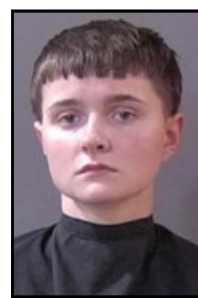
On Monday, April 15, officers from the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) responded to the 1200 block of Brady Lane regarding several 911 calls reporting a disturbance that involved the sound of a shot being fired.

Officers arrived on the scene a short time later and located a male subject who was suffering from an apparent gunshot wound and a female subject who appeared to be the shooter. Officers quickly tended to the victim, providing first aid until medical personnel arrived on the scene.

The victim was transported by ground ambulance to Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis with non-life-threat-

ening injuries.

The alleged suspect was detained and questioned by police. After speaking with witnesses and analyzing potential evidence at the scene, it appears that the suspect and victim were involved in a possible road rage incident that occurred near the intersection of Boden Road and 146th Street. The incident continued to the Meadows of Shelbourne housing addition when both vehicles came to a stop in the 1200 block of Brady Lane. It's alleged that a short time later the suspect pointed her firearm at the victim and fired one shot striking the victim



Gootee

The suspect, Caley M. Gootee, 22, Noblesville, was transported and detained at the Hamilton County Jail pending the following preliminary charges:

- Aggravated Battery — I.C. 35-42-1.5 (Level 3 Felony)
- Battery (Using a Deadly Weapon) — I.C. 35-42-2-1 (Level 5 Felony) 2 Counts
- Intimidation (Draws or Uses a Deadly Weapon) —

I.C. 35-45-2-1(a)(4) (Level 5 Felony)

• Criminal Recklessness (While Armed w/ a Deadly Weapon) — I.C. 35-42-2-2 (Level 6 Felony)

• Pointing a Firearm at Another — I.C. 35-47-4-3(b) (Level 6 Felony) 2 Counts

• Battery (Resulting in Moderate Bodily Injury) — I.C. 35-42-2-1 (Level 6 Felony)

This remains an ongoing investigation. Citizens are encouraged to contact Detective Brian Foust at [bfoust@noblesville.in.us](mailto:bfoust@noblesville.in.us) if they have any additional information regarding this case.

A charge is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

## APPLY

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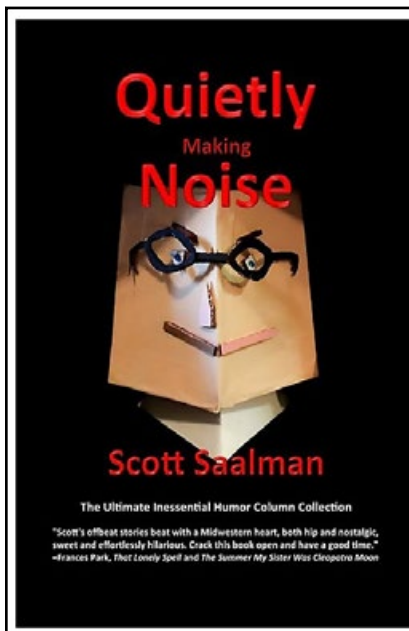
Many people think they can't sign up until they reach their 65th birthday. But Medicare starts on the first day of the month that you reach age 65. If you were born on the first day of the month, your Medicare start date is the first of the preceding month.

Medicare is weird if you apply after you turn 65. If you are one month late, they won't start it for two months. If you are two months late, they won't start it for three months. And if you are four months late, then you can't enroll until the following January. You'll also end up with a lifetime late penalty for enrolling into

Parts B and D late.

If you are applying after age 65, because you continued to have employer health insurance on a group over 20 people, that is considered creditable coverage. There is no penalty and you can retire at any time and have your own enrollment window. Ideally, you still enroll into Medicare three months prior to your retirement.

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



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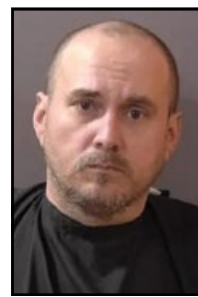
## Arrest made in March 3 fatal hit & run

### The REPORTER

On Tuesday, officers and investigators from the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) served an arrest warrant on the suspect in the fatal hit and run motor vehicle crash that occurred on March 3 at the intersection of Cicero Road (State Road 19) and Field Drive in Noblesville.

The crash resulted in the death of John E. Finch, 52, Noblesville, who was a pedestrian in the area.

NPD investigators have worked tirelessly on the case from the start. Upon concluding their extensive investiga-



Trask

The suspect, Zebulon R. Trask, 42, was taken into custody at his home in Ar-

cadia without incident. He was transported and incarcerated at the Hamilton County Jail on the preliminary charge of Leaving the Scene of an Accident (Resulting in Death), I.C. 9-26-1-1.1 (Felony 4).

A charge is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

## American Senior Communities & U.S. Attorney's Office partner to educate on elder fraud

### The REPORTER

American Senior Communities (ASC) has partnered with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana to present a series of educational sessions on how seniors can avoid scams and fraud.

The series kicks off from 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 22 at The Commons on Meridian, an ASC assisted living community at 8549 N. Meridian St.

Elder fraud is the act of exploiting older adults for monetary gain, such as financial fraud or identity theft. Fraudsters take advantage of seniors through numerous fear-based tactics. By posing as grandchildren or romantic interests, or emailing about bogus investment opportunities, over \$5.9 billion in losses occur each year among the senior population. Elder fraud can have devastating effects not only financially,

but emotionally as well.

Assistant United States Attorney Adam Eakman will be presenting on common scams, how to identify and recover from them, and who to contact if someone believes they may be a victim of fraud. This event is free and open to the public and media.

For more information on additional presentation dates visit [ASCCare.com/ElderFraud](http://ASCCare.com/ElderFraud).

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# Westfield gives route details of upcoming street repaving projects

**The REPORTER**

The City of Westfield will begin its annual street repaving projects approximately the first week of May and continue through the first week of October. More firm timelines will be announced as the summer progresses.

Each paving project begins with milling the top surface of asphalt and repaving

it with a new layer about two to four inches thick. Typical milling and paving projects take three to five days to complete and require lane restrictions.

“Residents of Westfield moved here for a number of reasons, and one of those is



Willis

our high quality of life,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “This includes having well-maintained roads in our city, and our continued investment in new roundabouts and maintaining our current roads are high on my priority list.”

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Street Name	From ...	... To
Pawtucket Drive	Liberty Boulevard	Drexler Drive (887 feet W)
Liberty Drive	Liberty Boulevard	Clearbrook Street
Clearbrook Street	Liberty Drive	Piedmont Drive
Liberty Boulevard (N)	Pawtucket Drive	Spring Mill Road
Liberty Boulevard (S)	Liberty Boulevard	Spring Mill Road
Alexandria Drive	Liberty Boulevard (N)	Montgomery Drive
Athens Place	Stockbridge Drive	Stockbridge Drive
Stockbridge Drive	New Haven Drive	Athens Place
Piedmont Drive (W)	Montgomery Drive	Roundabout
Piedmont Drive (E)	Roundabout	Montgomery Drive
Montgomery Drive (E)	Piedmont Drive	Alexandria Drive
Nashua Circle	Troy Drive	Seneca Circle
Seneca Circle	Troy Drive	Seneca Circle
Troy Drive	Liberty Drive	Seneca Circle
Bethesda Circle	Marietta Circle	Drexler Drive
Drexler Drive	Bethesda Drive	Pawtucket Drive
Marietta Circle	Bethesda Drive	Drexler Drive

COUNTRYSIDE		
Street Name	From ...	... To
Plainville Drive	Oak Ridge Road	Palmyra Drive
Dandborn Green	Palmyra Drive	Palmyra Drive
Etna Green	Palmyra Drive	Palmyra Drive
Richters Boulevard	161st Street	Palmyra Drive
Hymera Green	Palmyra Drive	Palmyra Drive
Palmyra Green	Dandborn Drive	Plainville Drive
Dandborn Drive	Palmyra Drive	Channelburg Boulevard
Plainville Drive	Channelburg Boulevard	Plainville Drive
Elnora Lane	Plainville Drive	Plainville Drive
Marengo Trail	Dandborn Drive	Palmyra Drive
Etna Drive	Palmyra Drive	Marengo Trail
Ambia Circle	Cul-de-sac	Marengo Trail

THOROUGHFARE ROADS		
Street Name	From ...	... To
Dartown Road	175th Street	163 feet south of SR32
Oak Ridge Road	250 feet N of Legacy Oaks Drive	565 feet S of 161st Street
Oak Ridge Road	430 feet N of 161st Street	169th Street
Oak Ridge Road	206th Street	Corporate City Limits
156th Street	Oak Ridge Road	Monon Hills Court (285 feet W)
Gray Road	146th Street	161st Street
Grassy Branch Road	Mere Boulevard (145 feet S)	186th Street
Gunther Boulevard	75 feet S of SR 32	Midland Trail
Tournament Trail	Wheeler Road	Sun Park Drive

# Celebrate Earth Day Weekend at third annual Indy Creation Fest

Event seeks to link faith, community & environmental action

**The REPORTER**

Grace Church, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville, will buzz with activity from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 as the third annual Indy Creation Fest takes center stage. This free, family-friendly event offers a unique blend of inspiration, education, and action for all ages.

Over 30 local exhibitors, including non-profit organizations, animal rescues, and churches focused on ecological stewardship, will be on hand to connect with attendees. Visitors can explore a display of electric vehicles, participate in a scavenger hunt, and enjoy delicious food from two food trucks, one offering vegan options. The Grace Church cafe (The Leaf) will also be open for coffee and refreshments.

Rev. Kyle Mey-aard-Schaap, author of *Following Jesus in a Warming*

World, will deliver the keynote address at 11 a.m. Mey-aard-Schaap, former Vice President of the Evangelical Environmental Network, will challenge the audience to consider the role of faith in environmental action.

“There is often an unnecessary divide between the church and the environmental movement,” Indy Creation Fest Co-chair Dava Brown said. “We believe it is part of our call as Christians to care for the earth and the most vulnerable among us.”

Indy Creation Fest aims to bridge this gap by fostering a sense of community and collaboration.

“Our vision is to live in a world where contributing to our planet's well-being is easy for everyone,” Brown said. “We hope Indy Creation Fest inspires people to take action and provides practical ways to

get involved, and for more churches to see creation care as part of their mission, becoming leaders in the environmental movement.”

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Earth Day weekend with a fun and informative event for the whole family. See full details and vendor information at [indycreationfest.org](http://indycreationfest.org).

**About Indy Creation Fest**

Indy Creation Fest exists to inspire, educate, and motivate communities to make everyday choices that honor and restore all of God's creation.

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## Maple Glen math bowl kids take state



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools  
Westfield's Maple Glen Elementary School math bowl team placed first in the state last week at the Indiana Association School Principals M.A.T.H. Bowl competition. The team from Shamrock Springs Elementary School placed fifth and two teams from Westfield Intermediate School were in the Top 10 for their classes.

## Merchants Bank welcomes new bilingual affordable lending loan officer

### The REPORTER

Merchants Bank announced on Wednesday the hiring of Francisco Guzman as an Affordable Lending Loan Officer, based out of the company's headquarters in Carmel.

Guzman brings with him mortgage origination experience gained while serving clients located in Indiana and Florida. His recent roles in the mortgage industry were at American Financial Network and America's Mortgage Professionals, where he focused on generating leads

for local Spanish-speaking realtors and fostering the growth of self-sourced Spanish-speaking businesses.

