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Sheridan High School earns Early College endorsement

The REPORTER
 The Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis recently announced the endorsement of the Early College (EC) program at Sheridan High School (SHS).
 The goal of Sheridan High School is to prepare students for life after high school. That may include employment with skills they have obtained in high school, a head start on college through a rigorous curriculum and dual credits, or enlistment in the armed services.
 CELL appreciates the work that SHS staff, students, and parents put forth to meet the requirements to be an endorsed EC program. SHS's involvement in a U.S. Department of Education grant called the Rural Early College Network has provided significant support in



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools
Sheridan High School students in AP Chemistry. (From left) Ellie O'Banion, Donovan Aleman-Lewis, and Carsen Aleman.

helping the high school accomplish this goal. "I am extremely happy to achieve this honor for our teachers, students, and our entire community," Sheridan Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy said.

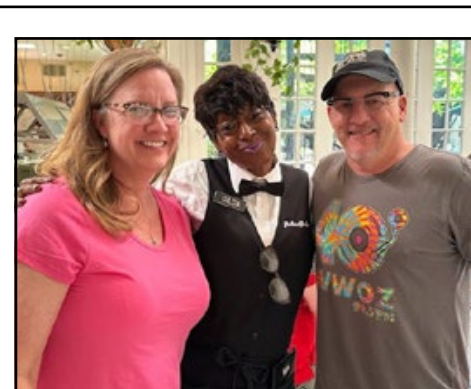


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Bryne and Scott pose with their favorite waitress, Gilda, at historic The Court of Two Sisters.

He knows what it means to miss New Orleans

"There is no place on Earth even remotely like New Orleans."
 — Anthony Bourdain
 During our evenings in New Orleans, the walking tours were as multitudinous as Fats Domino hits. The true crime fanatics in our group slavered like Creole moon werewolves while our eye-patched guide regaled us with true tales of malevolence, murder, and mayhem in a city currently ranked No. 3 in the U.S. for its impressive homicide rate.
 As we approached a competing walking tour on a shadowy French Quarter sidewalk, we sized up the group as if prelude to a rumble for the right to get closest to, say, an apartment where a cannibalistic killer cooked a former lover or a pharmacy that housed diabolical pharmaceutical experiments performed on pregnant slaves. We were led through haunted alleyways and passed beneath tree limbs and balconies abloom with errantly tossed Mardi Gras beads.
 Some guides dressed like skeletons, vampires, and Marie Laveau when leading tourists over and around sidewalk holes deep enough to be portals to hell. Our guide distinguished himself from the competition by rolling his eyes (well, one eye) when referring to the other guides' cheesy attire. A distinguished history professor by day



SCOTT SAALMAN Scaramouch

Westfield Kiwanis donate \$5K to Children's TherAplay Foundation



Photo provided
The Kiwanis Club of Westfield presented a check Friday morning to the Children's TherAplay Foundation for \$5,000 for naming rights to a community and patient water fountain at the organization's upcoming community center building. Participating in the check presentation were Kiwanians Alexis Lowry, Chelsea Beaman, Mike Pawlowski, Fran Pawlowski, and Shelly Brown; and, from Children's TherAplay, Physical Therapist Teresa Keathley, Director of Philanthropy Kassie O'Malley, and Logan Beaman (on Hank the horse).

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FAC featuring "Art that Heals: Focusing on Mental Health" exhibit at Hub Gallery

The REPORTER
 May is national Mental Health Awareness month. This is a perfect time to highlight the important role that art plays as a therapeutic expression for all emotions for all people.
 This May, Fishers Arts Council (FAC) presents a new exhibit for Fishers residents called "Art that Heals: Focusing on Mental Health." The exhibit is on display now through May 31 and is expressive, passionate, thoughtful, poignant, and cathartic for both the artists and the viewers. Come explore the variety of creative ways to release your thoughts or find ways to calm your mind. Everyone is on a different journey; however, through art one can find strength and independence that helps direct one on a positive way forward.
 In "Art That Heals: Focusing on Mental Health," 16 artists share their work with the public, each with a story to tell about the positive effects that their pursuit of art has had on their lives. Their art is both diverse and beautiful – and sometimes troubling as their creations echo difficult times. Their art also shows them working through mental health issues as they created their various works. The mediums they use are as diverse as the art itself and the people who created it.

Hamilton Heights names Coffee Bean awards for March & April

The REPORTER
 Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the months of March and April: Cy Collier, Sam Harpham, Christian Harville, Katie Herbert, Adelyn Johnson, Esther Martin, Morgan Ottinger, Landon Rich, Cassidy Schakel, and Shamar Stapleton.
 The name and award, inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change.
 All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five to seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.



Photo provided
Hamilton Heights High School March/April Coffee Bean Award recipients include (from left) Landon Rich, Cy Collier, Shamar Stapleton, Sam Harpham, Morgan Ottinger, Cassidy Schakel, and Adelyn Johnson. Not pictured: Katie Herbert, Esther Martin, and Christian Harville.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community at the high school. Students and staff can nominate students. Nomination forms can be downloaded at hhschuskiies.org/domain/82.

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worked very hard to elevate our class curriculum and offerings for students and the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning has assisted us in meeting these lofty goals. We appreciate the recognition, and we look forward to working with CELL to continue to push learning opportunities for all our students.”

SHS Principal Rick Davis echoed the excitement of the honor and recognition of those involved.

“This is a tremendous recognition of the time, energy, work, and excellent staff and students we have at Sheridan High School,” Davis said. “It is exciting to see how far we have come over the past three years, with the support of CELL and the Rural Early College Network, to be able to achieve this goal.”

The EC high school

model creates small schools designed to give students jumpstarts for the rest of their lives. Students can earn both high school diplomas and up to two years of credit toward bachelor’s or associate degrees. While open to all students, EC programs specifically serve low-income young people, first-generation college students, English language learners, and students of color – all statistically underrepresented in higher education.

To be considered for endorsement, the school prepared a portfolio that addressed the required eight principles established by CELL, including providing a rigorous curriculum, ro-



bust student supports, and completion data. In addition, a CELL team visited the school to interview administrators, teachers, students, and parents about the EC and its benefits and challenges before designating the program as endorsed.

“These newly-endorsed Early College High Schools have documented evidence of quality programs that help high school students graduate and accelerate into post-secondary education, whether at a four-year institution or a career/technical program. These students’ accomplishments are true game changers for them and their families,” EC CELL Director Sandy Hillman said.

The strong leadership of Principal Rick Davis and Counselor Jessica Cantlon with support from Superintendent Dave Mundy creates the vision and implements the mission of this dynamic program. Alexis Garbo, Director of K-14 at Ivy Tech Hamilton County, plays a key role in the successful delivery of the Early College program.

CELL is a leading convener, catalyst, and collaborator for dynamic, innovative education change in Indiana. It has trained over 180 high schools across the state in the fundamentals of EC and endorsed 44 ECs as of April 2022. Once a school receives endorsement, it is expected to further develop its student opportunities and will be reviewed for re-endorsement every three years. Learn more at cell.uindy.edu.

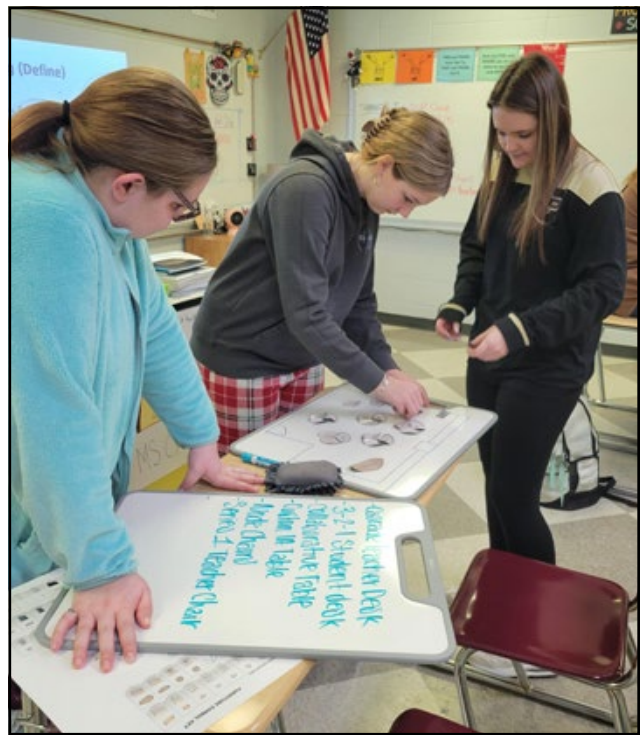


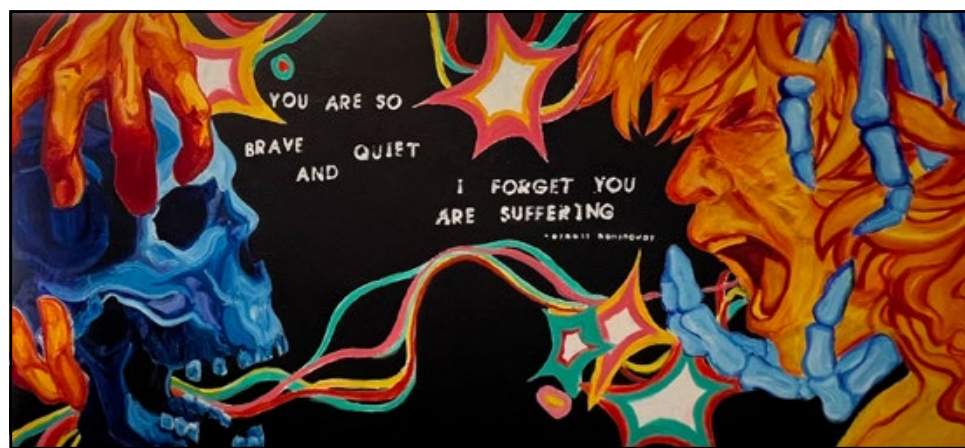
Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools
Sheridan students in the Educational Professions class, which is earning them college credit towards a degree in education. (From left) Liberty Coyle Paddack, Abbi Miller, and Emily Will.

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The exhibit consists of small sculptural pieces, works painted in bright, beautiful oils, and watercolors – especially with a focus on water and the healing properties of water. One artist focused on portraits of people whom she likes and admires. Another artist created large, textured acrylics in a rainbow of colors. Two artists have painted pieces that are continuing and unfinished – and they are asking people who view the art to add their own comments directly onto the canvas. This exhibit is eclectic, fun, colorful, lively – and very much worth a visit to the gallery.

