



# The cost of a new Sheridan

## County concerns

By ANNA MITCHELL  
anna@readthereporter.com

Several county officials have voiced concerns about the cost to taxpayers associated with Sheridan and Adams Township reorganizing into a single governmental unit. The reorganization will effectively end the existence of Adams Township, making Sheridan the size of the current township.

There are potential problems with the reorganization plan as it stands.

One problem is that Hamilton County officials are saying Sheridan's cost estimates for providing road maintenance and police services for all of Adams Township are far higher than Sheridan is estimating.



Heirbrandt



Davis

Another problem is that the reorganization plan and public statements by the reorganization committee indicate 'new Sheridan' hopes to enter into an interlocal agreement with the county to pay for road maintenance and police protection.

County Commissioners told The Reporter they will not enter into an interlocal agreement with a reorganized Sheridan, in large part due to a lack of communication. Thus, the people of new Sheridan will end up paying for their roads and public safety through increased taxes.

According to County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, an interlocal

See Concerns . . . Page A4

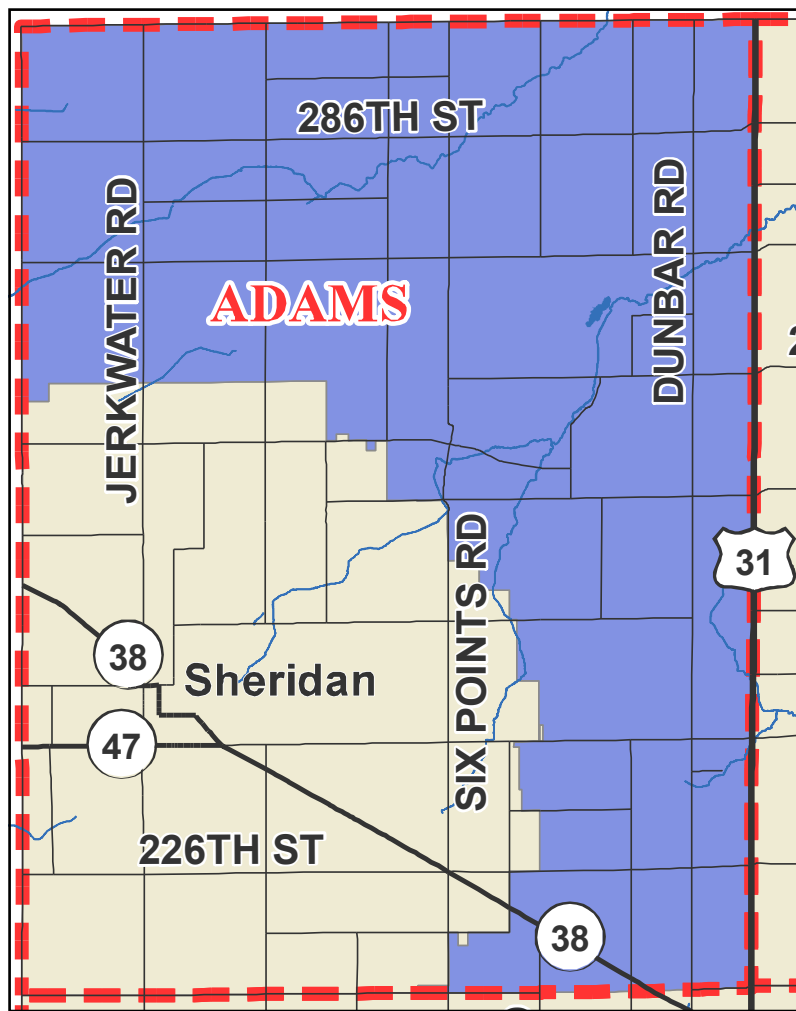


Image provided by Hamilton County Plan Commission (ABOVE) This map shows the current extraterritorial jurisdiction surrounding Sheridan (tan) and the portion of the Township for which zoning decisions fall under the jurisdiction of county officials (blue). A reorganized Sheridan would have jurisdiction over the entire township.

### "No" isn't a bad word

Has saying no to something good ever been a struggle for you? Are you a people-pleaser? Do you compare yourself to others? Me too.