In his new position, Guzman will advise clients and prospects on their home financing needs, offering a range of mortgage options tailored to their specific circumstances. Given his background, Guzman will play a valuable role in supporting Spanish-speak-



Guzman

ing customers through the process of obtaining financial assistance as they pursue home ownership. Adding to the versatility of the growing Merchants team, Guzman also brings experience from the manufacturing industry, having held positions at Synthetic Evolutions and Energy Harness.

"We're thrilled to welcome Francisco to our originations team," said

Jerry Koors, President of Merchants Mortgage, the mortgage division of Merchants Bank. "His addition will infuse fresh perspectives and energy into our team as we strive to continue to make Merchants a true reflection of the communities we serve."

Guzman attended Wabash College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Spanish with a minor in philosophy.

To learn more about Merchants Bank, visit [merchantsbankofindiana.com](http://merchantsbankofindiana.com).

## New this week at Sheridan Public Library

### The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

#### Fiction

1. Always Remember – Mary Balogh
2. Blue Ridge Breakdown – Rachel Hanna
3. Crescent City – Sarah J. Maas
4. Daughter of Mine – Megan Miranda
5. Don't Turn Around – Harry Dolan
6. Greeting from Lavender Valley – Tammy Grace
7. Last Summer at the

8. One by One – Freida McFadden
9. Toxic Prey – John Sandford

#### Non-Fiction

1. Iron Dice of Battle – Timothy B. Smith
- #### Children's
1. Cuddle Close, Little Koala – Danielle McLean
  2. Good Night Farm – Patricia Hegarty
  3. Grandma Kisses – Danielle McLean
  4. How to Catch a Garden Fairy – Alice Walstead
  5. Moving Up – Rosemary Wells

6. Mr. Seahorse's Ocean Friends – Eric Carle
7. Oh, Are You Awake? – Bob Shea
8. Penelope Rex & the Problem with Pets – Ryan Higgins
9. Pretty Loved – Mr. Jay
10. Pup & Dragon: How to Catch a Dinosaur – Alice Walstead

#### Inspirational Fiction

1. Big Sky Secrets – Amity Steffen
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## Purdue Extension goes public with crop & weather updates

### The REPORTER

The first Purdue Extension field crop call for the season took place via Zoom on April 9. These calls have been an internal tool used in Extension since 1982, when Educators and Specialists would huddle around landline telephones to give updates on production issues facing local field crop growers. In turn, the specialists on campus would give what recommendations they had to combat the issues.

As Extension moves into the 21st century, new ways are being found to use technology in order to meet the in-season informational needs of crop growers. Now that the calls are being hosted online, they can be recorded, edited to just the vital pieces, and shared in

a relatively timely fashion with crop producers. You can find the first Purdue Extension Crop and Weather Update for 2024 on the Purdue On The Farm YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/@PurdueOnTheFarm](http://youtube.com/@PurdueOnTheFarm).

Each call this season will start with a state weather update from the Indiana State Climate Office, then each department on campus is invited to give updates: agronomy, botany and plant pathology, entomology, weed science, agricultural economics, and agricultural engineering. The Office of the Indiana State Chemist is also invited to the calls to provide regulatory updates as policies are frequently evolving from season to season and even within seasons.

This first update features a winter weather summary, and throughout the update there are discussions of its implications for pest issues this season. Specialists also shared early-season wheat management reminders, equipment maintenance reminders, and other production issues to keep an eye out for as the season gets under way. Growers can expect the remaining Crop and Weather Updates will be posted to the Purdue on the Farm YouTube Channel on April 26, May 10, May 24, June 7, June 21, July 12, Aug. 9, and Sept. 13.

To reach members of the Purdue Extension Field Crops and Purdue on the Farm Teams, please reach out to [purdueonthefarm@purdue.edu](mailto:purdueonthefarm@purdue.edu).

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# OneZone to welcome NBA All-Star Game Economic Impact Panel for May's Eggs & Issues

## The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber's Eggs & Issues, a monthly morning program dedicated to exploring crucial advocacy topics that shape the community.

The May 10 edition promises to be an informative and engaging session that will welcome leaders from Pacers Sports and Entertainment, Indiana Sports Corp., and Visit Indy from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.

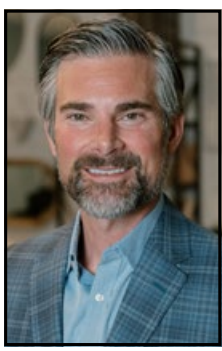
Hear from a panel of individuals moderated by Danny Lopez, Pacers Sports & Entertainment's Vice President of External Affairs and Corporate Communications. The panel includes Mel Raines,



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President & COO of Pacers Sports & Entertainment; Chris Gahl, Executive Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer at Visit Indy; and Patrick Talty, President of Indiana Sports Corp.

This May, Eggs & Issues will provide an exclusive opportunity for the community to hear directly from leaders who play a

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Thank you to presenting sponsor Church Hittle + Antrim and to supporting sponsors Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Duke Energy, American Bank of Freedom, and

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Their dedication to community engagement and commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue make them integral contributors to the continued success of Eggs & Issues. For more information about Eggs & Issues, please visit [OneZoneChamber.com](http://OneZoneChamber.com) or call (317) 436-4653.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### JOSEPH'S BROTHERS GO TO EGYPT

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*Then Reuben said to his father, "You may put both of my sons to death if I do not bring him back to you. Entrust him to my care, and I will bring him back."*

*But Jacob said, "My son will not go down there with you; his brother is dead and he is the only one left. If harm comes to him on the journey you are taking, you will bring my gray head down to the grave in sorrow."*

Genesis 42:35-38 (NIV)

## The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print. Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to [obits@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:obits@ReadTheReporter.com).

## Pence Media Group adds Senior Public Relations & Marketing Strategist to award-winning team

### The REPORTER

Pence Media Group (PMG) is proud to welcome **Claire Hunter** as Senior Public Relations & Marketing Strategist. She brings more than a decade of experience in strategic communications, marketing and media relations to PMG's growing team.

Hunter has worked in both Washington, D.C., and Indianapolis as an extension of organizations including Discovery Communications, PhRMA, Beautycounter, Children's National Health System, and The Coca-Cola Company. As a public relations and marketing professional, she has worked to elevate her

clients as thought leaders, shape public perception, craft messaging, and increase brand awareness.

"Claire is an amazing addition to PMG," PMG Owner **Nicole Pence Becker** said. "Her energy, creativity, and passion for both public relations and marketing make her an incredible asset. Claire has already taken the lead with several client accounts and makes sure we're not just making headlines - we're crafting compelling stories that resonate with our clients' audiences."

Hunter graduated from



Hunter

Indiana University, earning degrees in both journalism and Spanish. She lives in Indianapolis with her husband and their two Golden Retrievers. She is an active volunteer with Golden Retriever Rescue and Community Education (GRRACE) and as a Canine Therapy Team with Paws and Think.

### About Pence Media Group

PMG is a full-service public relations, media, and marketing consultancy. Nicole Pence Becker established PMG in 2017, which has grown to become a

dynamic, award-winning team. In 2023 and 2024, PMG was honored with several awards, including being selected as **MUSE Best Small Agency of the Year**. In 2023, PMG also earned **three prestigious Pinnacle Awards and 12 Awards of Honor** from PRSA Hoosier, and won **10 Telly Awards**, which highlight PMG's expertise in video storytelling.

PMG is made up of professionals who are experts in strategic communications, public relations, brand development, and grassroots and influencer marketing. To learn more about PMG and PMG's services, visit [pencemediagroup.com](http://pencemediagroup.com).

## Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

## — ARCADIA —

### NOTICE

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an Executive Session on Tuesday, April 23rd at 3:45p.m. located at 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030 the discussion held will be IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process. R4237 4/20/24, 4/22/24

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## Track & Field

# Carmel's Provenzano fastest in Distance Showcase, Millers' Barnes wins freshman race

### The REPORTER

The Carmel track and field teams hosted the fourth annual Carmel Distance Showcase on Friday, with some of the best runners in the Midwest racing in the 3200 run.

This year, there was a freshman race, five heats of the girls race and eight heats of the boys race. The Greyhounds' Tony Provenzano was the top finisher in the boys race, placing third with a time of 8 minutes, 58.29 seconds. Martinsville's Martin Barco was the winner (8:48.20) and Brebeuf Jesuit's Cameron Todd was the runner-up (8:49.08).

Noblesville's Banner Barnes won the freshman race, clocking in at 9:43.44. He led a 1-2 county finish, with Carmel's Cooper Szotek placing second in 9:45.30.

Hamilton Southeastern's Elizabeth Butler was the top girls runner, finishing ninth in 10:48.52.

Here is a complete list of Hamilton County results.

### BOYS

#### FRESHMAN RACE

1. Banner Barnes (Noblesville) 9:43.44, 2. Cooper Szotek (Carmel) 9:45.30, 4. Reece Torres

(Fishers) 9:51.44, 5. Jack Rush (N) 9:54.81, 12. Carson Ackley (Westfield) 10:10.28, 14. Luke Moulder (W) 10:14.12, 18. Josh Moller (N) 10:17.26, 21. Nathan McKeever (W) 10:20.02, 22. Lucas Barlett (C) 10:21.47, 32. Trevor Walton (C) 10:26.11, 33. Bryce Pittman (W) 10:26.61, 43. Cole Eckstein (Guerin Catholic) 10:39.91, 48. Boston Christy (W) 10:45.20, 49. Neil Adesara (C) 10:45.23, 50. Luke Lory (C) 10:45.33, 52. Noah Coles (F) 10:45.76, 57. Fahed Badreddine (C) 10:48.33, 59. Kaiser Shockley (F) 10:48.83, 61. Deagan Imel (W) 10:51.45, 63. Charles Ritter (Hamilton Southeastern) 10:52.60, 63. Charles Ritter (HSE) 10:52.60, 64. Matthew Huseman (N) 10:52.87, 65. Nathan Yang (C) 10:53.47, 68. Brady Linn (GC) 10:56.09, 74. Drake Kane (F) 10:57.53, 77. Tamim Marashdeh (C) 11:05.56, 79. Kale Ormes (F) 11:10.84, 82. Ajuna Muzoora (F) 11:16.71, 83. Simeon Brown (F) 11:19.26, 84. Griffin Jay (C) 11:20.55.

### GIRLS 3200

Heat 1: 6. Eva Parr (GC) 12:13.54, 7. Raya Chauhan (C) 12:14.68, 9. Sam Plummer (V) 12:18.75, 10. Sofia Vasquez (C) 12:20.38, 11. Maddie Cox (C) 12:20.47, 13. Keira Hines (GC) 12:35.50, 15. Olivia Barnett (W) 12:41.02, 16. Madeline Weisner (C) 12:42.04, 18. Lyla Osborn (W) 12:44.80, 19. Izzy McCulloch (W) 12:45.34, 20. Delaney Gould (GC) 12:45.53, 21. Claudia Southworth (W) 12:45.89, 22. Ava Britton-Heitz (W) 12:47.62, T23. Alexandra Baker (F) 12:50.21.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall



Photo provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Tony Provenzano had the fastest time of the Hamilton County boys Friday in the Carmel Distance Showcase. Provenzano finished the 3200 run in 8:58.29, placing third. He is pictured with Carmel assistant athletic director Jeff Hester. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville's Banner Barnes won the boys freshman race in a time of 9:43.44.