The following artists, some of whom are mental health and health care professionals, are on display in May, hailing from Fishers, Indianapolis, Noblesville, and Greenwood: John Anderson, Caitlin Bischoff, Sydney Brink, Krista Darrow, Shakila Garugu, Liz Hamstra, Ashley Ma-



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Several artists’ works are on display at the Fishers Arts Council’s Hub Gallery, including “Inside Turmoil” by Caitlin Bischoff (above) and “Love, Marie” by Ashley Marie Meyers (right).

rie Meyers, Caroline Pyle, Elaina Robins, Karissa Rumsey, Mansoureh Sameini, Sven Schumacher, Carolyn Springer, Skye Van Winkle, Ruth Williams, and Tania Michelle Wineglass.

Fishers artist Mark Rouse will join for the Second Friday reception with his own interactive artwork.

This free all-ages monthly celebration will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Second

Friday, May 10, at the FAC Hub Gallery, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, inside the Hamilton County Community Foundation. Come enjoy live music from Scrapper & Skelton, art with a story, refreshments, and FAC’s Focus on the Artist programming at 6:45 p.m. led by FAC board member Pat Grabill, who will interview artists Karissa Rumsey, ATR-BC, LPC and Caroline

Pyle. During the event, you will have the opportunity to meet others who have found solace, comfort, and creativity in their pursuit of art.

The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday gallery visits are by appointment only by contacting FAC directly.

About Fishers Arts Council
 Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts



organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Vis-

it the FAC art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at FishersArtsCouncil.org or call (317) 537-1670.

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among a confederacy of schlocky showmen by night, he was above such wardrobe and makeup gimmickry despite he, himself, sporting a black eyepatch. At first, I assumed he was pretending to be a pirate peer of Jean Laffite, but when he lifted the patch to reveal an actual hollow right eye socket, I knew he was the real deal. A customer review on the internet glows about him: "Eye-Patch Mike Is The Best Guide." To which, I concur.

The Thriller and Killers tour was not what prompted our first visit to NOLA in early April, a timeframe that could be described best as the eye of the storm between the madness that is Mardi Gras and the jumble with mercy that is Jazz Fest.

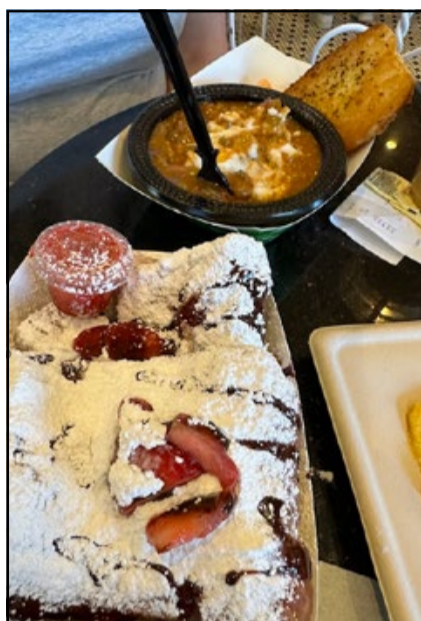
In the 1970s, upon first hearing Jimmy Buffett sing, "Coffee is strong at the Café Du Monde, donuts are too hot to touch," the Crescent City became a port of call in my Margaritaville imagination. Nearly 50 years later, with a hankering for world-famous beignets (the official Louisiana doughnut), I finally made it to this lyric landmark. A ragtag band of jazz musicians playing "St. James Infirmary Blues" welcomed us just outside the green and white canopy of "the original coffee stand." Dirges and doughnuts – only in New Orleans.

To avoid the Café Du Monde crowds, Café Beignet, also on Decatur Street, became our official breakfast go-to. There, we washed down beignets, crawfish and grits, and crawfish omelettes with strong chicory coffee. At a corner bistro, called Curios, we noshed on Creole classics: crawfish etouffee, jambalaya, duck andouille & black-eyed

pea gumbo, and red beans & rice. We sampled nearly every item on The Court of Two Sisters Live Jazz Brunch buffet. Should I find myself on Louisiana's death row, Two Sisters would be my caterer of choice for a last meal before being fried like a flathead catfish – the eatery's andouille sausage and candied sweet potatoes, alone, are simply to die for. But if the budget is an issue, then, as Allen Toussaint sings, "Give me a shrimp po-boy, dressed, and a cold, cold beer."

WWOZ was another reason for my NOLA visit. Those call letters are the reason God invented radio. The local FM station near the left end of the dial (90.7) streams to about one billion listeners worldwide. I discovered WWOZ during the pandemic while Googling Toussaint, Dr. John, and other New Orleans-based musicians. WWOZ is the auditory equivalent of The Court of Two Sister's buffet, satiating my musical appetite with a gumbo of genres tied to the city's cultural heritage: traditional and contemporary jazz, blues, R&B, Cajun, zydeco, funk, Latin, and Brazilian. I grew to love the voices of WWOZ's motley crew of voluntary, old-school DJs, the city's true Guardians of the Groove, who proudly share music they love during established time slots. I am an appreciator of a broader range of music thanks to WWOZ – and a better human for it.

Thank you to operations manager Jorge Fuentes, who invited us for a tour and introduced us to some of the "record spinners" whose familiar voices seem familiar to me by now. While there, we also met R&B / jazz pianist Lawrence Cotton, 97, the oldest working musician



in the city, who performed back in the day with blues deities T-Bone Walker and Big Joe Turner and New Orleans music icon Dave Bartholomew.

Kermit's Tremé Mother In Law Lounge was a real treat. While planning our trip, I learned that hometown hero and jazz trumpeter Kermit Ruffins (he starred on HBO's *Tremé*) actually performs with Grammy winner Irvin Mayfield at the lounge on Tuesdays. We showed up early to nab one of the bar's few chairs. For a great party album, check out the Ruffins / Mayfield collaboration, *A Beautiful World*.

New Orleans was a magical getaway. Never mind that we were there for only 72 hours. Now, anytime I hear "Do You Know What It Means To Miss New Orleans" on WWOZ, I can honestly say, "Yes, I do know what it means to miss New Orleans." We will return to relive the magic.

Scott's new humor collection, *Quietly Making Noise*, is available on Amazon. Contact him to be a guest speaker at one of your gatherings. Contact: scottsaalman@gmail.com.

Photos provided by Scott Saalman

(TOP LEFT) Scott's wife Brynne poses with the oldest working musician in New Orleans, Lawrence Cotton, 97. (TOP RIGHT) Scott meets one of his favorite WWOZ on-air personalities, musician Cole Williams. (ABOVE LEFT) Beignets at Cafe Beignet. (ABOVE RIGHT) A Fats Domino display at The New Orleans Jazz Museum.



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Sheridan works with IDES to feed the hungry

The REPORTER

On April 29, Sheridan Public Library staff and the Board of Trustees were joined by various community members as well as representatives of several local organizations, including East Union Christian Church, Phi Beta Psi Sorority, and Sheridan First Christian Church to pack meals for I.D.E.S. (International Disaster Emergency Service). The 60 volunteers packed 10,368 meals in just under two hours.

Library Executive Director Kim Riley organized this event as a way for the

Sheridan Library and the community to help those in need worldwide.

“It’s so wonderful to see the community come together and work side by side for a good cause,” Riley said. “Just one of the many reasons we love our small town and we can’t wait to provide this opportunity to serve others again next year.”

For more information about I.D.E.S. go to ides.org.

To see other events the Sheridan Library plans to hold, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us or head over to [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sheridanlib).



Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County. For more information, go to FeedingTeam.org.

ARCADIA

Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St.
Hamilton Heights School Administration Building, 410 W. Main St.

ATLANTA

Wesleyan Church, 330 S. Walnut St.

CARMEL

Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St.
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road

CICERO

Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike
Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St.
Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19
Koteewi Park – Taylor Center, 12308 Strawtown Ave.
Laura Hayden’s School of Dance, 7830 E. 236th St.
Roundabout at SR 37 & Strawtown Ave. (23297 Lafayette St.)
The Pizza House, 11 N. Main St.

FISHERS

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.
Christ’s Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road
G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road
Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

SHERIDAN

Issachar Church, 501 E. Main St.

WESTFIELD

CrossRoads Church, 19201 Grassy Branch Road
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St.
Radiant Life Church, 16162 Carey Road
Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.

NOBLESVILLE

American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road
Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.
Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.
Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St.
Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road
Family Promise of Hamilton County, 1051 N. 10th St.
Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.
First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.
Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.
Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.
Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road
IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 20545 Riverwood Ave.
Ignite Transform, 698 N. 10th St.
Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive
Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive
Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.
Noblesville Schools Admin Building, 18025 River Road
Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.
Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road
Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.
Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road
White Rock Fellowship Church, 21070 Schullery Road

ANDERSON

Landmark Baptist Church, 1924 W. Cross St.

INDIANAPOLIS

Lawrence Church of God, 4230 N. Post Road
Meadowlark Apartments (2 pantries) 9350 E. 43rd St.
St. Pius X Parish, 7200 Sarto Drive

KOKOMO

204 E Lincoln St. (across from McDonald’s)
Fuel Church, 2021 E. Markland Ave.

PENDLETON

Life Church, 6501 S. State Road 67



Spring cleaning is time to donate from your pantry

Being a dutiful husband and son, participation in “spring cleaning” is a required rite of passage.

As a husband, the work generally consists of totting this barge and lifting that bale. I deal with items

that are in three categories: donate to Goodwill, donate to Feeding Team, and donate to the nearest dumpster. If I can be of assistance lending some additional hands, the sore muscles are worth the smile on my wife’s face.

As a young lad, anxious to get to the any sport that required a field, lines, and a ball, spring cleaning was a multi-day command operation that would have made General Patton envious over its precision.

Consistent over the last five-plus decades is the removal of overages from the home pantry. I don’t know if there is some unwritten rule about this stuff, but it sure seems to me that if it hasn’t been worn in a year, it goes; if it looks suspicious, it goes; and if it’s been on the shelf long enough for the best used by date to be within a couple of fort-



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

nights (yes, I had to look up what it meant), it had to go! It’s as if the nutrients in the non-perishables would somehow turn toxic and make those of us who consume them turn into the incredible hulk.

While we all appreciate the precautions and abundance of love shown by those doing the sorting and omitting, these very same products can mean the difference to many neighbors – between calories that day, or hunger. The use by expiration date on perishables and the best use by date on non-perishables are two different and unique measurements. Nonperishables in a FeedingTeam.org pantry rarely remain in the pantry for more than a few days. That means that even though it wasn’t used at your home, it can be a meal at someone else’s.

This public service reminder is simple:

Please, as you turn over inventory in your personal home pantries, before you throw that can of sauerkraut away, consider putting it in one of our pantries. Better yet, combine it with some

FeedingTeam.org Facts
63 pantries
Over 11,000 meals in March
Over 100 individual & 30 volunteer families

leftover canned pumpkin that didn’t get used last Thanksgiving, add any other items that didn’t make your spring-cleaning cut, and bring them by the donation bin at our offices. We exist to fight the battle against hunger. Our goal is to always have a meal in each pantry, so no neighbor goes hungry. Your gifts become miracles for others.