How could I say no? I had just been offered a facilitator position with a well-known and highly respected community of amazing writers. No one in their right mind would turn this down . . . but I did.

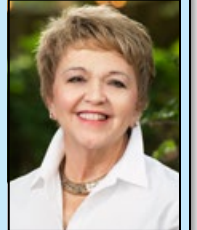
The position was volunteer, but it would get my name out there in the Christian writing world. It was a massive affirmation boost to my struggle with being "good enough." I felt honored.

But. I avoided the form to accept the position. I felt an uneasiness. I prayed. Surely, God would want me to do this. It is a good thing. In my prayer, I seemed to be trying to convince God that it was something I should do.

Still, the uneasiness lingered. A few months earlier, I had read Emily P. Freeman's book, *How to Walk Into a Room: The Art of Knowing When to Stay and When to Walk Away*.

See Bad Word . . . Page A5

COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD  
From the Hart

## Doing the math

The REPORTER

When Sheridan and Adams Township began exploring the possibility of reorganization, they requested Hamilton County Commissioners provide a summary of costs associated with infrastructure and public safety. They complied, but they did so not knowing their estimates would become the financial basis of the reorganization plan.

Once that fact came to light, the commissioners hired Bondry Consulting to perform a full audit of the costs associated with Adams Township.

The Reporter has spoken to the commissioners, Bondry, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, the Hamilton County Highway Department, and Adams Township

See Doing the Math . . . Page A4



Gutierrez



Lowes

## New Sheridan's side

By STU CLAMPITT

news@readthereporter.com

This Tuesday, June 18 at 6 p.m., the Sheridan Town Council and the Adams Township Board will hold a joint meeting at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., Sheridan, to vote on approval of the Plan of Reorganization.

There will be no opportunity for public comment as the final public meeting for this issue was held on May 30.

Adams Township Trustee Michelle Junkins is a member of the Sheridan Reorganization Committee. She was kind enough to speak to The Reporter about the proposed plan to reorganize Sheridan and Adams Township into a single governmental unit and her new

role in the 'new Sheridan.'

According to Junkins, the reason she and others are involved in this reorganization plan is to protect the interests of the citizens of the town and township.



Junkins

"Coming together as a group with the town, we can kind of control what happens in Sheridan," Junkins said.

Currently, beyond a two-mile radius outside Sheridan - the "extraterritorial jurisdiction" defined in Indiana Code 36-7-4-205(e) - decisions about planning, zoning and development fall under the jurisdiction of Hamilton County officials, rather than the town or township.

"As far as in the incorporated See New Sheridan . . . Page A4



Photo provided by Kevin Yaney

## A look back at our Civil War past

The story of John Hoard

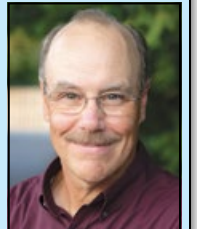
You can learn a lot about the past by taking a stroll through an old cemetery. One of the fascinating nuances of living in Hamilton County is the many old cemeteries that are in our community. In particular, you can get a sense of the number of Civil War veterans who joined the war effort and what was important to them.

Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville was the city's first and foremost burial ground from 1820 until Crownland Cemetery was established in 1867. It is the final resting place of 75 Union soldiers. According to *Burgess' Civil War Veteran Burial Guide*, it is where the first and last Hamilton County veterans of the Civil War were laid to rest.

One of these soldiers is John Hoard, and his headstone tells quite a story.

See John Hoard . . . Page A5

GUEST COLUMNIST



KEVIN YANEY

## GOP delegates betting on Beckwith

The REPORTER

In a major upset, Noblesville pastor Micah Beckwith secured the Indiana Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor by a 63-vote margin at last Saturday's GOP State Convention.

Despite being gubernatorial candidate Mike Braun's pick and receiving an endorsement from Donald Trump, State Rep. Julie McGuire lost the conven-

tion vote 828 to Beckwith's 891.