Heat 2: 6. Raegan Hissong (F) 12:24.15, 20. Angelina Abrani (W) 11:41.57, 10. Abby Lotter (F) 11:43.16, 16. Katie Kolb (GC) 11:50.36, 18. Ella Gaddis (C) 11:51.41, 24. Nola Elling (C) 12:01.67, 25. Camille Morrow (GC) 12:03.90, 26. Maggie Naas (W) 12:08.99, 27. Ella Bozarth (W) 12:10.95.  
Heat 3: 7. Ashley Wright (F) 11:38.51, 9. Emily Loiselle (W) 11:41.57, 10. Abby Lotter (F) 11:43.16, 16. Katie Kolb (GC) 11:50.36, 18. Ella Gaddis (C) 11:51.41, 24. Nola Elling (C) 12:01.67, 25. Camille Morrow (GC) 12:03.90, 26. Maggie Naas (W) 12:08.99, 27. Ella Bozarth (W) 12:10.95.  
Heat 4: 2. Ansley Applegate (N) 10:58.85, 5. Alivia Lozier (W) 11:07.75, 6. Liz Smith (W) 11:09.72, 8. Claire Milam (GC) 11:21.29, 11. See Race . . . Page 13

## Softball

# Roundup: Dent's big hit leads Huskies past LC, Rocks fall short, Millers & Hounds drop games at Carmel invite

### The REPORTER

A first inning run turned out to be the difference for the Hamilton Heights softball team on Friday.

The Huskies hosted Lawrence Central and won 1-0. Hannah Dent came up to the plate with two outs in the bottom of the first and hit an inside the park home run. That was one of two hits for Dent; Lily Cash got the other hit.

Meanwhile, Lily Roush did an outstanding job in the pitcher's circle. Roush threw 17 strikeouts, while allowing just one hit and one walk.

Friday's victory followed a 14-0 win for Heights over Hoosier Conference East rival Tipton Thursday in a five-inning contest. The Huskies erupted for eight runs in the second inning, including a pair of triples. Kassidy Schakel hit a one-out triple, then scored when Morgan Ottinger reached on error. Later, Heather Crays blasted a triple to right field, scoring Ottinger, Mariyah Sexton and Isabel Morrow.

Schakel and Kamryn Rhoton both hit one double during the game. Schakel finished 4-for-4 at the plate, batting in four runs. Crays was 3-for-3, driving in three runs. Both scored two runs, as did Morrow. Morgan Forrester pitched all five in-

nings, striking out five.

Heights is 2-0 in division play and 7-3 overall. The Huskies play at Yorktown Monday.

Westfield's comeback fell short in the first round of the Kokomo Tournament on Friday, as the Shamrocks lost to Class 1A No. 4 Caston 9-7.

The Comets led 8-0 after three innings. Westfield scored two runs in the top of the fourth, as Grace Fanelli's center field hit brought in Makayla Watson, then Fanelli got home on Cara Snedeker's center field hit.

Caston scored another run in the bottom of the fourth, with the Shamrocks getting the run back in the top of the fifth. Watson went home after Fanelli drew a bases-loaded walk.

Westfield continued to rally, with Snedeker scoring a sixth-inning run on a wild pitch. In the seventh inning, Lilly Amburgey scored on a wild pitch, then Sydney Jordan smacked a center field hit to bring Fanelli and Snedeker home before the Comets got the third out to end the game.

Watson finished the contest with two hits. Westfield is 5-5 and continues play at Kokomo today. The Shamrocks take on Huntington North at noon,

then play another game at 2:30 p.m., with the opponent to be determined.

Noblesville began play at the Carmel Invitational Friday with a 9-3 loss to defending Class 4A state champion Penn.

The 4A No. 3 Kingsmen scored a run in the bottom of the first inning, then put up seven runs in the second inning and one more in the fourth. The Millers made a late rally by scoring all three of their runs in the seventh. Makayla Jacquay's right field hit sent Bella Hughes home, Addi Emmerson singled Gabby Fowler in, then Izzy Zapp's center field hit drove in Jacquay.

Emerson and Delaney Rundle both finished with two hits. Lulu Van Beek pitched four and two-thirds innings, striking out four.

Noblesville is 6-4 and continues play at the invitational today, taking on 4A No. 10 Cathedral at 9 a.m. and 4A No. 2 Castle at 1:30 p.m.

Carmel also dropped its opener at the Greyhounds' invitational, falling to 4A No. 1 Lake Central 13-4.

The Indians were in control from the beginning, scoring five runs in the top of the first inning. The Greyhounds answered with two



Reporter photos by Julie Brown  
Noblesville's Delaney Rundle (1, above left) and Addi Emerson (7, above right) during the Millers' game with Class 4A No. 3 Penn Friday at the Carmel Invitational.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall  
Carmel's Chelsea Bennett (13) and Paxton Law (22) warm up before the Greyhounds' game with 4A No. 1 Lake Central Friday at the Carmel Invitational.

runs in the bottom of the first; Paxton Law singled in Ellie Goddard and Jayden Kleiner with a right field hit.

Law blasted a solo home run in the fourth inning, while Kayden Dierks scored on a wild pitch in the seventh inning.

Carmel is 4-8 and plays three more games today at its invitational. The Hounds take on Penn at 9 a.m., 4A No. 4 Roncalli at 1:30 p.m. and Avon at 3:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic dropped a 16-6 Circle City Conference game at Brebeuf Jesuit in five innings Friday.

The Braves scored 10 runs in the bottom of the first in-

ning. The Golden Eagles got a run in the fourth inning when Lucy Kemp scored. Guerin Catholic then rallied in the fifth inning with five runs: Kate Brady singled in Brooklyn Fritsche, followed by an RBI single for Madi Cain to bring Rilee Kluesner home.

Kemp cracked a two-run triple into left field, scoring Brady and Cain. Kemp later scored on a steal of home plate, she finished the game 2-for-3.

The Golden Eagles are 0-7 and play Monday at Warren Central.

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### Baseball

# No. 4 Millers complete sweep of Franklin Central

By CRAIG ADKINS  
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Friday night's cool weather didn't slow down Noblesville against Franklin Central. It would take more than the temperature dropping to try and slow down the Millers' offense.

Behind solid pitching from Nolan Decker and spreading out scoring over five different innings, Noblesville won its fifth game in a row, sweeping Franklin Central in the second game of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference series, 7-2.

Trevor Corbett led off the home half of the first, reaching on an error by right fielder Carson Back on a high fly ball. Corbett raced home on a wild pitch with Jacob Baker up for the early 1-0 lead.

Two batters later with two down, Aiden Ramsey faced an 0-2 count. The junior was hit by a Weston

Harvey inside fastball, right on the face shield of his helmet. After several minutes, Ramsey would be back on his feet and helped to the dugout and would not return to the game.

The bottom of the order came through in the second. Blake Widget reached on an infield single and moved to second when Brady Bishop walked on four pitches. Corbett drove in Widget with his own infield base hit. Aiden Reynolds grounded out for the second out, plating Bishop to make it 3-0.

Decker got himself into a zone before any signs of trouble. The senior southpaw struck out eight in the first five innings, giving up just two hits and three total base-runners during that span.

"It's one of Nolan's strengths. He commands three pitches in the strike zone," Noblesville head coach Justin Keever said.

Control was a big fac-

tor and that's what Decker had in comparison to his counterpart Weston Harvey. Through four innings, Harvey had thrown twice as many (88) as Decker (44).

"Part of that pitch count stuff has a lot to do with our hitters. Our hitters' approaches have just been really sound all year long. Just quality at-bat after quality at-bat. Regardless of what the box score says, every time we're going to the plate, guys are having savage at-bats," Keever continued.

Corbett grabbed his second RBI on a sacrifice fly to center, scoring Bishop for a 4-0 score in the fourth.

Tanner Miller scored on a wild pitch in the fifth with Bishop up for 5-0.

One big factor that keeps Noblesville in position to win is that it doesn't matter who produces.

"When you have team at-bats, when it's not just about you, but it's about the team,"

stated Keever.

Throughout the lineup, the Millers are capable of producing.

"Credit to our guys that just passed the baton all night long and really all season long to this point," said Keever.

The Flashes got their first run on the board in the sixth and another in the seventh before Decker shut the door.

Noblesville scored three over the fifth and sixth innings to keep the visitors at a distance, holding on for the five-run victory, 7-2.

Decker (3-0) threw a complete game, striking out 10 and walking just two, while scattering six hits.

Aiden Reynolds went 2-for-3 with an RBI and scored. Trevor Corbett had two RBIs and Brady Bishop scored twice.

Noblesville (10-2) has an afternoon matchup today at home against Columbus North (7-1) at 1 p.m.

# Tigers finish their sweep of Shamrocks, Golden Eagles fall in first game of Catholic Classic

The REPORTER

Fishers completed a Hoosier Crossroads Conference sweep of Class 4A No. 6 Westfield on Friday, beating the host Shamrocks 5-3.

The Tigers took the lead right away, with Ben Hammond scoring Huston Dunn with a center field double. Fishers loaded the bases, then Jack Brown scored when Jase Ruggles drew a walk.

Ruggles scored a run in the top of the fourth, heading home on Mayo Fernandez's sacrifice fly. Brown batted in a run with a left field single, scoring Deagan Repp, and the Tigers led 4-0.

The Shamrocks got two runs back in the bottom of the sixth. Brayden Hibler blasted a triple to right field, bringing in Nick Fero. Matt Drozlek sent Hibler home with a center field single.

Brown led off the top of the seventh for the Tigers with a double. Noah McPeck came in to run for Brown, and he was soon home on Hammond's left field hit. Westfield got one more in the seventh, as Logan Hoffman scored on Fe-

ro's sacrifice fly.

Brown had a nice day at the plate, going 3-for-4. Gavin Kuzniewski got the pitching win, striking out six over six innings. Hoffman hit a third-inning double. Jackson Blevins threw three and a third innings with four strikeouts.

Fishers is 3-3 in conference play and 8-6 overall. The Tigers host games today against Lafayette Jefferson at 12:30 p.m. and Twin Lakes at 3 p.m. Westfield is 4-2 in HCC play and 8-4 overall. The Rocks host New Castle at noon today.

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Guerin Catholic dropped its first game at the Catholic Classic Friday at Lafayette Central Catholic.

The 3A No. 2 Golden Eagles fell to 3A No. 9 South Bend St. Joseph 10-0 in six innings. Ian Taylor and Nolan Ratcliff both had two hits for Guerin Catholic.

The Golden Eagles are 7-2 and continue play today with a 12:30 p.m. game against Highland and a 6:30 p.m. game with the host Knights, the No. 1 team in 1A.

### RACE

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Kennedy Applegate (N) 11:22.21, 20. Cara Naas (C) 11:39.16, 22. Kate Mumaw (N) 11:43.94, 25. Emersyn Weaver (C) 11:48.12, 26. Charlotte Konow (C) 11:51.49, 29. Bailey Freese (GC) 11:56.19.

Heat 5: 9. Elizabeth Butler (HSE) 10:48.52, 12. Maggie Powers (HSE) 10:54.42, 14. Sadie Foley (C) 10:55.75, 15. Olivia Mundt (C) 10:57.67, 16. Larkin Taylor (C) 11:06.81, 19. Summer Remppe (N) 11:09.05, 21. Riley Flynn (N) 11:10.94, 23. Brinkley Cooper (N) 11:14.90, 24. Nadia Perez (N) 11:19.51, 25. Annabel Pollert (C) 11:22.03.