As a “Take What You Need, Give What You Can” model, your donations are responsible for hundreds of meals each week. Although you may never see the recipient, know in quiet satisfaction that you are making a difference in the lives of many Hoosier families right here in central Indiana.

Feeding Team provides a way and a place for those in need to get food for their family. While each pantry really is just a big wooden yellow box, it means so much more for donors and for families in need. You are welcome to join us as together we fight to eliminate

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Saturday, May 11

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Canned Fruits	Peanut Butter and Jelly - small jars preferred	Individual Packed Fruit and/or Applesauce Cups
Pancake Mix/Syrup/Oatmeal packs	Pasta Sauce – cans preferred/Pasta Boxes	Granola Bars or Microwave Popcorn

Click here to see a full list of food banks throughout Hamilton County

Noblesville's Embassy Suites overrun by Lions



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

From April 26 to 28, the Indiana Lions State Convention was held at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville. Many Lions Clubs from across Indiana convened for partnership and to attend the many seminars. Attendees were treated to Saturday's luncheon speaker Katie Stam-Irk, Miss America 2009, and the dinner speaker Past International President J. Frank Moore of Alabama. Two Noblesville Lions were honored at the event. Lion Jeff Kozicki (above left) was given the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to honor exemplary service, which is named after Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions International. Kozicki is the current Global Membership Approach (GMA) 25D Coordinator. Lion Steve Craig (above center) received a nomination for Lion of the Year. (TOP) A few Noblesville Lions helping with the convention services. (ABOVE RIGHT) 25D Lion Leadership (from left): Scott Smith, Past Dist. Gov; Julia Kozicki, 25D Dist. Gov; and Rocky Simpson, 25D Governor-Elect.

Time to register for Janus' Helping Lives Bloom event

The REPORTER

Help support Janus Developmental Services by attending and supporting the organization's fourth annual Helping Lives Bloom.



The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 at the Mustard Seed Gardens, 77 Metsker Lane, Noblesville. Attendees will have the opportunity learn more about Janus and the organization's plans for the future.

Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket. Your ticket includes heavy appetizers and one complimentary

drink wine/beer/soft drinks (cash bar available). There will also be a Wine Pull. A silent auction with gift baskets and gift cards will be sponsored by For the Love of Janus Guild.

Affordable sponsorships for both individuals and businesses are available. Just click the link above.

If you have any questions, please email or call Jerry Jamison at jjamison@janus-inc.org or (317) 773-8781 ext. 100.

TEAM

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hunger in Hamilton County. * * *

With over 40,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns,

we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids.

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

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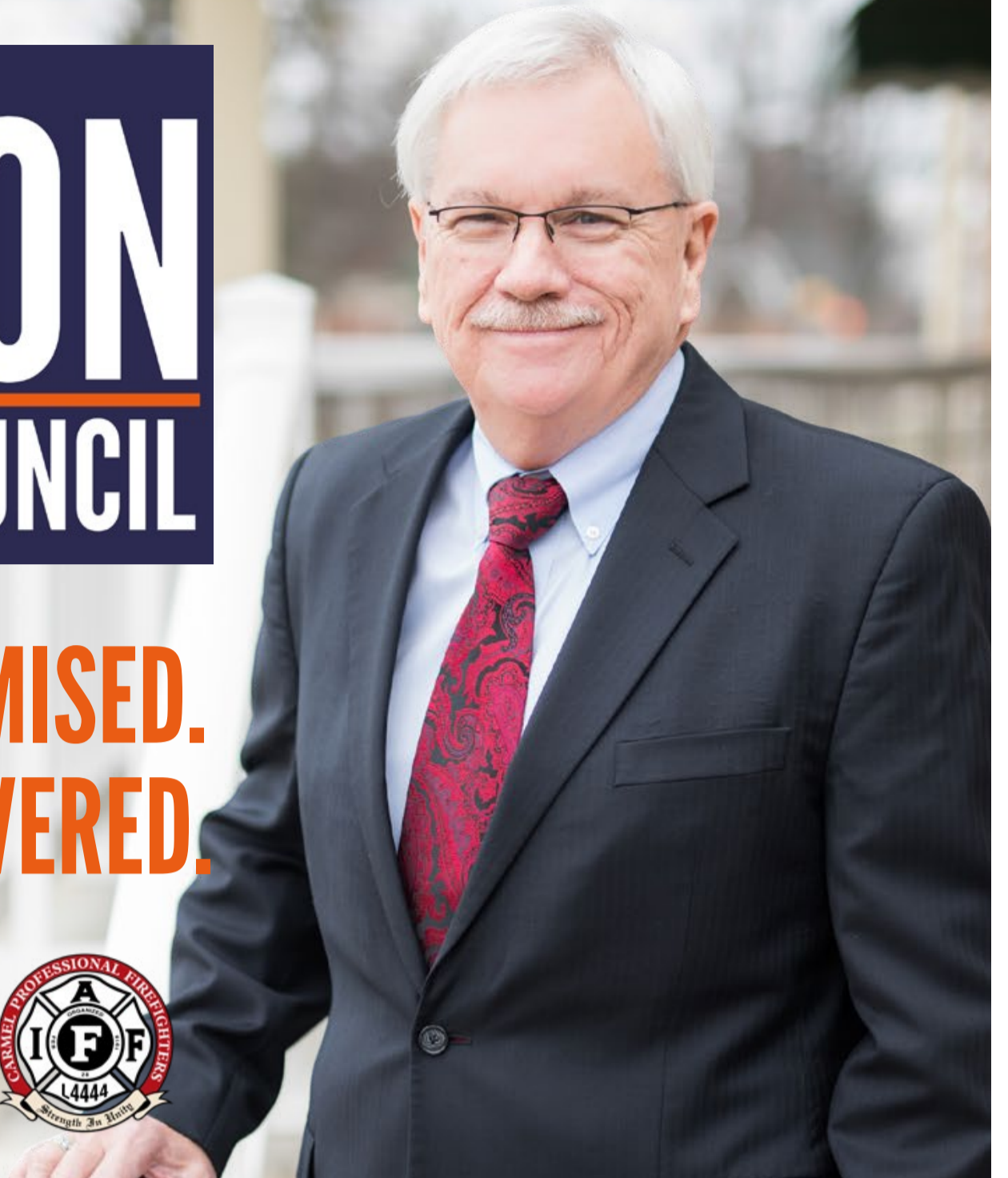
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Gaylor Electric cuts ribbon at National Headquarters in Fishers

The REPORTER

Gaylor Electric held a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday for its new National Headquarters located in Fishers. This milestone event marks a significant step forward in the company's growth and dedication to the construction industry, innovation, serving the community.

The ceremony, attended by business partners, local dignitaries, and community members, celebrated the culmination of Gaylor Electric's commitment to innovation and excellence in the construction industry.

"Thank you to all for being here and helping us celebrate the ribbon cutting for our new National Gaylor Electric headquarters!" Gaylor Electric CEO Chuck Goodrich said. "It is Gaylor Electric's firm belief that we have the responsibility to be a great corporate citizen and community partner, where we have offices, and where we build projects across the United States. This building represents a testimony to the faithfulness of our company over the past 40 years."

The new headquarters, located at 10405 Crosspoint Blvd., is a state-of-the-art facility with a modern design. Serving as a central hub for all national organizational corporate functions including Accounting, Hu-

man Resources, Safety, Legal, Marketing, Recruitment and Education, this new building is a space that will allow for team collaboration and innovation, aimed to support Gaylor Electric's construction projects located across the country.

Goodrich added, "Thank you all again for being part of Gaylor's life! It's a great story; from a single-car garage to our new corporate headquarters. Without you, none of this would be possible."

Among many of the guests was Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness.

"I think Gaylor Electric's mission is as important as the amount of square feet that they are filling here in this building. These are folks that are mission-driven, not only to provide good service to their customers, but to create meaningful and dignified work for hundreds, if not thousands of Hoosiers, and people all around."

Gaylor Electric extends gratitude to valued clients, partners, and friends alike who attended this special event, all of whom have played a vital role in the company's 40-year journey.

About Gaylor Electric
Gaylor Electric delivers on its Cornerstones of Reliable Resources, Outcomes, Insights and Genuine Care for People; dedicated to



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A large crowd gathered to celebrate the opening of the new Gaylor HQ.

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Don't be green with envy just because Carmel Clay Earth Day kids earn mayoral recognition



Photo provided by City of Carmel
Students and their families celebrated Earth Day at the Carmel Clay Public Library last week. Winners of Carmel Green Initiative's Earth Day Art Contest received recognition certificates from Mayor Sue Finkam. [Click here](#) to see more photos as well as the young artists' submissions.

Get ready to rock in Carmel at Clay Terrace Concert Series

Bringing a rockin' lineup of Indianapolis' top local bands

Submitted
Clay Terrace has announced the return of its Concert Series presented by Riverview Health for the 14th year, kicking off on June 13. Prepare for an epic summer of live music as Indianapolis' top local bands take the outdoor stage, pumping out nonstop energy for music lovers of all ages.



Photo courtesy Chris Kaush Photography

From classic rock to today's hottest hits, the diverse lineup promises something for every musical taste. Attendees can look forward to singing and dancing the night away with good vibes, food trucks, and refreshing drinks galore, thanks to Upland Brewing Co. as this year's beer sponsor. Thursday nights at Clay Terrace will be the hotspot for date nights, girls' nights out, and family fun.

"The Concert Series, this year presented by Riverview Health, is a cherished tradition that brings our community together to celebrate music, warm summer evenings, and all the

excitement of the season," Clay Terrace General Manager Jennifer Hillman said. "We can't wait to welcome everyone back to the lawn for another year of incredible live performances."

The concert series kicks off at 6 p.m. each Thursday with pre-performances by talented students from Carmel Music Academy on the

side stage. Then, the headlining bands take over the main stage from 7 to 9 p.m. with their captivating sets. Don't miss a minute of this action-packed lineup:

- June 13: **Toy Factory**
- June 20: **Endless Summer Band**
- June 27: **Cooke & Belle**
- No concert on July 4 in observance of Independence Day

Mark your calendars and make plans to join the festivities at Clay Terrace this summer. This is one local tradition you don't want to miss. For more information visit the [Clay Terrace Event website](#).



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Learn about SR 32 project in Westfield

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting regarding the State Road 32 project on Wednesday, May 8 at the Prairie Waters Event Center, 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The project presentation will take place from 6 to 6:30 p.m., fol-

lowed by the open house from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The project is expected to begin east of the SR 32/East Street intersection in Westfield and end near the SR 32/Mensa Drive intersection in Noblesville – a total distance of five miles.

You can learn more about plans for the project by visiting ImproveToMove32.com.