Delegates going against a governor's or gubernatorial candidate's recommendations is not unprecedented. In 2022, delegates voted for Diego Morales for Secretary of State, despite Gov. Holcomb tapping her own preference for Lieutenant Governor. The Demo-



Beckwith

Braun and Beckwith will now turn their attention to the Nov. 5 general election, where they will face Democrat Jennifer McCormick and Libertarian Donald Rainwater.

McCormick has yet to publicly state her own preference for Lieutenant Governor. The Demo-

cratic State Convention will be held in July.

According to the Article 5, Section 21 of the Indiana Constitution, "The Lieutenant Governor shall, by virtue of his office, be President of the Senate; have a right, when in committee of the whole, to join in debate, and to vote on all subjects; and, whenever the Senate shall be equally divided, he shall give the casting vote."

Thanks for reading!

## Five Star honors WWII vets on Flag Day



Reporter photos by Anna Mitchell

Ernest Batman and Robert Mann, both 97-year-old WWII veterans and residents of Five Star Residences in Noblesville, were each presented with their own Quilt of Valor on Flag Day, Friday, June 14. The quilts were presented as a thank you for their service to our country. (ABOVE LEFT, from left) Dolores McNabb, Anna Wallace, Lisa Schauf, Robert Mann, and Deborah McLouth. (ABOVE RIGHT) Veterans Ernest Batman and Robert Mann.



# Welcome to SwimCity, USA!



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Starting last Saturday, Indianapolis is playing host to the U.S. Olympic swimming trials through June 23 at Lucas Oil Stadium, and the City of Carmel boasts 14 swimmers participating. Carmel will temporarily be known as "SwimCity, USA" in honor of these local Olympic hopefuls. Hamilton County's Olympic Trial qualifiers will swim through June 23. Congratulations to all qualifiers and best wishes at Lucas Oil. You make your community proud. (ABOVE) Mayor Sue Finkam stopped by the Carmel Swim Academy on June 10 to kick off SwimCity, USA and meet future championship youth swimmers. *Keep reading The Reporter's email edition throughout the week for updates on the swim trials.*

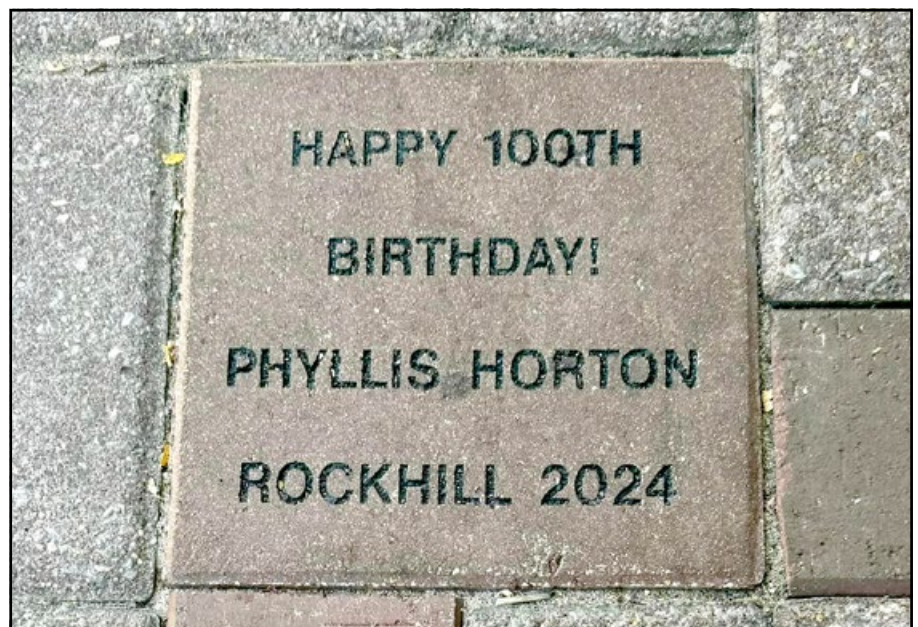
## Noblesville Lions welcome Tom Jacobi to the pride



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Wednesday, Tom Jacobi was inducted into the Noblesville Lions Club. He was formally inducted by Lion Julia Kozicki, current Lion District Governor. Jacobi's Lion Sponsor is his father, Lion Larry Jacobi. (From left) Lion Julia Kozicki, Lion Tom Jacobi, and Sponsor Lion Larry Jacobi.