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Heat 1: 1. Luke Mumaw (N) 9:50.95, 5. Cohen Levy (C) 10:03.03, 7. Bradyn Livingston (N) 10:07.54, 9. Hayden Nagel (C) 10:09.30, 14. Josh Cale (C) 10:14.25, 17. Noah Melton (N) 10:15.40, 23. Grant Cummings (N) 10:21.47, 28. Lucas Malton (C) 10:31.80.

Heat 2: 4. Ben Tuckis (HSE) 9:55.44, 9. Will Snedeker (W) 10:04.43, 11. Owen Mohler (W) 10:05.05, 13. Ian Porter (W) 10:06.33, 14. Caleb Haney (W) 10:06.68.

Heat 3: 3. Cooper Mohr (F) 9:49.63, 5. Zach Swedarsky (HSE) 9:50.80, 7. Jude Naville (N) 9:51.71, 10. Declan Mohr (F) 9:52.74, 16. Cooper Click (N) 9:58.62, 19. Zach Flint (C) 10:03.28.

Heat 4: 11. Dylan Wolf (F) 9:45.44, 12. Joel Spittal (C) 9:48.10, 13. Jack Shinneman (N) 9:49.44, 15. Matt Hemmerling (HSE) 9:54.48, 17. Max Fish (GC) 9:55.21, 18. Ty Conner (W) 9:55.48.

Heat 5: 3. Jonah Kaul (C) 9:42.07, 13. Isaac Smith (HSE) 9:46.74, 14. Nick Vega (HSE) 9:47.20, 19. Jack Loisel (W) 9:52.42, 24. Deklin Bowser (C) 10:07.76.

Heat 6: 3. John Libs (N) 9:27.03, 15. Max Meisner (C) 9:36.72, 20. Carter Buhr (C) 9:44.33, 21. Jack Capes (C) 9:44.40, 22. Alec Moor (N) 9:46.30, 23. Riley Schamp (HSE) 9:51.35.

Heat 7: 11. Sam Rinker (N) 9:28.03, 16. Liam Powers (HSE) 9:32.87, 18. Jack Strong (N) 9:34.97, 19. Kiefer Jay (C) 9:35.30, 20. Luke Moster (GC) 9:40.60, 22. Andrew Smith (HSE) 9:43.06, 24. Ronnie Neal (N) 9:47.30.

Heat 8: 3. Tony Provenzano (C) 8:58.29, 6. Kyle Grove (C) 9:08.35, 8. Caden Click (N) 9:11.13, 20. Matthew Kim (F) 9:18.66.

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# SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Girls Tennis

# Westfield falls to Zionsville, South Bend St. Joseph

### The REPORTER

The Westfield girls tennis team dropped two dual meets this week to two top-10 ranked opponents.

On Thursday, the No. 16 Shamrocks lost a tough 3-2 dual to No. 9 Zionsville. Westfield's wins came from

No. 1 singles Isabella Norris, who pushed through a first-set tiebreaker to win 7-6 (3), 6-0. No. 2 singles Juliette Grilliot won her match 6-2, 6-2.

The No. 1 doubles team of Jenna Berry and Bella Rivers played three tough

sets before dropping their match 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. No. 3 singles Addi Kooi and No. 2 doubles Carlie Lukowiak and Bri Saylor both fell 6-2, 6-3.

On Friday, the Rocks took on No. 2 South Bend St. Joseph, falling 4-1. Lukowiak and Saylor picked

the lone win at No. 2 doubles, 6-2, 6-2. In singles, Norris lost 6-3, 6-2, Grilliot fell 6-4, 6-1 and Kooi lost 6-1, 6-0. Berry and Rivera dropped the No. 1 doubles match 6-1, 6-2.

Westfield is 6-3 and plays Brownsburg on Monday.

### Saturday, April 20

#### BASEBALL

Guerin Catholic vs. Highland, 12:30 p.m. at Lafayette Central Catholic  
Hamilton Heights at Elwood doubleheader, 11 a.m.  
Louisville Trinity at Carmel doubleheader, 11 a.m.  
Fishers at Lafayette Jefferson, noon  
Westfield at New Castle, noon  
Columbus North at Noblesville, 1 p.m.  
Fishers at Twin Lakes, 3 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 6:30 p.m.

#### University Trailblazer Classic

University vs. Covenant Christian, 9 a.m.  
Blackford vs. Wes-Del, 11:30 a.m.  
Consolation game, 2 p.m.  
Championship game, 5 p.m.

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Evansville Reitz at Noblesville, 11 a.m.  
Culver Academies at Hamilton Southeastern, 1 p.m.  
South Oldham (Ky.) at Carmel, 1 p.m.  
South Bend St. Joseph at Westfield, 1:30 p.m.  
Brother Rice at Guerin Catholic, 2 p.m.  
Fort Wayne Carroll at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Wilmette Academy, TBA  
Noblesville vs. Castle, TBA at Evansville North  
Noblesville at Evansville North, TBA

#### GOLF

Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern at Spring Showcase, 8 a.m. at Sultan's Run  
Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Lake Central Midwestern Classic, 9 a.m. at Sandy Pines  
Sheridan at Bison Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Carmel at Highland Invitational, 10:30 a.m. at Highland Golf and Country Club  
Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Bob Spacey Invitational, 11 a.m. at Fox Prairie

#### SOFTBALL

Noblesville vs. Cathedral, 9 a.m. at Carmel Penn at Carmel, 9 a.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Warrior Invitational, 9 a.m. at Whiteland  
Westfield at Kokomo Tournament, 10 a.m.  
Noblesville vs. Castle, 1:30 p.m. at Carmel  
Roncalli at Carmel, 1:30 p.m.  
Avon at Carmel, 3:30 p.m.

#### TENNIS

Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, University at Park Tudor Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Carmel Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Noblesville at Athenian Boosters Invitational, 9 a.m. at Crawfordville  
Hamilton Heights at Pendleton Heights, 11 a.m.

#### TRACK AND FIELD

Noblesville boys at Southport Relays, 9 a.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Guerin Catholic Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Noblesville girls at Edgewood Mustang Relays, 10 a.m.  
University at Shortridge Invitational, 10 a.m.

#### UNIFIED TRACK

Carmel, Westfield at West Lafayette Invitational, 3 p.m.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Guerin Catholic at Noblesville Miller Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Westfield at Southport Invitational, 9 a.m.

### Sunday, April 21

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Chesterton at Fishers, 2:30 p.m.

### Monday, April 22

#### BASEBALL

Heritage Christian at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.  
Carmel at Avon, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Noblesville, 6 p.m.  
Homestead at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.  
Westfield at Center Grove, 6 p.m.

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Brownsburg at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.

#### GOLF

Westfield at Fishers, 4 p.m. at Woodland  
Clinton Prairie and Western Boone at Sheridan, 4:30 p.m.

#### SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic at Warren Central, 5:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Yorktown, 5:30 p.m.  
New Palestine at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.  
Sheridan at Herron, 5:30 p.m.

#### TENNIS

Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.

#### UNIFIED TRACK

Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.  
Lawrence Central at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Avon, 7 p.m.  
Fishers at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 23

#### BASEBALL

Guerin Catholic at Heritage Christian, 5:30 p.m.  
Northwestern at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.  
Westfield at Lawrence Central, 6 p.m.

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7 p.m.  
Cathedral at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
Culver Academies at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.  
Fishers at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

#### GOLF

Carmel vs. Noblesville, 3:30 p.m. at Prairie View

#### SOFTBALL

Sheridan at Clinton Central, 5 p.m.  
Lafayette Central Catholic at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Northwestern, 5:30 p.m.  
Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.  
Westfield at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

#### TENNIS

Carmel at Cathedral, 5 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Heritage Christian, 5 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 5 p.m.  
University at Shortridge, 5 p.m.  
Westfield at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

#### TRACK AND FIELD

Noblesville girls at Pendleton Heights Invitational, 5 p.m.  
Sheridan at Clinton Prairie Invitational, 5 p.m.  
Carmel boys at Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.  
Fishers girls at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Northwestern, 5:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern boys at Noblesville Miller Invitational, 5:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern girls at Lawrence North, 5:30 p.m.  
Westfield boys at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.  
University at Guerin Catholic (with Heritage Christian), 5:30 p.m.  
Zionsville girls at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.  
Bishop Chatard at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
Carmel at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

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## Does Jimmie have anything left in the tank?

Last weekend at Texas Motor Speedway, Jimmie Johnson made his second start of the 2024 NASCAR season.

Leaving NASCAR full-time after the 2020 season, Jimmie

Johnson ran two seasons in INDYCAR. As one might expect, he struggled on the road and street courses but found moderate success on the ovals, scoring a career best finish of sixth place finish at the 2022 Xpel 375 at Texas Motor Speedway.

After stepping away from INDYCAR in 2023, Johnson returned to NASCAR, this time as a Cup Series owner. Johnson partnered with Maury Gallagher at Petty GMS Motorsports and the team rebranded as Legacy Motor Club.

Jimmie's track record at Texas Motor Speedway is impressive. He is the all-time winningest driver with seven wins and has an aver-

age finish of 11.5. Naturally, Texas would be an ideal track for Jimmie to race.

Not so. His weekend began with a crash during practice. Johnson's car got loose driving through turn one and he was not able to correct it before hitting the wall. The team could not repair the car before qualifying so Jimmie began the race at the rear of the field. For most of the day, Johnson fought to stay in front of the leaders and was mired laps down for a majority of the race. After several timely cautions, Johnson found himself back on the lead lap and eventually finished in the 29th position.

Jimmie's 29th place finish is a sad reality for the seven-time Cup series champion. Is this what we can expect to see from him going forward? Does he have anything left? I'm not sure.

What is obvious is that

Jimmie is racing at a significant disadvantage. Most notably is the NextGen car. Johnson was out of full-time racing when the NextGen car was introduced in 2022, and the car races completely different than the previous car. Despite his talent, Jimmie just doesn't have the continuity in the car that his fellow competitors do. While most of his Cup Series competitors have 70 or more starts in the NextGen car, Jimmie has four. I don't care how good you are, four compared to 70 at the Cup Series level is huge.

Further, Jimmie is driving for a growing team. Legacy Motor Club struggled mightily last year. Its new partnership with Toyota is expected to lead to increased performance but Legacy has a long way to go.

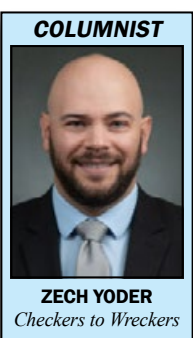
The question in everybody's mind is Jimmie's age. Has he lost a step? It would be hard to say no. He is the same driver that was winning championship after championship.

But can he be compet-

itive? Yes, I think he can. First, he is going to have to change his driving style. Johnson recognizes this and explained as much to the media in Texas. Second, he needs more time in the car. Five or six races per year is not enough for Johnson to run up front. If he wants to be successful, he needs to run a full-time schedule. I don't expect that to happen, but I also wouldn't be shocked if it did.

What I would really like to see is Jimmie Johnson in the Xfinity Series. The Xfinity cars fit his driving style much more than the Cup cars. As a legend in the sport, it would be great to see his interaction with the young drivers. Other drivers have taken that path, including Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and Aric Almirola. Both drivers expressed the fun they had in the cars and have had success. Jimmie would be a great addition to that group.

*Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.*



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7:45 pm Cathedral vs HSE | Boys Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports Network

**Sat April 20 - IHSAA Baseball & Girls Lacrosse**  
9:50 am Heritage Christian vs Scecina | IHSAA Baseball | Indiana SRN  
12:20 pm Evansville Central vs Warren Central | Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

**Mon April 22 - IHSAA Baseball & Girls Lacrosse**  
6:00 pm Hamilton Heights vs Noblesville | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports  
\*\*\*\*\*GAME WILL BE PLAYED AT LOGAN FIELD AT FOREST PARK  
6:30 pm Brownsburg vs Fishers | Girls Varsity Lacrosse | Fishers Sports Network

**Tues April 23 - IHSAA Baseball & Softball**  
5:20 pm Guerin Catholic vs Heritage Christian | IHSAA Baseball | Indiana SRN  
5:45 pm Fishers vs Hamilton Southeastern | IHSAA Softball | Southeastern Sports

**Wed April 24 - Boys Lacrosse**  
6:00 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | Boys Lacrosse | HCTV Sports  
8:00 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | Varsity | Boys Lacrosse | HCTV Sports

**Thurs April 25 - IHSAA Baseball**  
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# Meet the Candidates

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

Sincerely, The Hamilton County Reporter

## COUNTY

### Robert (Bob) Bragg

Republican for Hamilton County Treasurer

My objectives:

1. Maximize return on investments with minimal risk:

Hamilton County's rate of return was 3.95% in 2023 and 0.99% in 2022 compared to 5.30% and 1.48% for the State of Indiana's Investment fund (www.TrustIndiana.in.gov). Matching the state fund would have resulted in an additional \$8.7 million in investment income over 2 years.

2. Adopt benchmarks to evaluate investment performance:

Currently, there is no stated benchmark for investment returns. I will adopt the US Treasury three-month Bill ETF (TBIL) and the "Trust Indiana" fund as our benchmarks to properly evaluate performance.

3. Increase transparency in investments:

Currently, there is no data on invested funds on the Treasurer's web page. I will post investment returns and investment composition every quarter.

4. Increase adoption rates for E-billing of property tax statements:

The Treasurer mailed 125,000 paper copies of property tax bills in 2023. E-billing has been available for 12 years but I do not believe it has been communicated effectively. I believe we can save over \$50,000 a year by reducing paper statements.

I am a lifelong investor and a fiscal conservative with over 30 years' service to Hamilton County. I am a 1989 graduate of Taylor University.

Connect with Bragg on Facebook.



### Gary Duncan

Republican for County Surveyor

I look forward to being the next Hamilton County Surveyor. I have been a Professional Engineer since 1999, with a broad and diverse background that includes 10-years as a consulting engineer and project manager, 11-years as the Assistant City Engineer in the City of Carmel, and 9-years as the Staff Engineer in the Hamilton County Surveyor's Office.

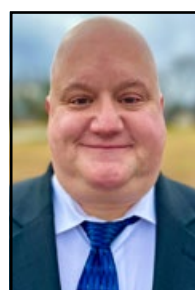
I am 53-years old. I live in Carmel with my wife Rachel who is a graduate of Purdue University and a Professional Engineer. We have two sons. A graduate of Ball State and a sophomore at Purdue.

I hold a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from Norwich University and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Purdue University.

I have extensive knowledge of urban drainage, agricultural drainage, public project development, budgeting, funding, design, construction, and project management which allows me to make cost effective decisions regarding drainage infrastructure.

While not an official position, I act as the Deputy Surveyor, which has allowed me to learn all aspects of the position, work with each member of the current staff, other elected officials, and department heads, and immediately assume the responsibilities of County Surveyor at the start of the next term.

Connect with Duncan on Facebook or by emailing [duncanforsurveyor@gmail.com](mailto:duncanforsurveyor@gmail.com).



### Brandon "Brad" Beaver

Republican for County Council At-Large

I have had the honor of serving on the county council for many years. The reason I should be re-elected is my track record. As one of seven members of the council, which is the finance body of county government. We have been rewarded with a AAA bond rating. The highest in the state, which keeps our borrowing cost low. WE have balanced budget, cash reserves, and have maintained a flat property rate for 10years, it even went down a few cents this year. We have well funded the sheriff and the jail, parks department and many highway and bridge projects. I have been conservative with your tax dollars. Re-elect Brad Beaver to Hamilton County Council.

Connect with Beaver that [BradBeaver.com](http://BradBeaver.com).



### 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](http://SueMaki.com), on Facebook, or by emailing [suemaki4council@gmail.com](mailto:suemaki4council@gmail.com).



### Mark Heirbrandt

Republican for County Commissioner District 3

Throughout his tenure, Mark Heirbrandt has consistently demonstrated a deep-rooted commitment to making a positive difference at the local level. As a testament to his dedication and contributions during his time in office, Mark was honored with the prestigious title of "Commissioner of the Year" by the Indiana Association of County Commissioners in 2022 and earned the Indiana Association of Counties "Commissioner of the Year Award" in 2023.

As an active member on various leadership boards, Mark served as President of the Indiana County Commissioners (a statewide association supporting County Commissioners in Indiana), serves as a Board Member for the Humane Society for Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Community Foundation, and is a member of the Big Cicero Regional Board. Mark also serves as an Executive Board Member for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and he was previously on the Westfield Public Safety Merit Board for six years.

Mark's campaign for re-election is multi-faceted in its approach, focusing on: public safety, road safety, cost savings, and communication & transparency. Connecting with Hamilton County residents has always been his most-valued part of serving. Mark looks forward to doing just that in the coming months to continue understanding the county's ever-changing needs.

Connect with Heirbrandt at [MarkHeirbrandt.com](http://MarkHeirbrandt.com), on Facebook, or by emailing [mark@markheirbrandt.com](mailto:mark@markheirbrandt.com).



### Susan Byer

Republican for County Treasurer

Susan Byer is a lifelong Hamilton County resident who has served Hamilton County for over 18 years in the Treasurer's office. She is the current Hamilton County Treasurer. Along with her role as Treasurer she has continued to serve her community as the 4-h Horse & Pony Project Superintendent and Hamilton County Horsemen's Club President.

In the last 4 years as Treasurer Byer has changed print vendors for County Tax Statements that saved the county \$15,150 in 2021.

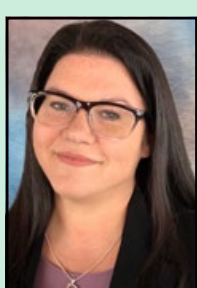
Byer manages 35-40 accounts within state statute throughout the year with safety and liquidity as a priority. Her adept ability to invest have earned the County \$19.7 million in interest income in 2023 alone. Her average of 3.95% last year includes all County accounts. Investment accounts ranged from 4.9%-5.69%, well above TrustIndiana's 2023 YTD average of 5.04%.

As Treasurer she completes a Monthly Treasurer's Report and an Annual Investment Report that is accessible to the public on the County's website.

Byer puts the public first and is always available and willing to answer questions. Her experience, integrity, and customer service makes her the best candidate this year.

Please cast your vote for Susan Byer for Hamilton County Treasurer on May 7th.

Connect with Byer on Facebook or by emailing [susanbyerforhtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:susanbyerforhtreasurer@gmail.com).



### Steve Dillinger

Republican for County Commissioner District 2

Steve Dillinger was inspired to run for the position of Hamilton County Commissioner because of his deep-rooted commitment to the growth and prosperity of the community. His passion for proactive planning and his dedication to staying ahead of the curve in anticipating and accommodating growth have been the driving forces behind his decision to seek re-election.

Steve's extensive experience in public service, coupled with his background as a successful business owner, has equipped him with the skills necessary to lead effectively. Over the years, Steve has demonstrated a knack for executing a vision, building consensus, and promoting teamwork to achieve tangible results. From spearheading major infrastructure projects like Lowe's Way and the Symons & Krause Drainage Project to bringing Ivy Tech Community College to Noblesville, his track record speaks volumes about his ability to deliver on promises and make strategic decisions that benefit Hamilton County.

He understands the intricacies of local governance and possesses a deep understanding of the needs and aspirations of residents. As a lifelong resident of Noblesville, his roots run deep, and he is committed to continuing to serve with integrity, dedication, and a steadfast focus on the well-being of the county.

Connect with Dillinger on Facebook or by emailing [stevedillinger.com](mailto:stevedillinger.com).



### Todd Clevenger

Republican for County Auditor

Sue and I have called Hamilton County home for almost 30 years, living in both Carmel and Cicero. We raised our sons here, all three of which graduated from Hamilton Heights High School.

I began working in the Auditor's Office in March 2018 as the County Grant Administrator. In this position, I provide centralized oversight and management of millions of dollars in grant funding obtained by the county each year, ensuring compliance with federal, state and local regulations.

As a member of the Auditor's staff, I have developed strong, positive relationships with key elected officials and department heads. I have also gained practical, hands-on experience that will allow me to manage and administer the responsibilities of the office on day one, which is vital for a position so critical to the financial operations of the county.

Prior to serving in Hamilton County government, I served as a Legislative Chief of Staff, Nonprofit Administrator and a Senior Partner in a marketing and communications firm. I graduated from Indiana University, double majoring in Journalism and Criminal Justice. I hold an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University and I am a graduate of the National Association of Counties High Performance Leadership Academy.

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### Stephanie K. Gookins

Republican for Hamilton Superior Court 6 Judge

I was appointed to the bench by Governor Holcomb on August 9, 2022. Since that time I have been presiding judge of Superior 6, a court of general jurisdiction. The Court handles small claims cases, a misdemeanor/level 6 felony criminal docket, as well as a substantial family law/civil docket. Prior to joining the judiciary, I practiced law in Hamilton County for over 22 years in the areas of criminal and family law, and mediation. I continue to serve as the coordinator for the Hamilton County Bar Association Mock Trial program for area high school students. For more information visit my Facebook page, Stephanie Gookins for Judge.

Connect with Gookins on Facebook.



### Steve Nation

Republican for County Council At-Large

Judge Steve Nation has dedicated his life to protecting and serving our community. In 1979, Steve became Prosecuting Attorney of Hamilton County and served four consecutive terms. In 1995, he became Hamilton County Judge and served four terms in office, and then retired in 2018. Steve's legacy and impact go far beyond the courtroom and extend far into the community.

Most notably, the conception of Hamilton County's Youth Assistance Programs started with Steve. Steve saw the common challenges that the community, schools, and families were having with youth. After several conversations within the community, it was clear that more needed to be done to help youth reach their highest potential. Westfield's Youth Assistance Program quickly began. Soon other school systems and local governments came together in Hamilton County to start their own programs. Today, Steve continues to support and work for families and children in Hamilton County.

Through Steve's leadership, he has been able to move programs forward that support mental health, child and victim abuse, and substance abuse. In his re-election bid, Steve is focused on public safety, mental health, collaboration, and completing the work that has been started.

Connect with Nation at [NationForCouncil.com](http://NationForCouncil.com), on Facebook, or by emailing [campaign@nationforcouncil.com](mailto:campaign@nationforcouncil.com).

## STATE

### Bill Gutrich

Republican for State Representative District 24

Bill Gutrich's vision prioritizes understanding your needs. He will fight for fiscally responsible government & lower taxes, excellence in education & parent empowerment, public safety, and smart development. Bill's overarching goal is to be your voice, not just a legislator making decisions on your behalf.