U.S. 31 to I-465 eastbound ramp to close for two weekends

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Enneking Pressure Cleaning, Inc. has announced weekend ramp closure on U.S. 31 on the south side of Hamilton County.

Beginning on or after 9 p.m. on Friday, May 10, crews will close the U.S. 31 to Interstate 465 eastbound ramp. This closure will allow crews to complete a bridge deck overlay and concrete railing repairs. This work is expected to be complete at 6 a.m. on Monday, May 13, weather permitting.


Crews will complete this work again from 9 p.m. Friday, May 17 to 6 a.m. Monday, May 20.

INDOT reminds drivers to consider worker safety by slowing down, using caution, and avoid-



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ing distractions when work zones. All work is schedules are subject to traveling in and near weather-dependent, and change.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Portion of Whistler Road to close May 8

Beginning on or after Wednesday, May 8, Whistler Road between 281st and 296th streets will be closed to all thru traffic between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for drilling in the area. The estimated project completion date is Monday, May 13.

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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Local centenarian Thelma Frame will soon celebrate 105th birthday

The REPORTER

Zionsville Meadows is celebrating a very special milestone with resident and regionally renowned artist Thelma Frame as she turns 105 with a party in her honor.

Friends and family will gather at the community at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7.

Frame grew up on a farm outside of Hebron, Ind., and began drawing as a child. Over the years, she expanded her artistry to include painting and eventually began painting with watercolors in her 90s. She particularly loves to paint landscapes and anything reflecting "the quiet of country." She has won several awards at regional painting competitions, and has several pieces displayed at the Richmond Art Museum in Richmond, Ind., where she lived previously.

Frame studied education at Indiana University and spent much of her life as a teacher. She says that the secret to living life to the fullest is to keep busy and "stay useful." She continues to live out this philosophy by volunteering to lead creative activities at Zionsville Meadows.

To honor Thelma Frame's remarkable journey, Zionsville Meadows and the community at large celebrates not only her longevity but also the enduring legacy of her artistry and the profound imprint she has left on people's hearts and the community.

Zionsville Meadows is located at 675 S. Ford Road, Zionsville. Please consider attending the celebration to recognize one of the community's centenarians on this special day.



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Jack Everly to conduct renowned Broadway stars & the ISO in *South Pacific*: In Concert

Featuring talented cast of singers & dancers from around the country in ISO's first musical concert in a decade

The REPORTER

Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) proudly present *South Pacific*: In Concert, a captivating presentation of musical highlights from the beloved 10-time Tony Award-winning musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

"This is a great score performed by our incredible Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra with an amazing cast and a timely and important story," Maestro Everly said. "I can't wait to present this to our audiences!"

The performance will



feature musical highlights from *South Pacific* with choreography and costuming. Principal casting for *South Pacific*: In Concert features Broadway's leading lady Ginna Claire Mason as Nellie Forbush, international opera star Nathan Gunn as Emile de Becque, Grammy-award winner NaTasha Yvette Williams as Bloody Mary, Melani Carrié as Liat, Broadway favorite Nick

Adams as Lt. Joseph Cable, and rising Broadway star Jim Hogan as Luther Billis.

Bringing the lush melodies of *South Pacific*: In Concert to life are the extraordinary musicians of ISO and an ensemble comprising talented local performers and members of the Indianapolis Men's Chorus.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets now.

Performances begin at 11 a.m. Friday, May 10; 8 p.m. Friday, May 10; and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 11. Please note: the Coffee Pops performance is two hours in length with a 20-minute intermission.

About Jack Everly

Jack Everly is the Principal Pops Conductor of the Indianapolis Symphony

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Local donors rally behind Carmel Police Department's safety initiative

Donation of more than \$300K provides helmets & plates to CPD

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel and the Carmel Police Department announced a significant stride in bolstering the safety and preparedness of its officers, thanks to the generosity of two local donors who rallied to support the department's initiative.

Contributions from Jeff and Pamela Greenwalt and a second anonymous donor, along with Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam's commitment to public safety, enabled the procurement of essential tactical gear for officers. The donation – exceeding \$300,000 in total – enabled the city to acquire crucial equipment such as rifle-rated plates and ballistic helmets, fulfilling the department's commitment to enhancing officer safety and effectiveness.

The journey towards outfitting every officer with state-of-the-art protective gear began in 2023 when officers identified the need for rifle-rated plates to confront evolving threats. Subsequently, a proposal for ballistic helmets was submitted, further solidifying the department's dedication to equipping its personnel with the tools necessary to navigate high-risk situations safely.

"The unwavering support from our community partners has made this trans-



(From left) A rifle-rated plate, plate carrier, and ballistic helmet. This is the equipment Carmel police officers will now have thanks to generous donors.

formative initiative possible," Mayor Finkam said. "The acquisition of rifle-rated plates and ballistic helmets signifies a monumental leap forward in ensuring the safety and preparedness of our officers, empowering them to respond effectively to potential dangers while serving our community."

Each kit, created specifically to outfit every officer, includes two rifle-rated plates, a plate carrier adorned with police patches, a ballistic helmet and a body camera mount tailored to the carrier's specifications. The carrier, designed for seamless integration with officers' duty uniforms and soft armor, features specialized compartments for magazines, a general-purpose pouch, and a tourniquet pouch, optimizing functionality and mobility in dynamic situations.

"The brave men and women of the Carmel Police Department stand ready to protect," Chief of Police Drake Sterling said. "This donation helps support them and gives piece of mind if and when we are called upon to step into harm's way. I can't begin to express my appreciation for these incredibly generous donations."

The rifle-rated plates, weighing approximately three pounds each, offer robust protection against common rifle rounds, ensuring officers can swiftly maneuver while maintaining essential protection in active threat scenarios. Likewise, the

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ballistic helmets provide coverage against pistol caliber rounds and potential hazards, enhancing officers' safety during firearms-related incidents or encounters involving dangerous projectiles.

Additionally, the donation had enough funds left-over to purchase 30 new ballistic helmets for the Carmel Fire Department.

This collaborative effort between Jeff and Pamela Greenwalt and the anonymous contributor materialized in 2023 following Mayor Finkam's meetings with local community groups and citizens.



Finkam



Sterling

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Orchestra, Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, and the National Arts Centre Orchestra (Ottawa). He has conducted the Baltimore Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, the San Francisco Symphony, the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall, and the Seattle Symphony. He serves as music director of the AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*, the largest symphonic holiday production in the country. He led the ISO in its first Pops recording, *Yuletide Celebration, Volume One*. Some of his other recordings include *In The Presence* featuring the Czech Philharmonic and Daniel Rodriguez; *Sandi Patty's Broadway Stories*; the soundtrack to Disney's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*; and *Everything's Coming Up Roses: The Overtures of Jule Styne*.

Everly, a Hoosier native and graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, is a recipient of the 2015 Indiana Historical Society Living Legends Award and holds an Honor-


ary Doctorate of Arts from Franklin College in his home state of Indiana. In 2023, he received the Sagamore of the Wabash award, the highest honor a Hoosier can receive, presented by Governor Eric Holcomb.

About the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

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nonselective contributions. These plans are low-cost and easy to administer but the credit for employer contributions doesn't apply, as these contributions aren't allowed, and since start-up costs are low, the tax credit for these costs will be correspondingly lower than they'd be for a full-scale 401(k) plan.

Matches for student loan payments

It's not easy for young employees to save for retirement and pay back student loans. To help address this problem, Congress included a provision in SECURE 2.0 that allows employers the option to provide matching contributions to employees' retirement plans (401(k), 403(b), 457(b) and SIMPLE IRAs) when these employees make qualified student loan payments. Of course, if you offer this match for student loan payments, your costs will likely increase, although these matching contributions are tax deductible.

In any case, you may want to balance any additional expense with the potential benefit of attracting and retaining employees, particu-

larly those who have recently graduated from college.

401(k) eligibility for part-time employees

Part-time employees who are at least 21 years old and have at least 500 hours of service in three consecutive years must now be eligible to contribute to an existing 401(k) plan. The inclusion of part-time employees could lead to higher business expenses for you, depending on the amount of contributions you may make to employees' plans. Again, though, you'd be offering a benefit that could be attractive to quality part-time employees.

Emergency savings account

Many people, especially those who don't earn high incomes, have trouble building up emergency funds they can tap for unexpected costs, such as a major home or car repair or large medical expenses. Now, if you offer a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b) plan, you can include a pension-linked emergency savings account (PLESA) that allows non-highly compensated employees to save up to \$2,500, a figure that will be indexed for inflation in the future. PLESA allows for tax-free monthly withdrawals without incurring a 10 percent tax penalty. PLESA contributions are made

on an after-tax (Roth) basis and must be matched at the same rate as other employee contributions.

You may want to consult with your tax and financial professionals to determine how these changes may affect what you want to do with your retirement plan. The more you know, the better your decisions likely will be.

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These changes are part of the SECURE 2.0 Act, enacted at the end of 2022. And while some parts of the law went into effect in 2023 – such as the new tax credit for employer contributions to start-up retirement plans with 100 or fewer employees – others were only enacted this year.

Here are some of these changes that may interest you:

New "starter" 401(k)/403(b)

If you haven't already established a retirement plan, you can now offer a "starter" 401(k) or "safe harbor" 403(b) plan to employees who meet age and service requirements. These plans have lower contribution limits (\$6,000 per year, or \$7,000 for those 50 or older) than a typical 401(k) or 403(b) and employers can't make matching or

OneZone Chamber names Krieg DeVault as newest Leadership Investor

Submitted by OneZone

OneZone Chamber of Commerce has announced Krieg DeVault as the newest Leadership Investor.

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"Krieg DeVault is proud to continue our partnership with OneZone Chamber as a Leadership Investor," Krieg DeVault attorney Tammy Haney said. "We

look forward to having a continued impact on the growing and thriving business community of Hamilton County and throughout Indiana."

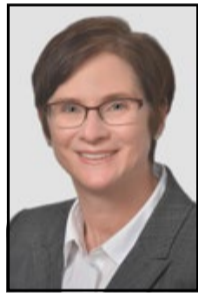
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President & CEO Jack Russell said Krieg DeVault will serve the county's business interests well.

"Krieg DeVault's dedication to empowering businesses and communities aligns perfectly with our mission of fostering growth and prosperity," Russell said. "Their unwavering support and expertise play a crucial role in helping businesses and communities thrive in today's dynamic landscape."

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U.S. Senate unanimously passes Braun's Mark Our Place Act to honor Medal of Honor recipients

The REPORTER

On Wednesday night, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed the Mark Our Place Act – bipartisan legislation introduced by Sen. Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) to allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to honor all Medal of Honor recipients with a headstone, grave marker, or medallion.