## 500<sup>th</sup> Legacy Brick honors 100<sup>th</sup> birthday for this lady



Photos provided by Carmel Street Department

Last Thursday, the Carmel Street Department had the honor of laying the city's 500th Legacy Brick in celebration of Phyllis Horton Rockhill's 100th birthday. Thank you to the Carmel Clay Historical Society for putting this event together and managing the Legacy Brick program.

WE'RE  
HIRING

JOIN OUR  
TEAM



APPLY NOW:



<https://trst.in/myzVdS>

OPEN POSITIONS:

• Customer Service Representative / Teller

14611 N. Gray Road, Westfield, IN 46062

### American Bank of Freedom

[www.americanbankoffreedom.bank](http://www.americanbankoffreedom.bank)

American Bank of Freedom is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Member FDIC



# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

- JUNE 21 - SUMMER SOLSTICE CONCERT  
*Coxhall Gardens in Partnership with Artomobilia and Hamilton Co. Parks*
- JULY 3 - FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION  
*Coxhall Gardens in Partnership with Artomobilia and Hamilton Co. Parks*
- JULY 4 - CSO WITH ACTORS THEATRE OF INDIANA  
*CarmelFest*
- AUGUST 9 - ANTONIA BENNETT  
*The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts  
In partnership with Carmel Jazz Festival*
- AUGUST 23 - MOTOWN & DISCO CONCERT  
*Coxhall Gardens in Partnership with Artomobilia and Hamilton Co. Parks*



# Boys & Girls Club & Noblesville Lions cut ribbon at Camp Crosser

*New Irv Heath Amphitheater made possible by Lions Club's \$15,000 donation*

### The REPORTER

On June 7 at the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's Camp Crosser, a ribbon cutting took place for a new amphitheater named after the late Irv Heath.

With Lions Club members, BGCN staff, board members and supporters, plus more than 50 Camp Crosser campers in attendance, Heath's legacy was remembered for his decades of support for the Noblesville community and local youth.

"Our amphitheater will serve as a vital gathering space for our program within the backdrop of Camp Crosser's natural landscape," BGCN Director of Club Operations Abigail Stutesman said. "This latest addition not only enhances our camp but also aligns with our commitment to delivering high-quality programming. We can't thank the Lions Club enough for their contribution and are honored it will stand as a tribute to Irv Heath."

The Lions Club's generous \$15,000 contribution to Camp Crosser for an amphitheater and stage will enhance the outdoor programs that take place for more than 720 campers each year.

At Camp Crosser, campers can get out into the great outdoors, explore nature, soar through the sky on a zipline across the White River, experience the sport of archery, learn to cook over a campfire and so much more. The new amphitheater and stage will provide a needed space where announcements, award recognition and performances can take place on a daily basis during spring, summer and fall break sessions.



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

(From left) The Crosser Family, Steve Shaw, two camp members, Cheryl Helton, Stanley the Lion (a.k.a. Stephen Craig), Becky Terry, Bob Minton, Duke Miller, Charlie McMillian, Joe Arrowood, and Marilyn Heath.

"When Irv Heath passed at the age of 98, he had been a member of the Noblesville Lions Club for 70 years and always had a passion for helping kids," said Joe Arrowood, Lions Club board member and past president. "As the former director of the Boys & Girls Club, it brought back many great memories as we cut the ribbon to this amphitheater that honors him, the Lions and the Boys & Girls Club - all three things close to my heart. Our Lions Club is grateful to have the funds able to make this investment possible at the beautiful Camp Crosser."

To learn more about the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Camp Crosser, visit [BGCNI.org](http://BGCNI.org) or [Facebook.com/BGCNoblesville](https://www.facebook.com/BGCNoblesville).



Photo provided by Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

Community members and generous Lions came together for the new Irv Heath Amphitheater ribbon cutting presentation. See more photos at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).