Bill is a 35-year corporate executive, small business owner, and community servant with a commitment to serve in representing District 24 as Indiana State Representative. With his strong business acumen, Bill possesses the skills, passion, and experience to ensure our hard-earned tax dollars are well-invested in the public good and drive meaningful change in our laws, as needed. His background includes leading major partnerships for industry giants like The Coca-Cola Company and Conagra Foods, along with extensive experience in agriculture through his tenure with Indiana-based Elanco Animal Health.

Bill and his wife, Janet, moved to Hamilton County in 1996 to pursue their careers and raise their three children, Eric, Emily, and Alexander. Their shared Catholic faith continues to shape their lives, providing them with a strong sense of purpose and a passion for serving others. Bill is dedicated to being an advocate for the people, placing their needs at the forefront of his public service.

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### Stephanie Jo Yocum

Democrat for State Representative District 88

Stephanie Jo Yocum was born and raised in Marion, Indiana and attended college at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana. A daughter of a school teacher and a police officer, public service was a consistent feature of Stephanie Jo's upbringing. She proudly followed her parents' example, by joining AmeriCorps after college.

Stephanie Jo's career has centered around public service, with over 20 years in leadership roles for large non-profits focused on healthcare and education. Stephanie Jo is the Chair of the governor-appointed commission on volunteerism and service, Serve Indiana, and a member of Chief, a national network that connects and empowers women leaders. She currently resides on the northeast side of Indianapolis with her spouse, Jim and daughter, Betti.

Stephanie Jo is running for State Representative because she believes Indiana needs more balanced and fair representation in the Statehouse. Indiana's current representation reflects the most extreme ideas and beliefs of its harmful supermajority; it does not accurately reflect the people of Indiana. Stephanie Jo is dedicated to providing access for all to quality education and healthcare. She will work to strengthen reproductive rights and public safety. She will be a fair and honest voice for all Hoosiers.

Connect with Yocum at [StephanieJoYocum.com](http://StephanieJoYocum.com), on Facebook, or by emailing [info@stephaniejoyocum.com](mailto:info@stephaniejoyocum.com).



### Curtis Hill

Republican for Governor

Curtis Theophilus Hill Jr. is a prosecutor who served as the 43rd Attorney General of Indiana. Hill was born in Elkhart, Indiana on February 21, 1961 and raised there. He graduated from Elkhart High School and then Indiana University. He received his Juris Doctoral degree from Indiana University School of Law in 1987.

Early in his career, Hill served as a part-time deputy prosecuting attorney for Elkhart County where he also maintained a private law practice. In 2002, Hill ran for his first public office, and was elected Elkhart County Prosecutor. Thereafter, Hill won four consecutive elections as Prosecuting Attorney with nearly 80 percent of the vote. With more than 1.64 million votes, Hill was elected Attorney General for the State of Indiana in 2016 receiving the largest number of votes of any elected official in Indiana history. In office, he defended life, liberty, and individual rights even when it wasn't popular. He is the only battle-tested conservative in this race and will take rural Hoosier values to Indianapolis.

Connect with Hill at [CurtisHill.com](http://CurtisHill.com).

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# STATE

## 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.

As a twenty-year business owner, I understand budgets, and working with client's of all sizes from Eli Lilly to an individual's small project. Working with clients begins with listening followed by asking questions to learn their goals. I provide solutions and products within budget. This is how I will work as your State House Representative.

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!

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## 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.

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## Alaina Shonkwiler

Republican for State Representative District 29

Alaina Shonkwiler has lived in Noblesville for most of her life, is a Noblesville High School alumnus, and a conservative Republican candidate for House District 29.

Having served in numerous economic development roles throughout her career, Alaina has the experience to tackle our challenges and ensure Hoosier communities continue to thrive. Currently serving as a Manager in Government Advisory for Katz Sapper Miller, she helps communities achieve their goals, and is a longtime public servant, having previously held roles with the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, City of Noblesville, and Noblesville Schools.

She is pro-life, will always defend the Second Amendment, and has been endorsed by the Hamilton County FOP #103 and Noblesville FOP #198 for her commitment to supporting law enforcement. She is supported by the business community through the Indiana Business for Responsive Governance PAC, the Indiana Manufacturers PAC, the Indy Chamber BAC, and Hamilton County's OneZone Chamber BAC for her economic growth experience and policies.

Alaina supports a lower tax environment that protects families and seniors from rising taxes including property taxes. Alaina is ready to fight for us.

She lives in Noblesville with her husband, Jason, a Noblesville Police Sergeant, and their children, Hannah and Kyle.

Connect with Shonkwiler at [AlainaForNoblesville.com](https://www.facebook.com/AlainaForNoblesville.com), on Facebook, or by emailing [alainafornoblesville@gmail.com](mailto:alainafornoblesville@gmail.com).



## Danny Lopez

Republican for State Representative District 39

Danny Lopez is a husband, father, and Republican candidate for House District 39.

As a leader in the civic, corporate, and public sectors, Danny Lopez has spent his 20-year career championing efforts to strengthen families, build communities, and create sound public policy in education, economic development, and healthcare. He has held leadership positions in the Daniels, Pence, and Holcomb Administrations and was state Director for Indiana Senator Dan Coats. Lopez has also served on the boards of directors of a long list of impactful not-for-profit organizations and currently serves as a senior executive with Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

Danny is running for State Representative to tackle the issues Hamilton County families care about, from fighting inflation and keeping taxes low, to fully funding public safety, supporting our veterans, students and seniors, and ensuring our workforce prepared to help enable our communities to thrive.

Danny and his wife, Sofia, live in Carmel with their children, Daniel and Alexandra.

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## 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](https://www.facebook.com/McNallyForIndiana.com), on Facebook, or by emailing [matt.mcnally@mcnallyforindiana.com](mailto: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 priority 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

Victoria Garcia Wilburn's experience as a healthcare clinician and health researcher and advocate has earned the respect of her colleagues in the Statehouse upon being elected in 2022.

She is centered on improving the lives of Hoosiers through policies that advance health outcomes for all Hoosiers. She has championed initiatives for public safety (police, fire, EMT), increasing the safety and accountability of vulnerable children who are part of the Indiana Department of Child Services system, and is proud of her track record promoting the values of House District 32 to include a high quality of life and strong economic growth.

She serves on the Indiana Behavioral Health Commission, Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Employment Labor and Pension Committee, Family Children and Human Affairs, and the Judiciary Committee in her role as State Representative.

This campaign cycle she has received the endorsement of OneZone Chamber of Commerce, Vote Mama, and AgElect of the Indiana Farm Bureau. Dr. Garcia Wilburn has also received a distinction as a Mom's Demand Gun Sense Candidate.

Victoria, her husband Chris, a retired police officer, and her three children are the reason first ran for State Representative and remain her most cherished legacy.

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# FEDERAL

## Raju Chinthala

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

Raju emerges as a compelling candidate for Congress, embodying a unique blend of experience, dedication, and a deep-rooted commitment to serving Indiana's 5th Congressional District. Hailing from India, Raju's journey to citizenship in 2010 stands as a testament to his unwavering belief in the American dream. As a legal immigrant, he persevered through a 16-year journey to attain citizenship, a testament to his resilience and determination. His educational foundation, nurtured by his grandmother's emphasis on learning, propelled him to attain dual master's degrees, laying the groundwork for a distinguished 30-year career as a Speech-Language Pathologist and businessman on American soil.

His extensive involvement in the Republican Party since 2003 underscores his steadfast commitment to constitutional principles, public service, and unwavering support for veterans.

Raju's exemplary leadership has garnered widespread recognition, including prestigious awards such as the Sagamore of the Wabash and The Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award.

With a platform centered on building partnerships and fostering investments to empower 5th District residents, Raju stands as a beacon of progress and opportunity. He will be a strong voice in Congress, dedicated to representing the needs and aspirations of his constituents, and ensuring a brighter future for all Hoosiers. RAJU. FOR YOU!

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## Mark Hurt

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

Mark is Conservative Republican with over 25 years' experience in the practice of law with offices in Noblesville and Kokomo. Mark also served as one small brick in the wall of justice when serving as a part time prosecuting attorney in Howard County. Mark was born and raised in the 5th Congressional district and graduated from Madison Grant High School, Taylor University (teaching/coaching), Baylor University (foreign policy) and Michigan State University (law).

Mark is uniquely positioned to make a difference and start the job running. At the federal level, Mark served as a professional staff-person for United States Senator, Dan Coats, helping create health care savings accounts and assisting on committee activity on pharmaceutical/medical device issues and for United States Congressman, Fred Grandy, where Mark assisted in the management of floor activity on education and labor issues, and developing private sector health care reform. At the state level, Mark served Michigan Governor, John Engler as a health care policy advisor, worked with the auto industry and National Governors Association in defeating the Clinton health care reforms.

Mark is committed to the Reagan 11th Commandment, standing up for convictions and also treating people with respect when solving problems.

Connect with Hurt at [MarkHurt.org](https://www.facebook.com/MarkHurt.org) and on Facebook.



## Matthew B Peiffer

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

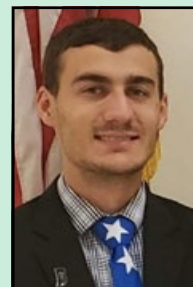
Matthew Peiffer was raised in the Grant County Van Buren area attending church in Miami Indiana. Matthew got into foster care at 16 years old and aged out at 18 years old and has been pushing policies ever since. After losing his sister to suicide at 19 Matthew has become passionate about being the voice for others.

Matthew has received congressional and National awards for the work he has done helping others across the United States as featured in USA TODAY. Being a kidney donor in Nov 2022 Matthew has seen firsthand the challenges that face living donors. Matthew is currently a Police Officer and has worked closely with immigration visas. He will work for Hoosier all across the 5th district to ensure their voice is heard and ensure their tax dollars go back to serving them.

Matthew has always been passionate about problem solving and taking care of his community. Matthew currently sits on the Muncie Housing Board and numerous other positions in Advocacy.

To see the work he does for his community check out on Facebook Muncie's Smile Man.

Connect with Peiffer on Facebook.



## L.D. Powell

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

L.D. Powell, a Navy Veteran, is ready to safeguard America and the American Dream for all Hoosiers. A lifelong resident of Indiana, Powell is committed to bringing his diverse educational background, and leadership skills to serving the 5th district.

L.D. Powell, enlisted in the Navy at 17. After his Navy service, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Huntington University, an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University and a Masters in Ministry from Bethel College, showcasing his comprehensive approach to personal and professional growth.

Civic involvement includes founding roles at The Chapel in Fort Wayne and serving on the board of the Allen County Juvenile Center, highlighting his dedication to community welfare.

With over 18 years of personal recovery experience, Powell's resilience and transformation demonstrate his ability to overcome challenges and inspire others. His number one priority is securing our boarders and combating the flow of illegal drugs that are killing over 100,000 Americans each year.

L.D. Powell is also a certified flight instructor and enjoys empowering others to achieve their aviation goals.

With extensive experience, unwavering dedication, and a clear vision for positive change, L.D. Powell is prepared to represent Indiana's 5th District with integrity and determination.

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## 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 individuals 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.