Braun

Currently these memorial honors are only available to Medal of Honor recipients who served after 1917. "Our Medal of Honor recipients are the best America has to offer," Sen. Braun said. "I was proud to introduce this bill to memorialize the valor of all Medal of Honor recipients, and I'm so proud

The bill enjoys wide support not only among the U.S. Senate, but Veterans.

"I'd like to thank everybody involved in the Mark Our Place Act," Sergeant First Class Sammy Davis, Medal of Honor recipient 1968. "This is a great bill to recognize the recipients of America's highest medal for valor, the Medal of Honor, and I fully support it."

This bill now moves to the U.S. House of Representatives for consideration. [Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

Meeting Notice

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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Stan "Spike" Baber
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Stan "Spike" Baber, 54, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. He was born on April 5, 1970, to the late Stanley and Marion (Lewis) Baber in Noblesville.

Stan owned and operated Custom Coatings of Indiana. He enjoyed genealogy and playing disc golf. Stan also loved traveling, Manchester United Soccer Club, and anything England.

He is survived by his daughter, Alyssa Baber (Josh Warrum); sons, Drake Ian Baber and Liam Dru Baber; sisters, Tamra J. Ellis (Ted), Denise Baber, and Carla Baber; two granddaughters, Dakota Edwards and Sadie Warrum; and three nieces, Laura, Katie and Megan.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., with services at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to any local disc golf club.

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Sandra Louise Moffitt
May 28, 1940 – May 2, 2024



Sandra Louise Moffitt, 83, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at IU Health Saxony in Fishers. She was born on May 28, 1940, to Arnell and Louise (Perry) Porter in LaFollette, Tenn.

Sandra worked for McMann Food Company and retired early to spend time with her grandchildren, whom she adored. She enjoyed dancing, singing in the church choir, and playing piano. Sandra loved flowers and working in her garden.

She is survived by her son, Jim (Julie) Moffitt; daughter, Linda (Mike) Morrow; brother, Phillip (MaryAnn) Porter; and grandchildren, Charles Moffitt and Grace Moffitt.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her former husband and father to her children, James Hugh Moffitt.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from noon to the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 (swewora@mealsonwheels.org).

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Jaretta Capps Smith
June 25, 1958 – May 1, 2024



Jaretta Capps Smith, 65, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. She is survived by her loving husband, Len, with whom she shared 40 beautiful years of marriage, as well as her children, Caroline Smith of Roanoke, Austin (Kelsey) Smith of Atlanta and her beloved dog, Gus. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Edna Capps as well as her two sisters, Jimmie Johnston and Jeanna Caldwell.

Jaretta's faith was incredibly important to her. Growing up she was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Salem, Va. After she and Len were married, they attended First Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va., as well as Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C.

Jaretta was a graduate of Glenvar High School in Salem, Va., and earned her bachelor's degree in business management from Radford University. Her favorite phrase from Business School – "Plan, staff, lead, organize and control" – was a mantra she used wisely to keep everyone in her family in line! She was the family's rock and anchor, but she was also one of the funniest people you could meet, whose humor kept everyone laughing. Her witty sense of humor and sarcasm kept everyone on their toes and will be deeply missed.

Her life was centered on family and caring for those she loved. As a wife, mother, and homemaker, she poured her heart and soul into all that she did. The love she shared every day leaves her family with beautiful memories that will be cherished forever. Along with caring for her family, Jaretta was a talented hostess, welcoming friends and family into their home with impressive recipes and home decor. Crafting, sewing, and learning as much history as she could were some of her greatest passions. Her life deeply touched so many, and she will be greatly missed.

The family will receive visitors at Grace Covenant Church in Roanoke, Va., shortly before her funeral service at Grace Covenant at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2024. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va., to honor her love of history.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

A SILVER CUP IN A SACK

"Your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons. One of them went away from me, and I said, "He has surely been torn to pieces." And I have not seen him since. If you take this one from me too and harm comes to him, you will bring my gray head down to the grave in misery.'

"So now, if the boy is not with us when I go back to your servant my father, and if my father, whose life is closely bound up with the boy's life, sees that the boy isn't there, he will die. Your servants will bring the gray head of our father down to the grave in sorrow. Your servant guaranteed the boy's safety to my father. I said, 'If I do not bring him back to you, I will bear the blame before you, my father, all my life!'"

"Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers. How can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? No! Do not let me see the misery that would come on my father."

Genesis 44:27-34 (NIV)

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Carrying the banner

Following her parents' footsteps, Carmel's Sophie Shepherd forges her own path at Huntington University

By **RICHIE HALL**

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Huntington University was already a familiar place for Sophie Shepherd.

"Both my parents went here, and my dad graduated in '98," said Shepherd. "He played basketball here and my mom played soccer here."

Sophie Shepherd followed in their footsteps and headed north to join the Foresters' women's soccer team. She became a major contributor for Huntington, quickly making her way into the starting lineup scored six goals during her freshman season, and most importantly, found friends along the way.

"I feel like I'm having more fun here at Huntington because I found the right people," said Shepherd.

Not only is Shepherd a second-generation Forester, she also was part of a new wave of players for the Huntington team. Shepherd was one of 10 freshmen listed on the 2023 Foresters roster. While many of them played on Huntington's junior varsity team, Shepherd said the freshmen are sticking together.



Photo provided

Carmel's Sophie Shepherd had a great first year as a member of the Huntington University women's soccer team. Shepherd scored six goals for the Foresters during the season and quickly became one of the starters for the team.

"We are all close," said Shepherd. "It doesn't matter what team we're on, we're all still close together." Shepherd is one of three Carmel natives on the team: Her older sister Caroline Shepherd is a junior on the Foresters' squad, while Ellie Cirrincione is a sophomore defender

for Huntington.

Sophie Shepherd played on varsity from her very first game. The Foresters opened their season Aug. 17 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, falling 2-1. Shepherd had six shots in that game.

"It was a lot of pressure because I came in knowing

that I was going to play," said Shepherd. "I was just thankful that my coaches trusted me. My first game wasn't as nerve-wracking as I thought it would be."

It didn't take long for Shepherd to score her first

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Baseball

Millers blank Royals for HCC series sweep

The REPORTER

Friday night's second game of the series turned out to be a continuation of Thursday night's opener with the Royals and Millers.

Noblesville took off right from where they left. Lucas Stephan took the mound for the start against Josh Lesniewski. The Millers shut out the host Royals 10-0 to sweep the two-game series.

The Millers got their bats going in the top of the second. Aiden Ramsey and McCoy Fulk led off with consecutive singles. Sam Deno got on with a one-out base hit to load the bases. Brady Bishop broke the scoreless tie, grounding into a fielder's choice, scoring Ramsey. Fulk went home on an error for the 2-0 lead.

Fulk would get his second hit with one out in the fourth. He would score for a 3-0 count when Deno reached on an error by Colin Goley at short.

Bishop bunted to lead off the fifth and reached on a throwing error. Trevor Corbett singled on the ground to left to move him over. Aiden Reynolds walked to load the bases. That brought Dylan Cope out of the bullpen for the Royals.

Noblesville scored four in the inning to take a 7-0 advantage. They would plate three more in the top of the seventh to help cement the double-digit shutout.

McCoy Fulk continued his hot night at the plate, grounding out to short and driving in Nolan Decker. The three-run frame would be capped off with a two-run double by Sam Deno to give the Millers the win.

Alex Billman and Parker O'Steen had the only two hits for HSE. Lesniewski took the loss, going four innings with three strikeouts, five hits and five runs (three earned).

Lucas Stephan got the win on the mound, striking out eight in six innings. The senior only gave up two hits and walked three. Josh Peek pitched a perfect seventh, striking out the side for three K's.

Fulk led with a 3-for-4 night, driving in two and also scored twice. Deno, Trevor Corbett and Aiden Ramsey all went 2-of-4. Deno and Brady Bishop both had two RBIs.

Hamilton Southeastern (8-12, 3-7 HCC) dropped its third in a row and sixth of their last seven. The Royals hit the road today for an all-county game at Hamilton Heights (10-8) at 11 a.m.

Noblesville (16-3, 8-0 HCC) has won six in a row and 11 of their last 12. The Millers host the Avon Orioles (12-7, 4-4 HCC) today

in a doubleheader at Dunker Field starting at noon.

Last night's non-conference meeting with Western Boone was one that helped get Hamilton Heights back on the winning track.

The Huskies made their presence known in the first four innings on their way to an 8-0 blanking of the Western Boone Stars.

In the bottom of the first, Heights put their first run on the board. After Dean Mason reached on an error, he would score on a ground out by John Irion for the 1-0 lead.

Logan Hickman led the home half of the second off with a base hit. He would score on an error by the Stars' catcher to go up 2-0.

Kyle Michael and Mason started off the third by both getting hit by pitches. Nick Hulén laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Michael and Mason to second and third. They both scored on a Dillon Pitts double to right for a 4-0 Husky advantage.

Kaden Lawson came in to courtesy run for Adam Hughes. Lawson scored on an error by the WeBo pitcher to make it 5-0.

Irion finished off the dominant night at the plate for Heights. The senior doubled to right field, clearing the bases to score Hulén, freshman PJ Wright and Dean Mason.

Owen Robey was 2-for-2, while Hickman, Pitts and Irion had the other three hits. Irion had four RBIs and Pitts two.

Lawson (2-0) grabbed the win, striking out five in three innings while not giving up a hit. The Stars managed just one hit.

Hamilton Heights (10-8) snapped its two-game losing skid and will host Hamilton Southeastern (8-12) today at 11 a.m. in an all-county matchup.

Fishers rallied in the seventh inning to win 4-2 Friday at New Palestine.

The Tigers scored a run in the third inning, with Mayo Fernandez getting home on Ben Hammond's RBI fielder's choice. The Dragons tied the game in the fifth inning, then added a sixth inning run to lead 2-1.

Caulin Brown sent a one-out hit to center field, bringing in Jase Ruggles to tie the game. Fernandez drew a walk, then Deagan Repp smacked a right field double to score Brown and Fernandez.

Fernandez was 2-for-2 at the plate. Owen Sanders got the pitching win. It was the 300th career victory for Tigers head coach Matthew Cherry.

Fishers is 16-7 and hosts Yorktown on Monday.

Softball

Heights shuts out Kankakee Valley, Westfield sails past Mount Vernon, Carmel gets victory over Mooresville

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights softball team opened play Friday at the Twin Lakes Invitational with an 11-0, five-inning win over Kankakee Valley.

Playing as the home team, the Huskies scored at least two runs in all four innings they batted in. That included a two-run home run by Hannah Dent in the second inning. Addie Doak led off the game with a double, then Lily Roush hit a first inning double as well; both eventually scored. Heather Crays smacked an RBI double in the third inning.

Dent totaled three RBIs for the game, with Roush and Kamryn Rhoton both scoring two runs. Roush had two hits and also pitched all five innings. She struck out 10 and allowed two hits.