15th Anniversary

Every Tuesday is

# TENDERLOIN TUESDAY™

June 25 – July 30

CARMEL

FISHERS

NOBLESVILLE

WESTFIELD

NORTHERN TOWNS

Born and breaded in Hamilton County, the Tenderloin Trail™, is celebrating 15 years of deals and delicious food. Claim your digital passport at [TenderloinTuesday.com](http://TenderloinTuesday.com).



# CONCERNS

from Page A1

agreement is a contract between two units of local government. Both parties work together towards a common goal. An interlocal agreement is flexible and can cover the cost of almost anything to which both parties agree.

However, the county will not make an interlocal agreement with new Sheridan. Thus, the people there will have to pay what the county currently pays for.

"If they're going to reorg, then they would be responsible for taking on items such as roads, snow removal, public safety, things like that - which I'm sure that they're going to probably ask us to do," Heirbrandt said. "They're extremely expensive. For them to assume [the cost of] what we're doing when they won't even talk to us, is a little concerning."

County Commissioners told The Reporter they have made numerous attempts to speak with the Sheridan Reorganization Committee. All have gone unanswered.

If Sheridan and Adams Township do reorganize into a single unit, taxpayers in that area will be responsible for the expense of repairing and maintaining the roads inside Adams Township.

According to Hamilton County Highway Department Director Brad Davis, there are approximately 100 miles of road in Adams Township. Sixty-six miles of those roads are chip and seal; the remainder are asphalt paved. In order to maintain the current level of service and to complete projects currently scheduled, those expenses will include:

- Repaving seven miles of asphalt road in 2025: \$1.1 million (approximately \$150,000 per mile)
  - Chip and seal 66 miles of road: \$500,000 in equipment only
  - Special equipment like an asphalt distributor, an aggregate spreader, and a roller: \$900,000
  - Dump trucks for a chip and seal operation: \$400,000 each and an 18 month wait for new orders
  - Equipment for an anti-icing program
  - Salt: \$100,000 (\$100 per ton)
  - A dry, covered facility to store salt
  - Maintaining 35 existing structures, including paying engineers for repair or replacement of those structures (\$700,000 or \$800,000 per structure)
  - Replacing pipe or repairing structure collapses for existing regulated drains
  - Paying approximately 20 employees to operate road maintenance equipment (more to include snow removal operations)
  - Lamong Road and 236th Street projects: \$7 million (\$9 million of federal funding at risk)
- The reorganized Sheridan will also need to find people with Commercial Driver's Licenses to operate dump trucks for road maintenance and snow removal operations. Before they can work on the roads, the county trains its workers for approximately one year before they can repair, maintain, flag traffic, or even mow without supervision.
- Davis said there were around 30 activities the county trains its own workers on. Highway employees will also need the expertise to draw up contracts and oversee repaving operations.
- Currently, these expenses fall under the county jurisdiction

for the portion of Adams Township outside the town limits of Sheridan. If the town and township merge, then the County Highway Department will no longer be responsible for covering those costs.

"They are totally ill-prepared to maintain 100 miles of road," Davis said. "They do not have the manpower; they do not have the equipment; nor do they have the expertise, and I don't think they have the budget either."

According to both Heirbrandt and Davis, the Sheridan and Adams Township officials asked for the county's costs associated with the township early in this process, but it was not clear the request was about reorganization. What the county provided was more of a thumbnail sketch of its costs, not taking into account all the manpower and equipment used each year.

As soon as it became clear the numbers were being used for the reorganization plan, the county performed a full audit and began reaching out to the reorganization committee to try to provide its members with more comprehensive numbers.

Heirbrandt and others told The Reporter they have been unable to give the more comprehensive numbers to the reorganization committee.

"Our figures came from the detailed audit," Heirbrandt said. "That was done by Bondry Consulting, as well as our department heads digging into what they've spent in the past, and then some of the dollars that are going to be used here in the future for improvements for roads and snow removal and public safety."

For a deeper explanation of the difference between the county's costs and those accounted for in the reorganization plan, see the related story "Doing the math" in today's edition of The Reporter.