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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:

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY CANDIDATES**

Candidate name and address	Office sought
Joseph R Biden Jr. PO Box 58174 Philadelphia, PA 19102	US President
Marc Carmichael 3251 N. Pennsylvania St. Apt. C Indianapolis, IN 46205	United States Senator from Indiana
Valerie McCray 1075 Broad Ripple Ave #220 Indianapolis, IN 46220	United States Senator from Indiana
Jennifer G. McCormick 1341 W County Road 50 N New Castle, IN 47362	Governor
Ryan Pfenninger 12928 Brighton Lane Carmel, IN 46032	United States Representative, Fifth District
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 46074	State Representative, District 024
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
Stephanie Jo Yocum 8783 Bay Pointe Circle Indianapolis, IN 46236	State Representative, District 088
Keely J. Gladieux 4913 Rustling Ridge Ct Noblesville, IN 46062-5001	Hamilton County Council, At Large

**REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY CANDIDATES**

Candidate name and address	Office sought
Nikki R. Haley 186 Seven Farms Drive, Suite F-370 Daniel Island, SC 29492	US President
Donald J. Trump P.O. Box 13570 Arlington, VA 22219	US President
Jim Banks 341 N. Chauncey Street Columbia City, IN 46725	United States Senator from Indiana
Mike Braun 2080 W. 600 N Jasper, IN 47546	Governor
Brad Chambers 6986 Washington Boulevard W. Indianapolis, IN 46220	Governor
Suzanne Crouch 12345 Browning Road Evansville, IN 47725	Governor
Eric Doden 8830 Notestine Road Fort Wayne, IN 46835	Governor
Curtis Hill 3314 East Lake Drive South Elkhart, IN 46514	Governor
Jamie Reitenour 6711 Colville Place Indianapolis, IN 46236	Governor
Raju Chinthala 3557 Corsham Circle Carmel, IN 46032	United States Representative, Fifth District
Max Engling P.O. Box 2151 Noblesville, IN 46061	United States Representative, Fifth District
Chuck Goodrich 6842 Harbour Woods Overlook Noblesville, IN 46062	United States Representative, Fifth District
Mark Hurt 1536 Quail Run Drive Kokomo, IN 46902	United States Representative, Fifth District
Patrick Malayter 12955 Water Ridge Drive Fishers, IN 46055	United States Representative, Fifth District
Matthew Peiffer 119 S. Dill Street Muncie, IN 47303	United States Representative, Fifth District
LD Powell 5474 Cayman Court Carmel, IN 46033	United States Representative, Fifth District
Larry L. Savage Jr. 1734 Broadway Street Anderson, IN 46012	United States Representative, Fifth District
Victoria Spartz 102 Natasha Drive Noblesville, IN 46062	United States Representative, Fifth District
Scott A. Baldwin 11360 Hanbury Manor Boulevard Noblesville, IN 46060	State Senator, District 20
Bill Gutrich 16121 Haddam Lane Westfield, IN 46062	State Representative, District 024
Hunter Smith 2140 S. US 421 Zionsville, IN 46077	State Representative, District 024
Laura L. Alerding P.O. Box 340 Noblesville, IN 46061	State Representative, District 029
Alaina Shonkwiler 344 Banbury Road Noblesville, IN 46062	State Representative, District 029
Patricia Bratton 11535 Ralston Avenue Carmel, IN 46032	State Representative, District 032
Todd Huston 13378 Silverston Drive Fishers, IN 46037	State Representative, District 037
Daniel (Danny) Lopez 4591 Camborne Carmel, IN 46033	State Representative, District 039
Chris Jeter 14611 Normandy Way Fishers, IN 46040	State Representative, District 088
Andrew R. Bloch 16126 Creeks Bend Court Westfield, IN 46074	Judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court, 24th Judicial Circuit
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Stephenie K. Gookins 3508 W. 206th Street Sheridan, IN 46069	Judge of the Hamilton Superior Court, No. 6
Todd Clevenger 1120 Cape Coral Dr Cicero, IN 46034-9374	Hamilton County Auditor
Robert (Bob) Bragg 404 Westchester Blvd Noblesville, IN 46062-9070	Hamilton County Treasurer
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Gary Duncan 13129 Foster Ct Carmel, IN 46033-4615	Hamilton County Surveyor
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Mark E. Heirbrandt 16121 Chancellors Ridge Way Westfield, IN 46062-7137	Hamilton County Commissioner, District 3
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Elizabeth Fouch 4949 E 246th St Arcadia, IN 46030-9668	Hamilton County Council, At Large
Sue MakI 317 2nd Ave NE Carmel, IN 46032-1813	Hamilton County Council, At Large
Steven R. Nation 6977 Willow Pond Dr Noblesville, IN 46062-8416	Hamilton County Council, At Large

**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:

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COOL CREEK NATURE CENTER 2000-1 E 151ST ST CARMEL IN, 46033	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
JILL PERELMAN PAVILION 3000 W 116TH ST CARMEL IN, 46032	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
WILFONG PAVILION AT FOUNDERS PARK 11675 HAZEL DELL PKWY CARMEL IN, 46033	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
BILLERICAY PARK BUILDING 12690 PROMISE RD FISHERS IN, 46038	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
ROY G HOLLAND MEMORIAL PARK BUILDING 1 PARK DRIVE FISHERS IN, 46038	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
HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE ONE HAMILTON COUNTY SQUARE NOBLESVILLE IN, 460602233	Open Tuesday 04/09/2024 until Friday 04/12/2024 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Open Monday 04/15/2024 until Friday 04/19/2024 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Open Monday 04/22/2024 until Friday 04/26/2024 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Open Saturday 04/27/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 04/29/2024 until Friday 05/03/2024 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Open Saturday 05/04/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 05/06/2024 until Monday 05/06/2024 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM
HAMILTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 2003 PLEASANT STREET NOBLESVILLE IN, 46060	Open Tuesday 04/09/2024 until Friday 04/12/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 04/15/2024 until Friday 04/19/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 04/22/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 04/29/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 05/06/2024 until Monday 05/06/2024 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM
WESTFIELD CITY HALL 130 E PENN ST WESTFIELD IN, 46074	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

DATED, THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2024.  
Kathy Kreg Williams, Circuit Court Clerk