Heights is 12-5 and plays two games at Twin Lakes today. The Huskies take on Faith Christian at 9 a.m. and West Lafayette at 3 p.m.

Westfield sailed to a 10-4 win Friday at Mount Vernon.

The Shamrocks scored early, with three runs in the first inning. Cara Snedeker batted in Sofia Easterhaus for the first run, Makayla Watson got home on Chloe Tanner's RBI groundout, then Grace Fanelli singled Snedeker home.

The Marauders scored a run in the bottom of the first, but Westfield got it back in the top of the second. Snedeker picked up her second RBI of the game with a left field hit bring Lilly Amburgey home.

Snedeker struck again in the fifth inning with a single to bring in Watson. Amburgey added another run on Fanelli's sacrifice fly, and the Rocks led 6-2.

Westfield continued to roll in the sixth inning, with four runs. Lindsey Vaught scored when Snedeker drew a bases-loaded walk, then Tanner's left field hit brought Watson and Snedeker home. Fanelli added another RBI when her single scored Amburgey.

Snedeker went 3-for-3 at the plate and totaled four RBIs, while Watson was 2-for-2. Easterhaus, Tanner and Fanelli all had two hits, with Tanner driving in three runs. Reese Mahannah hit a double. Tanner got the pitching win.

The Rocks are 9-9 and host Hamilton Southeastern Tuesday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Carmel turned up its offense in the later innings of its Friday game at Mooresville, and that led the Greyhounds to a 6-5 victory.

The Pioneers scored two runs in the third inning. The Greyhounds broke through in

the sixth inning with four runs. Katherine Smith got home on Ellie Goddard's sacrifice fly, then Mia Fleming blasted a three-run double into center field, scoring Katherine Warren, Alex Longstreth and Jayden Kleiner.

Mooresville got a run back in the bottom of the sixth, but Carmel put up three runs in the top of the seventh. Winni Owens got home on Warren's sacrifice bunt, then Longstreth cracked a right field to double to bring Smith home.

Smith finished with two hits. Gracy Erickson got the pitching win.

The Greyhounds are 7-14 and play Monday at Fishers.

Hamilton Southeastern was dealt its first HCC loss of the season Friday, falling to Brownsburg 11-1.

The Bulldogs scored two runs in the top of the third inning. The Royals'

Lani Wyrick got a run back in the bottom of the third with a leadoff home run. But Brownsburg took control of the game in the sixth inning with nine runs.

Wyrick also hit a double, giving her two hits for the game. Grace Swedarsky pitched a complete game, striking out seven.


Southeastern is 4-1 in HCC play and 14-4 overall. The Royals play Monday at Anderson.

Sheridan fell to Alexandria Monroe 13-2 in five innings Friday.

The Blackhawks scored both of their runs in the first inning: Claudia Headlee batted in Abby Dallas, then Shelby Eaton sent Headlee home with a sacrifice fly. Headlee and Eaton both had one hit for Sheridan.

The Hawks are 13-2 and host Taylor Tuesday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

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Carmel boys lacrosse takes down Southeastern



Photos by Mike Navarro

The Carmel boys lacrosse team won a rematch of last year's Class 2A state championship game Friday, beating Hamilton Southeastern 9-5. Stats from the game were not available at press time. Pictured for the Greyhounds is goalkeeper Mason Buttery, and pictured for the Royals is Kyle Jenkins (26).

SHEPHERD

goal. Huntington returned home on Aug. 22 to play Cleary, and won 2-0, with Shepherd finding the back of the net in the 35th minute to get the Foresters' second goal.

"It was such a great feeling," said Shepherd. "I just felt the rush of excitement and all my teammates were so happy for me. I just knew it was the start of something good."

"Sophie has added a spark to our offense," said Huntington coach David Lewis. "She has good attacking speed with the ball at her feet and has a striker's scoring mentality."

Shepherd came off the bench for the Foresters' first three games but moved into the starting lineup for their Sept. 6 game at Manchester. Huntington won that contest 9-0, with Shepherd putting in two goals. She would go on to score six goals during the season.

"I definitely could tell that I was contributing," said Shepherd. She said that it's

difficult for coaches to sub in all the time, so if she puts in a full effort, good things will happen.

"Goals and assists, that shows the contribution that I put through," said Shepherd.

"Teams know that they need to contend with Sophie," said Lewis. "So besides her own scoring threat, she will draw attention to herself and it will create scoring opportunities for her teammates."

Off the field, Shepherd is a business marketing major. She said her teachers help her balance her schoolwork while playing soccer.

"Everyone was pretty understanding," said Shepherd.

She also enjoys playing for Lewis, who has been the Foresters coach for five years. Prior to that, he spent 28 years as the coach of Houghton College in Buffalo. During his tenure, the Highlanders qualified for the NAIA national tournament 12 times and averaged 14 wins per season.

"Coach Lewis is such a great coach," said Shep-

herd. "He has really helped me in my confidence. Being a Christian school, he really exemplified that we are playing for Christ. We can also play soccer while praising the Lord."

"As a team, we value servant leadership," said Lewis. "Our first-year players are served by the veteran players. New players are first in line at post-game meals, only upperclassmen can lug equipment to and from storage, etc. The example set by the older players demonstrates the importance of service. Sophie and her teammates are encouraged to embrace this process of leadership through service - to BE good teammates - to be the uplifting voice of grace and encouragement to one another."

Overall, it's been a solid first year for Shepherd as a Huntington Forester. She wanted to thank her parents and coaches for the opportunity, "and for all my teammates that lift me up. I'm so thankful and blessed to play for them," she said.

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Track & Field

Heights girls have strong second-place showing at Hoosier Conference meet

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights competed in the Hoosier Conference meet Friday at West Lafayette.

The Huskies girls were a strong second to the Red Devils, scoring 157 points. Heights won six events, including a sweep of all three relays. Norah Reiger, Lizzy Smith, Gracie Bortone and Waverly Woolever won the 4x100 relay in a new meet record time of 50.28 seconds.

Reiger and Bortone went 1-2 in the 100 dash, while Woolever was first in the 200 dash. Ella Ewing was the long jump winner.

In the boys meet, Heights placed third as a team with 96 points. The Huskies picked up two field wins, including a 1-2 finish for Will Duncan and Justin Hilton in the discus. Tyler Runyan won the high jump.

Heights results now follow.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: West Lafayette 171, Hamilton Heights 157, Western 95, Northwestern 70, Rensselaer Central 43, Benton Central 40, Twin Lakes 23, Tipton 16, Lafayette Central Catholic 6.

4x800 relay: 1. Heights (Anna Monnin, Mary Ella Bi-

chey, Kendall Moe, Amira Leer) 10:27.50.

100 hurdles - Finals: 2. Ella Ewing 16.32. Prelims: 11. Lizzy Smith 19.90.

100 dash - Finals: 1. Norah Reiger 12.79, 2. Gracie Bortone 13.09.

1600 run: 3. Monnin 5:35.90, 5. Allie Bushey 5:45.71.

4x100 relay: 1. Heights (Reiger, L. Smith, Bortone, Waverly Woolever) 50.28, new meet record.

400 dash: 3. Reiger 59.68, 5. Macie Smith 1:03.98.

300 hurdles: 2. Ewing 50.10, 10. Bichey 59.06.

800 run: 2. Monnin 2:32.68, 5. Moe 2:37.93.

200 dash: 1. Woolever 26.71, 3. Bortone 27.39.

3200 run: 5. Bushey 12:32.21, 6. Leer 12:36.37.

4x400 relay: 1. Heights (Reiger, M. Smith, Bortone, Woolever) 4:10.08.

Shot put: 5. Hadleigh Cherry 32-0.5, 9. Ahli Buzan 30-2.5.

Discus: 4. Lilyana Steiner 99-10, 8. Cherry 93-6.

Long jump: 1. Ewing 16-10, 9. L. Smith 14-7.25.

High jump: 2. Woolever 5-2, 4. M. Smith 4-10.

Pole vault: 4. Allie Johnson 8-6.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: West Lafayette 165, Rensselaer Central 104, Hamilton Heights 96, Twin Lakes 69, Tipton 61,

Northwestern 43.5, Western 38.5, Lafayette Central Catholic 33, Benton Central 13.

4x800 relay: 4. Heights (Rudy Bowman, Hudson Holt, Charles Wedmore, Max Bowman) 8:50.74.

110 hurdles - Finals: 5. Andenet Wolfgang 16.94. Prelims: 12. Dacoda Yochum 20.17.

100 dash - Finals: 2. Jaylyn Pugh 11.31. Prelims: 10. Jack Bickett 11.87.

1600 run: 5. R. Bowman 4:48.37, 8. Holt 4:54.09.

4x100 relay: 2. Heights (Pugh, Conor Baumann, Eric Balcom, Bickett) 44.12.

300 hurdles: 6. Tyler Overton 44.48, 12. Yochum 49.93.

800 run: 7. R. Bowman 2:10.61, 8. Holt 2:12.89.

200 dash - Finals: 2. Pugh 23.70, 8. Baumann 25.05.

3200 run: 5. Isaiah Heuer 10:26.02, 11. M. Bowman 10:58.94.

4x400 relay: 5. Heights (Austin Day, Overton, Ewen Schaffer, Jackson Cantlon) 3:44.12.

Shot put: 1. Will Duncan 48-2, 2. Justin Hilton 44-9.5.

Discus: 4. Kamden Colter 124-3, 10. Hilton 111-4.

Long jump: 4. Tyler Runyan 19-0, 12. Caio Rodrigues 16-8.25.

High jump: 1. Runyan 5-10, 6. Cantlon 5-6.

Pole vault: 7. Overton 11-0.

Two Sheridan runners place 2nd at HHC meet

The REPORTER

Sheridan competed in the Hoosier Heartland Conference track meet Friday at Delphi.

The Blackhawks boys team scored 48.5 points; Eli Kolb led the way with a runner-up finish in the 100 dash. Sheridan's girls team scored 43.5 points, with Nova Cross placing second in the 200 and 400 dashes.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Carroll 135, Clinton Central 110.5, Clinton Prairie 100.5, Delphi 77.5, Eastern 53.5, Rossville 46.5, Sheridan 43.5, Tri-Central 41, Taylor 3.

100 hurdles: 7. Ali Pickard 19.67.

100 dash: 3. Nova Cross 13.34, 4. Ji Warren 13.46.

400 dash: 2. Cross 1:04.51, 4. Warren 1:07.05.

300 hurdles: 11. Pickard 1:06.01.

800 run: 8. Norah Stites 3:07.87.

200 dash: 2. Cross 27.48, 6. Warren 29.01.

Shot put: 14. Adrianna Hamersley 24-8.

Discus: 8. Avery Hayden 70-4, 16. Jada Trietsch 55-4.