The Hamilton County Highway Department and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department both told The Reporter they are committed to providing quality service for the people of Adams Township.

Davis and his team rate their roads each year, and they strive to keep their ratings up. They provide 24/7 snow removal services in the winter, but each service they provide is expensive. If new Sheridan wishes to receive the same quality of service for its roads, snow removal, and public safety, it will have to pay more than the reorganization plan accounts for.

The county has repeatedly tried to open communication with the reorganization committee about its fiscal plan and other information regarding expenses, but has received little to no response. Heirbrandt said the county legal team has reached out to the reorganization team repeatedly over concerns that the team did not have (or was not using) accurate financial data.

On Tuesday, June 18, the Sheridan Town Council and the Adams Township Advisory Board will hold a combined meeting to take their final vote for or against moving forward with the reorganization plan. If it is approved, the final decision will then be up to the people of Sheridan and Adams Township on Election Day, Nov 5.

If the people vote yes, the reorganization will take effect Jan. 1, 2025.

## Links to Important Websites & Documents

[Adams Reorg website  
adamstownship.net/reorganization.html](https://adamstownship.net/reorganization.html)

[Sheridan Reorg website  
sheridan.in.gov/reorganization](https://sheridan.in.gov/reorganization)

[Sheridan Reorg plan \(final\) with exhibits as of May 23  
tinyurl.com/SheridanReorgPlan](https://tinyurl.com/SheridanReorgPlan)

[Hamilton County's Comprehensive Plan  
tinyurl.com/CountyCompPlan2020](https://tinyurl.com/CountyCompPlan2020)

[Hamilton County's letter to new Sheridan  
tinyurl.com/ReorgLetter](https://tinyurl.com/ReorgLetter)

## NEW SHERIDAN

area, we have our own planning commission," Junkins said. "We know what's going to take place on the inside of the jurisdiction of Sheridan. But as far as the outside, we would love to work with the county because we know there's a need for the roads, snow removal, and all that stuff that we've not had to worry about in the past. But if this goes through, we'll have to. That's a burden that the town will have to take on."

Junkins was clear that from her perspective it would be best for residents of the 'new Sheridan' if they could come to a service agreement with the county.

"We have expressed the desire to talk to them, and it's just not worked out," Junkins told The Reporter. "I don't know if it's a scheduling conflict or what. [The county's legal team] did attend our meeting on [May 30]. Even in that meeting, [Sheridan Town Council President] Silas [DeVaney]

said we would love to work with the county. There's been different options out there, but we've never had the conversation."

While the township itself will effectively cease to exist, the responsibilities that currently fall under the purview of Township Trustee Junkins will continue to be her responsibility. Junkins will serve as the initial Director of the Department of Administration under the reorganization plan.

Township assistance, poor relief for rent and utilities, burial services for those who cannot afford it, and cemetery maintenance will continue without interruption.

As you will read elsewhere in today's edition, police service and road maintenance are less certain.

When asked about those concerns, Junkins referred The Reporter to Sheridan Town Council President Silas DeVaney III and Conrad Consulting

## Proposed Ballot Question

The Town of Sheridan and Adams Township of Hamilton County, Indiana have each adopted a Plan of Reorganization that provides for the consolidation of Adams Township into the Town of Sheridan as a single governmental unit that will be governed and administered as a town with a seven (7) member elected Town Council. Shall the Town of Sheridan and Adams Township reorganize as a single political subdivision?

The Hamilton County Election Board will convene a public meeting at 10 a.m. on July 17, 2024, in the Clerk's Office pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1-5.5. The purpose of the meeting is to review a public question for the ballot for Sheridan/Adams Township.

from Page A1

Sheridan is still in Hamilton County. And like I said, my main thing is I want what's best for [the new] Sheridan. I think that's better handled through the people that live here because we know what the needs are and what our driving force is."

Junkins said reorganization is about what Sheridan's and Adams Township's destiny is going to be.