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2024 PRIMARY POLL SITES							
Site Name	Voting Location	Address	Add City/State/Zip	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4
Sheridan Community Center	Sheridan Hall	300 E 6th St	Sheridan IN, 46069	0101 Sheridan 01			
Sheridan High School	HS Conference Room	24185 N Hinesley Rd	Sheridan IN, 46069	0102 Sheridan 02			
Six Points Church	Main Lobby	1545 W 226th St	Sheridan IN, 46069	0103 Sheridan 03			
Sheridan Town Hall	Meeting Room	506 S Main St	Sheridan IN, 46069	0104 Sheridan 04			
Hope Church	Fellowship Hall	2500 E 98th St	Carmel IN, 46280	0201 Clay 01	0240 Clay 40		
Brookshire Golf Club	Banquet Room	12120 Brookshire Pkwy	Carmel IN, 46033	0202 Clay 02			
Christ Community Church	Lobby/Sanctuary	4770 E Main St	Carmel IN, 46033	0203 Clay 03	0207 Clay 07	0253 Clay 53	
The Meeting House of West Clay	Second Floor	2000 North New Market	Carmel IN, 46032	0204 Clay 04	0262 Clay 62*	0263 Clay 63	0267 Clay 67
Pilgrim Lutheran Church	Fellowship Hall	3650 W 106th St	Carmel IN, 46032	0205 Clay 05	0268 Clay 68		
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church	Lounge/Main Street	1605 E 106th St	Carmel IN, 46280	0206 Clay 06	0212 Clay 12	243 Clay 43	
Carmel United Methodist Church	Gathering Place	621 S Rangeline Rd	Carmel IN, 46032	0208 Clay 08	0220 Clay 20		
Trinity Baptist Church	Gym	1010 E 126th St	Carmel IN, 46033	0209 Clay 09	0247 Clay 47		
Chinese Community Church of Indianapolis	Gym	3405 E 116th St	Carmel IN, 46033	0210 Clay 10	0238 Clay 38		
Carmel Friends Church	Lobby	651 W Main St	Carmel IN, 46032	0211 Clay 11	0232 Clay 32		
Mersey Road Church	Lobby	2381 Pointe Pkwy	Carmel IN, 46032	0213 Clay 13	0214 Clay 14		
John Hensel Government Center	Community Room	10701 N College Ave	Carmel IN, 46280	0215 Clay 15	0219 Clay 19	230 Clay 30	
Genesis Church	Lobby	13200 Old Meridian St	Carmel IN, 46032	0217 Clay 17	0241 Clay 41		
College Park Church	Gym	2606 W 96th St	Indianapolis IN 46268	0222 Clay 22	0228 Clay 28	0261 Clay 61	
Plum Creek Golf Club	Banquet Room	12401 Lynnwood Blvd	Carmel IN, 46033	0223 Clay 23			
Northview Church - Carmel	Atrium	12900 Hazel Dell Pkwy	Carmel IN, 46033	0224 Clay 24	0255 Clay 55		
Carmel Water Distribution	Truck Bays	3450 W 131st St	Carmel IN, 46033	0227 Clay 27	0233 Clay 33	0254 Clay 54	
Carmel High School Stadium	Community/Hospitality Room	2900 E 136th St	Carmel IN, 46032	0229 Clay 29			
Ritz Charles	Ballroom, Chapel, Pavilion	12156 N Meridian St	Carmel IN, 46032	0231 Clay 31	0237 Clay 37	0257 Clay 57	
Venture Christian Church	Auditorium	14501 Hazel Dell Pkwy	Carmel, IN 46033	0235 Clay 35	0249 Clay 49		
Harvest Church	Lobby	14550 River Rd	Carmel, IN 46033	0236 Clay 36	0265 Clay 65		
Foster Estates Clubhouse	Clubhouse	3131 Maralice Dr	Carmel IN, 46033	0239 Clay 39			
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church	Ministry Room B108- B110	10655 Haverstick Rd	Carmel IN, 46033	0242 Clay 42	0251 Clay 51		
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Fellowship Hall	1484 W Main St	Carmel IN, 46032	0246 Clay 46	0270 Clay 70		
Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Ctr	Public Meeting Room	5201 E Main St	Carmel IN, 46033	0248 Clay 48	0259 Clay 59		
Wilfong Pavilion at Founders Park	Room A & B	11675 Hazel Dell Pkwy	Carmel IN, 46033	0258 Clay 58	0260 Clay 60		
Jill Perelman Pavilion	Room A, B, & C	3000 W 116th St	Carmel IN, 46032	0256 Clay 56*	0266 Clay 66	0269 Clay 69	0271 Clay 71
Carmel Library*		425 E Main St	Carmel IN 46033	0252 Clay 52*	0264 Clay 64*		
Prairie View Christian Church	Sanctuary	8350 E 141st St	Fishers IN, 46038	0301 Delaware 01	0302 Delaware 02	0317 Delaware 17	
Roy G. Holland Memorial Park Building	One Main Space	1 Park Dr	Fishers IN, 46038	0303 Delaware 03	0306 Delaware 06	0310 Delaware 10	
Delaware Township Community Center - Back	Inside Building	9094 E 131st St	Fishers IN 46038	0304 Delaware 04	0305 Delaware 05	0308 Delaware 08*	0322 Delaware 22
The Balmoral House	Main Floor	10101 Hamilton Hills Ln, Ste 100	Fishers IN, 46038	0307 Delaware 07	0314 Delaware 14*	0315 Delaware 15	0325 Delaware 25
Delaware Township Government Center - Front	Inside Building	9090 East 131st Street	Fishers, IN 46038	0309 Delaware 09	0318 Delaware 18		
The Historic Ambassador House	Front Family Room	10598 Eller Rd	Fishers, IN 46038	0312 Delaware 12	0313 Delaware 13	0321 Delaware 21	
Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel	Chapel	9900 N Allisonville Rd	Fishers IN, 46038	0316 Delaware 16			
Eastern Star Church	Chapel	8850 E 106th St	Fishers IN 46037	0319 Delaware 19	0409 Fall Creek 09		
Fishers Fire Station 91	1st Floor Training Room	2 Municipal Dr	Fishers, IN 46038	0320 Delaware 20			
Alderman Automotive	Customer Waiting Room	13875 Trade Center Dr	Fishers IN, 46038	0323 Delaware 23			
Northview Church - Fishers Campus	Student Center	14842 E 136th St	Fishers IN, 46037	0401 Fall Creek 01	0413 Fall Creek 13	0428 Fall Creek 28	0442 Fall Creek 42
Legacy Bible Church	Foyer	13490 Howe Rd	Fishers, IN 46038	0402 Fall Creek 02	0430 Fall Creek 30	0432 Fall Creek 32	0440 Fall Creek 40
St George Orthodox Christian Church	ground level Fellowship Hall	10748 E 116th St	Fishers IN, 46037	0403 Fall Creek 03	0408 Fall Creek 08	0422 Fall Creek 22*	0429 Fall Creek 29
Indianapolis Yacht Club	Main Hall	12900 Fall Creek Rd	McCordsville, IN 46055	0404 Fall Creek 04	0421 Fall Creek 21		
Pennington Park Church	Church Lobby	13222 E 126th St	Fishers, IN 46037	0405 Fall Creek 05	0410 Fall Creek 10	0411 Fall Creek 11	
Al-Huda Foundation	Gym	12213 Lantern Rd	Fishers IN, 46038	0406 Fall Creek 06	0407 Fall Creek 07		
Fall Creek Township Building #2	Basement	11565 Brooks School Rd	Fishers IN, 46037	0412 Fall Creek 12			
Life Church - Fishers	Worship Center	9820 E 141st St	Fishers IN, 46038	0414 Fall Creek 14	0416 Fall Creek 16	0436 Fall Creek 36	
Cornerstone Lutheran Church - Fishers	Hallway - East Side	13450 E 116th St	Fishers IN, 46037	0415 Fall Creek 15	0426 Fall Creek 26	0433 Fall Creek 33	0444 Fall Creek 44
Billericay Park Building	Main Hall	12690 Promise Rd	Fishers IN, 46038	0417 Fall Creek 17	0418 Fall Creek 18	0424 Fall Creek 24	0443 Fall Creek 43
Crosspoint Church	Inside front doors	13678 Silverstone Dr	Fishers IN, 46037	0419 Fall Creek 19	0423 Fall Creek 23	0434 Fall Creek 34	
Grace Church - Fishers	Room 122	12450 Olivo Rd	Fishers IN, 46037	0420 Fall Creek 20	0425 Fall Creek 25	0441 Fall Creek 41	
Cyntheanne Christian Church	Youth Center Gym	13151 Cyntheanne Rd	Fishers IN 46037	0427 Fall Creek 27	0435 Fall Creek 35		
Fall Creek Township Office	Community Room	11595 Brooks School Rd	Fishers IN, 46037	0431 Fall Creek 31	0439 Fall Creek 39		
The Chateau @ Britton Falls	Ballroom A-C	13079 Del Webb Pkwy	Fishers, IN 46037	0437 Fall Creek 37			
Arcadia Town Hall	Schaffer Room	208 W Main St	Arcadia IN 46030	0501 Jackson 01			
Arcadia Church of the Brethren	Fellowship Hall	8989 E 266th St	Arcadia IN 46030	0502 Jackson 02			
Dolles Park Shelter House	Main Room	130 Walton St	Atlanta IN, 46031	0503 Jackson 03			
Hinkle Lodge #310	First Floor	22520 Gifford Ave	Cicero IN 46034	0504 Jackson 04			
Cicero Street Department	Garage	1159 Stringtown Pike	Cicero IN 46034	0505 Jackson 05			
Cicero Christian Church	Gym	1715 Stringtown Pike	Cicero IN 46034	0506 Jackson 06			
Cicero Library - Hamilton North	Jenkins Meeting Room	209 W Brinton St	Cicero IN 46034	0507 Jackson 07			
Red Bridge Community Building	Main Room	695 W Jackson St	Cicero IN 46034	0508 Jackson 08			
Bethel Lutheran Church	Fellowship Hall	20650 Cumberland Rd	Noblesville IN 46062	0601 Noblesville 01*	0615 Noblesville 15		
Harbour Shores Church	Family Life Center	8011 E 216th St	Cicero IN 46034	0602 Noblesville 02	0624 Noblesville 24		
Noblesville Fire Station 76	Apparatus Bay	16800 Hazel Dell Rd	Noblesville IN 46062	0603 Noblesville 03			
Noblesville Baptist Church	Gymnasium	1338 Pleasant St	Noblesville IN 46060	0604 Noblesville 04	0640 Noblesville 40		
Forest Park Inn	Overlook Room	701 Cicero Rd	Noblesville IN, 46060	0605 Noblesville 05	0610 Noblesville 10*		
The Mill Church	Lobby	1399 Greenfield Ave	Noblesville IN, 46060	0606 Noblesville 06	0626 Noblesville 26		
Life Church - Noblesville	Auditorium	2200 Sheridan Rd	Noblesville IN, 46062	0607 Noblesville 07	0617 Noblesville 17*	0627 Noblesville 27	0636 Noblesville 36
First Christian Church	Narthex	16377 Herriman Blvd	Noblesville IN, 46060	0608 Noblesville 08	0621 Noblesville 21*	0639 Noblesville 39	
First Presbyterian Church	Fellowship Hall	1207 Conner St	Noblesville IN, 46060	0609 Noblesville 09			
Pilgrim Holiness Church - Family Life Center	Conference Room	1413 Westfield Rd	Noblesville IN, 46062	0611 Noblesville 11	0631 Noblesville 31*		
Hamilton County Government/Judicial Center	West Hallway, 1st Floor	1 Hamilton County Square	Noblesville IN, 46060	0612 Noblesville 12			
Forest Park Lodge	Main Room	701 Cicero Rd	Noblesville IN 46060	0613 Noblesville 13*			
Harbour Trees Golf Club	Ballroom	333 Regents Park Ln	Noblesville, IN 46062	0614 Noblesville 14			
Osprey Pointe Pavilion @ Morse Beach	Entire Building	19777 Morse Park Ln	Noblesville IN, 46062	0616 Noblesville 16*	0623 Noblesville 23		
Grey Stone of Noblesville	Clubroom	7160 Oxfordshire Blvd	Noblesville, IN 46062	0618 Noblesville 18			
Green Valley Church of Christ	Gymnasium	19005 Cumberland Rd	Noblesville IN 46060	0619 Noblesville 19	0629 Noblesville 29	0637 Noblesville 37*	
Senior Citizens Organization	Main Room	18336 Cumberland Rd	Noblesville, IN 46060	0620 Noblesville 20			
Talent Logistix & Feedingteam.org	Back Lobby	485 Sheridan Rd	Noblesville, IN 46060	0622 Noblesville 22			
White Rock Fellowship	Worship Center	21070 Schulley Rd	Noblesville IN, 46062	0625 Noblesville 25			
Noblesville Fire Station 75	Apparatus Bay	10170 E 191st St	Noblesville IN, 46060	0628 Noblesville 28			
Bethel A.M.E. Church	Foyer	17777 Little Chicago Rd	Noblesville IN, 46062	0630 Noblesville 30	0634 Noblesville 34	0642 Noblesville 42	
Hamilton County Fairgrounds	Hall C	2003 E Pleasant St	Noblesville IN, 46060	0632 Noblesville 32	0638 Noblesville 38		
Grace Church - 146th St Campus	Multi-Purpose East (door 12)	5504 E 146th St	Noblesville IN, 46062	0633 Noblesville 33	0641 Noblesville 41		
Hamilton East Public Library	Meeting Room 1st Floor	One Library Plaza	Noblesville IN 46060	0634 Noblesville 34			
Westfield City Hall	Council Chambers (front)	130 E Penn St	Westfield IN, 46074	0701 Westfield 01			
Cross Roads Church @ Westfield	Auditorium	19201 Grassy Branch Rd	Westfield IN, 46074	0702 Westfield 02*	0715 Westfield 15	0728 Westfield 28	0729 Westfield 29
Lifepointe Church	Right corridor	3233 W 166th St	Westfield IN, 46074	0703 Westfield 03	0723 Westfield 23		
The Palomino	Arabian Room	17111 Hamilton Boone Rd	Westfield IN, 46074	0704 Westfield 04			
The Clubhouse at Chatham Hills	Gymnasium	1100 Chatham Hills Blvd	Westfield IN 46074	0705 Westfield 05			
Countryside Clubhouse	Main Room	250 E 169th St	Westfield IN, 46074	0706 Westfield 06	0716 Westfield 16*		
North Circle Church	Main Auditorium	20101 Grassy Branch	Westfield IN 46074	0707 Westfield 07			
Smith Memorial Complex @ Union Bible College	Gymnasium	208 College Ave	Westfield IN, 46074	0708 Westfield 08	0721 Westfield 21	0730 Westfield 30	
Village Farms Clubhouse	Clubhouse	453 Greyhound Pass	Carmel IN, 46032	0709 Westfield 09	0712 Westfield 12	0722 Westfield 22*	
Cool Creek Park Nature Center	Auditorium	2000-1 E 151st St	Carmel IN, 46033	0710 Westfield 10*	0711 Westfield 11	0713 Westfield 13	0724 Westfield 24
Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church	Fellowship Hall	15605 Ditch Rd	Westfield IN, 46074	0714 Westfield 14	0718 Westfield 18		
The Fuel Church	Lobby	18686 Eagletown Rd	Westfield IN 46074	0717 Westfield 17	0731 Westfield 31		
Village Park Bible Methodist Church	Conference Room	219 W 161st St	Westfield IN, 46074	0719 Westfield 19	0720 Westfield 20	0725 Westfield 25	0726 Westfield 26
Thrive Christian Church	Lobby	15091 Towne Rd	Westfield, IN 46074	0727 Westfield 27			
Clarksville Christian Church	Basement	16600 Lehr St	Noblesville IN, 46060	0801 Wayne 01			
Refuge Christian Church	Main Hall	11772 E 196th St	Noblesville IN 46060	0802 Wayne 02			
Wayne Township Government Center	Community Room	18441 Durbin Rd	Noblesville, IN 46060	0803 Wayne 03	0807 Wayne 07		
Noblesville Fire Station 77	Apparatus Bay	15251 Olivo Rd	Noblesville IN, 46060	0804 Wayne 04	0805 Wayne 05		
White River Township Community Building	Big Room	12695 E 256th St	Cicero IN 46034	0901 White River			

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County has approved these locations as voting places for the Primary Election to be held in Hamilton County, Indiana on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 6:00 p.m. Dated this 23rd day of February 2024.

Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court

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