Long jump: 5. Warren 14-1, 11. Pickard 11-11.25.

High jump: T8. Cross 4-4, 10. Pickard 4-2.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Carroll 137, Clinton Prairie 122, Delphi 83, Eastern 77, Clinton Central 75, Sheridan 48.5, Tri-Central 47, Taylor 21, Rossville 11.5.

4x800 relay: 7. Sheridan (Jeraldo Jacobo, Sean Boothe, Robert Bowen, Timmy Vyner) 13:41.52.

110 hurdles: 6. Kohl Ailor 19.62.

1600 run: 13. Preston Lenseigne 6:33.00.

4x100 relay: 3. Sheridan (Alexander, Landon Moffitt, Braxton Schwerdtfeger, Kolb) 48.17.

400 dash: 8. Moffitt 57.75, 11. Kolb 59.46.

300 hurdles: 10. Ailor 50.22.

800 run: 15. Liam Grinstead 3:26.16.

200 dash: 4. Kolb 24.97, 8. Devon Hamilton 25.69.

4x400 relay: 8. Sheridan (Jonathan Barnes, Hamilton, Josue Rodriguez, Ethan Tull-ock) 4:24.47.

Shot put: 4. Owen Trietsch 41-6, 9. Doug Earley 37-2.

Discus: 6. Jaden Dunbar 118-2, 12. Trietsch 101-10.

Long jump: 7. Brock Hagan 17-3, 8. Schwerdtfeger 17-0.5.

High jump: 3. Damon Winston 6-2, T5. Moffitt 5-6.

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Sat May 4 - IHSAA Baseball & Boys Volleyball
10:00 am Cathedral vs Fishers | Boys Varsity Volleyball | Fishers Sports Network
12:00 pm Avon vs Noblesville | Game 1 / dbl header | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports
3:00 pm Avon vs Noblesville | Game 2 / dbl header | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports

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6:30 pm Avon vs Fishers | Girls Varsity Lacrosse | Fishers Sports Network

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 4

BASEBALL

Mooreville at Carmel, 10 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Hamilton Heights, 11 a.m.
Norwell at Guerin Catholic doubleheader, 11 a.m.
Noblesville at Avon, 7 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Westfield at Center Grove, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit Country Day School at Carmel, 2 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Mariemont, 6 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Columbus North at Fishers, 11 a.m.
Detroit Country Day School at Carmel, noon
Hamilton Southeastern at Wyoming (Ohio), 2 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Walnut Hills (Ohio), 3:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Upper Arlington, TBA

GOLF

Westfield at Bloomington North Invitational, 8:30 a.m. at Cascades
Fishers at Harrison Invitational, 9 a.m.
Westfield at Harrison Hills Invitational, 9 a.m.
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Spring Preview, 1 p.m. at Prairie View

SOFTBALL

Zionsville at Guerin Catholic, 11 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Twin Lakes Invitational
Heights vs. Faith Christian, 9 a.m.
Heights vs. West Lafayette, 3 p.m.

TENNIS

Hoosier Crossroads Conference tournament, 9 a.m. at Noblesville
Pioneer Conference tournament, 9 a.m. at Park Tudor

TRACK AND FIELD

Pioneer Conference meet, 10 a.m. at Ball State University

UNIFIED TRACK

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 11 a.m. at Franklin Central
Hamilton Heights at Fort Wayne North Side Unified Relays, noon

Monday, May 6

BASEBALL

University at Muncie Burriss, 5:30 p.m.
Carmel at Zionsville, noon
Hamilton Heights at Madison-Grant, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Greenwood Christian Academy, 6 p.m.
Yorktown at Fishers, 6 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Noblesville at Brownsburg, 8 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Avon at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Hamilton Southeastern at Anderson, 5:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Yorktown, 5:30 p.m.
Carmel at Fishers, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Hamilton Heights at Kokomo, 4:30 p.m.
Carmel at Noblesville, 5 p.m.
University at International, 5 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK

Fishers at Kokomo, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights, Delta, New Castle and New Palestine at Pendleton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Noblesville at McCutcheon, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

BASEBALL

Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Columbus North at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Lafayette Jefferson, 6 p.m.
University at Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.
Kokomo at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Cathedral at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Pendleton Heights at Fishers, noon
Westfield vs. Tipton, 3 p.m. at Tipton Municipal Golf Club
Carmel vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 3:30 p.m. at Bridgewater
Hamilton Heights vs. Western Boone, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide

SOFTBALL

Hamilton Heights at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Taylor at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers at Franklin Central, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Fishers at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 5 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Sheridan at Lapel, 5 p.m.
Girls Hamilton County meet, 5:30 p.m. at Carmel

VOLLEYBALL

Guerin Catholic at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

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Hamilton Heights' Bichey signs to run for Campbell University

Submitted

Mary Ella Bichey, Hamilton Heights senior, has signed a letter of intent to join the Women's Track & Cross Country Team at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N. C., this fall. Campbell University is a member of the Southern Conference (SoCon) and a NCAA Division I athletic institution. She is the daughter of Amy and Brad Bichey.

Bichey really enjoyed her visit at Campbell University, a private Christian institution of higher education which offered everything she was looking for. "It was the perfect mix of everything," recalled Bichey. "It was a smaller college and campus, had nice facilities, and a strong focus on academics. She also said members of the cross country team were super fun and she could see herself fitting in well there. Bichey plans to study kinesiology/pre-physical therapy and ultimately earn her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

"I fell in love with the sport when she first started running in the eighth grade," recalled Bichey. Since then, she runs all the time to build her skills and make sure her aerobic base stays consistent. "I am really passionate about running because of the men-

tal and physical challenges present with each work out and race," she added.

Bichey is a multi-sport athlete (cross country and swimming) who has enjoyed success in school and athletics. She earned four varsity letters in cross country, received the Husky Award twice, and earned the Most Valuable Runner Award and Best Leadership Award during her tenure with the team. She is also active in the National Honor Society, Student Government (current secretary), Spanish Club, and is a member of the White River Christian Church.

Bichey credits her coaches Bill Bowen and Bill Trachtman for helping to shape her as an athlete and a person. "Without their guidance and coaching, I would not have decided to run in college," she said.

"So proud and excited for Mary Ella as she pursues the next chapter in her running career," said Bill Bowen, Hamilton Heights High School Girls Cross Country Coach. "Mary Ella was a four-year varsity runner for us. She was committed, dedicated, and her work ethic was second to none. She was physically tough, mentally tough, and got stronger as the race went on. Mary Ella

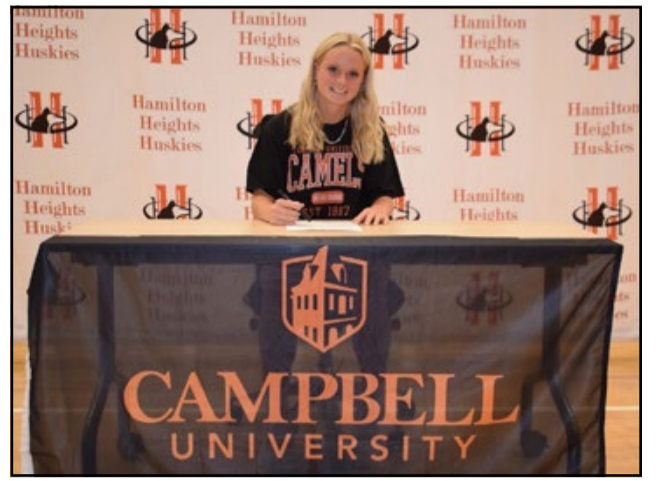


Photo provided

Hamilton Heights senior Mary Ella Bichey has signed a letter of intent to run cross country for the Campbell University Camels in Buies Creek, N.C., this fall.

was a tremendous asset to our cross country program, and I wish her the very best."

"Mary Ella is a wonderful person," added Bill Trachtman, Hamilton Heights High School Boys Cross Country Coach. "She is a great competitor and a loyal teammate. Mary Ella will give it all to help our team be victorious. You can always count on Mary Ella to step up and help out our program. No task is below her. From cleaning up our team camp site to helping pick up items on the bus, she is the consummate team player. Mary Ella has a bright future in running and in life. She is a joy to coach,

and I can't wait to see all the successes she will have in the future."

"Mary Ella has worked extremely hard to improve her running times over the course of the past four years," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director. "That hard work has paid off and we're excited to see her have the opportunity to continue the sport she loves at Campbell University. We wish her the best on the next step of her journey."

"I am super excited about running in college and to reach new goals in my running career," added Bichey.

The most important voice in NASCAR

Love him or hate him, Denny Hamlin is the most important voice in NASCAR. You may not like him on the racetrack. You may not like him off the track. But his perspective and the statements

he is making are significant and should not be ignored.

Denny Hamlin is both a driver and an owner. He has driven in the NASCAR Cup Series since replacing Jason Leffler at Joe Gibbs Racing in the Fall of 2005. Hamlin has been at Joe Gibbs Racing for his entire Cup Series career, driving the No. 11 car. Despite never winning a championship, Hamlin has 54 Cup Series Victories (12th all-time), three Daytona 500 victories (tied for third all-time), and four Championship appearances. He is one of the best drivers of his generation and arguably the best active driver in the Cup Series.

Hamlin has been an owner in the Cup Series since 2021. In the Fall of 2020, it was announced that he and NBA great, Michael Jordan, would form 23XI Racing and compete full-time in the Cup Series. The team grew from one full-time car in 2021 to two full-time cars in 2022 and currently fields the No. 23 Toyota driven by Bubba Wallace and the No.

45 Toyota driven by Tyler Reddick. For a brand-new team in NASCAR, 23XI Racing has experienced significant success, winning six races in its first four years of operation, and putting both drivers in the Cup Series Playoffs last fall. Additionally, with the completion of its state-of-the-art, 114,000 square-foot race facility, dubbed "AIR-SPEED," 23XI Racing has demonstrated its long-term commitment to success and the NASCAR Cup Series.

As an active driver and team owner, Hamlin has a rare platform and perspective. His experience in the sport spans two decades and three different platforms of cars (Gen 5, Gen 6, and Gen 7). As one who drove – and won – in three generations of race cars, he can speak on the best and worst qualities of each generation, including what made racing better or worse. It seems that Hamlin has a keen ability to do just that. He often reflects on the differences between the cars now verses then and what characteristics of the current NextGen that could be changed or tweaked to promote a better racing product.

Conversely, as an owner, Hamlin is mindful of the challenges of running a race team. Like many owners, he

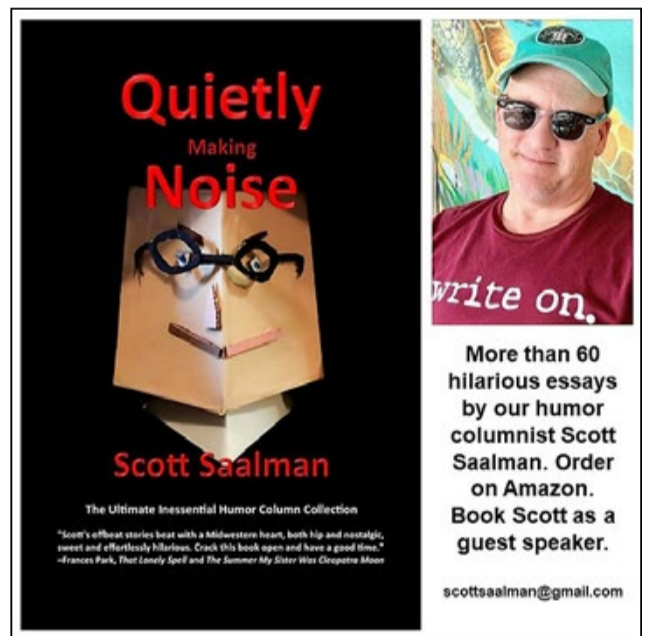
understands the large financial burden of bringing cars to the track each week, and the impact that he and his fellow team owners have made in NASCAR.

In the recent negotiations between NASCAR and the race teams over a new charter agreement, Hamlin has been outspoken in his demand for a revenue structure that provides race teams with a larger piece of the revenue pie. His frustration with the charter negotiation erupted into controversy when he engaged Speedway Motorsports President Marcus Smith in a feud on the X platform. Such an exchange is indicative of his enthusiasm for the sport and the high expectations he has for NASCAR and the track owners.

To be clear, I am not saying Denny is right on all things NASCAR. He is outspoken about what he believes, and his perspective is well reasoned and clearly articulated. Currently, he is the most visible ambassador of the sport. He owns a race team with, arguably, the greatest athlete of all time. He was a featured driver in the NASCAR Netflix series.

If you don't like him as a race car driver, that's fine. But don't overlook or undervalue what he brings to the table off the track. Denny Hamlin is determined to make NASCAR better. For that he should be applauded.

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

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Calvin Backe, Westfield's own bat boy

The Rocks baseball team had a special bat boy for their recent game against the Noblesville Millers. Maple Glen Elementary School third-grader Calvin Backe, whose mom also teaches at Maple Glen, did his part to pick up the team. He grabbed the bats, chased down foul balls, and cheered on the Rocks from the bench. He even got to throw out the first pitch! (Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools)






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Meet the Candidates

Dear Readers,

It's primary election season, and we have a fine selection of candidates for you to get to know.

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

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

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

Sincerely, The Hamilton County Reporter

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.



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.

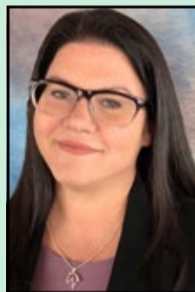
Byer manages 35-40 accounts within state statute throughout the year with safety and liquidity as a priority. Her adept ability to invest have earned the County \$19.7 million in interest income in 2023 alone. Her average of 3.95% last year includes all County accounts. Investment accounts ranged from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



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.

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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.

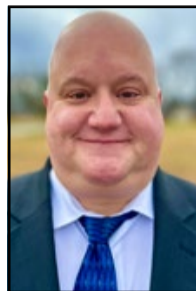
I am 53-years old. I live in Carmel with my wife Rachel who is a graduate of Purdue University and a Professional Engineer. We have two sons. A graduate of Ball State and a sophomore at Purdue.

I hold a Bachelor's 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.



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, on Facebook, or by emailing mark@markheirbrandt.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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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 hiway 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.



Sue Maki

Republican for County Council At-Large

Sue Maki is currently serving as Hamilton County Councilor At-Large where she holds the position of Vice President. Sue has been active in the Hamilton County civic community for many years. Her leadership roles include past president of Hamilton County Tourism Commission, Carmel Rotary, Carmel Middle School PTO and the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board. She currently serves on the board of Invest Hamilton County, the Economic Development Organization for the County.

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

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

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

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

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



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, on Facebook, or by emailing campaign@nationforcouncil.com.



Stephenie 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 the 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, Stephenie Gookins for Judge.

Connect with Gookins on Facebook.

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Raju Chinthala

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

Raju emerges as a compelling candidate for Congress, epitomizing experience, dedication, and a profound commitment to serving Indiana's 5th Congressional District.

Originating from India, Raju's path to citizenship in 2010 stands as a testament to his unwavering faith in the American dream. As a legal immigrant, he navigated a 16-year journey, showcasing resilience and determination. Nurtured by his grandmother's emphasis on education, he obtained dual master's degrees, laying the foundation for a distinguished 30-year career as a Speech-Language Pathologist and businessman in America.

Raju's leadership has drawn thousands of jobs and billions in investment from international corporations to central Indiana. He champions pro-life values, Second Amendment rights, and the legalization of medical marijuana. His extensive involvement in the Republican Party since 2003 underscores his dedication to constitutional principles, public service, and veteran support.

Raju's exemplary leadership has earned him prestigious awards like the Sagamore of the Wabash and The Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award. Centered on building partnerships and fostering investments to empower 5th District residents, Raju symbolizes progress and opportunity. He pledges to be a resolute voice in Congress, dedicated to representing constituents' needs and ensuring a brighter future for all Hoosiers. RAJU. FOR YOU!

Connect with Chinthala at RajuForCongress.com, on Facebook, or by emailing raju@rajuforcongress.com.



Max Engling

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

Max Engling is a devoted public servant and Congressional candidate, who champions conservative principles: fiscal responsibility, limited government, family values, and the rule of law.

There are too many big challenges to waste any time after this election – whether it's the rising cost of living, the crisis at the southern border, or our exploding national debt – the 5th district needs a CONSERVATIVE FIGHTER, with FRESH IDEAS, that can get to work on DAY ONE. That's Max Engling.

Historically speaking, there will only be 1.5 years to fix our country after this election. Max will hold to his conservative values, use his experience to work with President Trump, and get our country back on track right away. WE CANNOT WASTE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

As a Christian and family-oriented Hoosier, Max is committed to reducing government intrusion, fostering prosperity for Indiana families, and bringing sanity back to Washington. With over a decade of experience in conservative politics, he's dedicated to defending the sanctity of life, securing our borders, and curbing reckless spending. Max Engling embodies faith, family, and a brighter future for Indiana and the United States.

Please visit MAXFORINDIANA.COM for more information and to watch the most recent candidate debate.

Connect with Engling at MaxForIndiana.com, on Facebook, or by emailing max4@maxforindiana.com.



Chuck Goodrich

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

Chuck Goodrich is a Conservative businessman who has built a career at Gaylor Electric. Goodrich began as an intern and worked his way up through the organization and eventually bought the company in 2014. Chuck lives in Noblesville, is married Trisha, and has 4 children.

We are experiencing an invasion at our southern border. As your next Congressman, Chuck will fight to secure our border. Without borders, we are not a nation & we must return to President Trump's immigration policies.

Chuck will work to cut reckless government spending. American families are living by the consequences of the Democrats reckless spending by paying higher prices in groceries, gas, housing, & everyday expenses. We must balance the budget & return to fiscal sanity.

Chuck will oppose blank checks to Ukraine. We have sent over \$100B to Ukraine while neglecting to secure our border. This conflict is in Europe's backyard; It is time for European countries to step up & support Ukraine in its war against Russia.

Chuck is proudly pro-life & fought to make Indiana one of the most pro-life states in the nation. Chuck has an A rating with the NRA and voted to make Indiana a Constitutional Carry State.

Connect with Goodrich on Facebook, at GoWithChuckGoodrich.com, or by emailing team@gowithchuckgoodrich.com.



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 and on Facebook.



Matthew B Peiffer

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

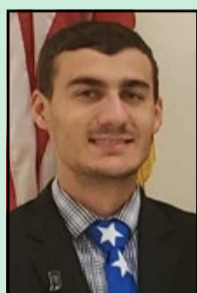
Matthew Peiffer was raised in the Grant County Van Buren area attending church in Miami Indiana. Matthew got into foster care at 16 years old and aged out at 18 years old and has been pushing policies ever since. After losing his sister to suicide at 19 Matthew has become passionate about being the voice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

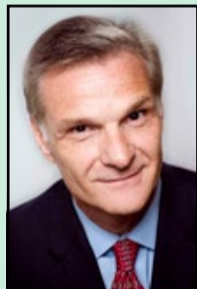
Civic involvement includes founding roles at The Chapel in Fort Wayne and serving on the board of the Allen County Juvenile Center, highlighting his dedication to community welfare.

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.

Connect with Powell on Facebook, at LDPowellForCongress.com, or by emailing ldpowell4congress@gmail.com.



Victoria Spartz

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

Victoria is a natural leader who has a proven track record in the business world, civic organizations and the public sector.

In many ways, she embodies the American Dream: born overseas, immigrating to the United States over 20 years ago after meeting her husband, a born and raised Hoosier, on a train in Europe, becoming a US Citizen, and working her way up from bank teller to a CPA, finance executive and successful business owner.

Growing up in socialist-controlled Ukraine, she experienced firsthand the dark side of socialism. Living through this molded her conservative political philosophy: limited government is always better, and financial and healthcare decisions should be made by individuals in the free market, not bureaucrats and special interests.

In 2020, she was elected to Congress from Indiana's 5th District. Re-elected in 2022. In an era of politicians with sound bites, Congresswoman Spartz is a policy leader who is already make a legislative difference even in her first two terms – 12 bills signed into law and many policies developed from scratch.

Connect with Spartz at SpartzForCongress.com, on Facebook, or by emailing info@spartzforcongress.com.



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.

Connect with McCray on Facebook and at ValerieMcCray.org.



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LEGAL NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

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

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
Michael A. Casati 3008 Woodshore Court Carmel, IN 46033	Judge of the Hamilton Superior Court, No. 1
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
Susan Byer 10925 E 266th St Arcadia, IN 46030-9723	Hamilton County Treasurer
Gary Duncan 13129 Foster Ct Carmel, IN 46033-4615	Hamilton County Surveyor
Steven C. Dillinger Hamilton County Commissioner, District 2 19905 WAGON TRAIL DR NOBLESVILLE, IN 46060-1144	Hamilton County Commissioner, District 3
Mark E. Heirbrandt 16121 Chancellors Ridge Way Westfield, IN 46062-7137	Hamilton County Commissioner, District 3
Brandon (Brad) Beaver 20755 Riverwood Ave Noblesville, IN 46062-8812	Hamilton County Council, At Large
Elizabeth Fouch 4949 E 246th St Arcadia, IN 46030-9668	Hamilton County Council, At Large
Sue Makl 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:

Location Address	Location Hours
CARMEL LIBRARY 425 E MAIN 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
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 Kream Williams, Circuit Court Clerk