*This newspaper has always found Junkins to be open and transparent in her position as Adams Township Trustee. This instance was no different, and we express our thanks for taking time to share her thoughts and insights with our readers.*

*The Reporter's attempts to contact Sheridan Town Council President Silas DeVaney III were unsuccessful.*

*Consultant Todd Burtrou declined an in-person request to speak about the reorganization, asking for questions to be emailed instead.*

## DOING THE MATH

from Page A1

Trustee Michelle Junkins in order to give readers as many sides of this issue as finite time and limited space allow.

### Public Safety

"In regard to public safety, the town provided a report that indicates that they will maintain their budget as is," Bondry CEO Oscar Guterrez said.

According to the reorganization plan, "police service will be provided to both the Town and Rural Districts by the Sheridan Police Department ("SPD"). The Hamilton County Sheriff's Department will continue to have jurisdiction throughout Hamilton County, including in the jurisdictional limits of the Reorganized Town, and will be called upon for supporting services and call response. Residents within both districts should receive police coverage consistent with the current level of service provided by the SPD and the Hamilton County Sheriff's [sic] Department."

Chief Deputy John Lowes told The Reporter that is not accurate.

"If they reorganize that way, they would be responsible for the policing," Lowes said. "I plan to go to the meeting on the 18th. Our view is it [reorganization] is absolutely their right, and we're not trying to get in the way of that. We just want to make sure Sheridan PD is properly funded, and based on what we've seen, we don't believe that's the case. There are things that they have to think about, like mileage on their cars, fuel. Those are all things that are going to increase."

According to both Lowes and Guterrez, in 2023, the Sheriff's Department had 2,178 calls for service in Adams Township.

Both sources also provided The Reporter with the same cost summary for police coverage of the township, and those numbers are substantially higher than those detailed in the reorganization plan.

One way to look at costs is to calculate the cost per run based on the total department budget and the total number of runs made in a year. Both the Sheriff's Department and Bondry agree the cost for police protection in unincorporated Adams Town-

ship calculated that way was \$599,000 in 2023.

The other way to assess costs is by looking at the cost per deputy in terms of salary, benefits, etc., multiplied by the six total deputies it takes to currently provide 24/7 service to that area. In that case, both the Sheriff's Department and Bondry agree the cost was \$774,000 in 2023.

Both calculations are higher than is accounted for in the reorganization plan.

"Now, the new organization can argue that they can do it for cheaper, and we can't argue that, but the Sheriff's estimate is, again, between \$599,000 and \$774,000," Guterrez said.

Whether new Sheridan can provide the current level of service at the same cost or at some lower rate, that cost still needs to be paid.

"If they're responsible for that area, then that's going to become their responsibility," Lowes said. "We're not opposed to some kind of contractual situation, but that's something we'd have to discuss. And unfortunately, they haven't reached out to us about that."

Another concern Lowes has is about coverage, regardless of cost. Sheridan PD has a recent history of not being able to cover the 2.08 square miles of the town itself. Adams Township would increase that coverage area to 48.36 square miles spread across 100 miles of roadway.

"Throughout 2023 and earlier this year, there were days we were covering Sheridan PD when they didn't have anybody working," Lowes said. "We did that because we understand they're small. Now they're expanding the area. I'm concerned that they're not going to be able to cover those areas."

### Taxpayer impact

The reorganization plan reads in part, "It is the intention of this reorganization that there would be no net tax impact to taxpayers within the current Town of Sheridan and Adams Township due to the reorganization. However, the issue of maintenance of the roads within the unincorporated area of Adams Township has yet to be fully resolved."

Road maintenance costs

are addressed elsewhere in today's edition of The Reporter. Those costs are also detailed in a letter signed by all three County Commissioners, Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush, and Highway Director Brad Davis. That letter will be delivered to Sheridan and Adams Township officials before they meet to vote on approval of the reorganization plan Tuesday evening. A copy of that letter is available at [tinyurl.com/ReorgLetter](https://tinyurl.com/ReorgLetter).

Attachments to that letter are available at [tinyurl.com/ReorgLetterAttach1](https://tinyurl.com/ReorgLetterAttach1) and at [tinyurl.com/ReorgLetterAttach2](https://tinyurl.com/ReorgLetterAttach2).

It needs to be noted that new Sheridan will get exactly one chance to set appropriate tax rates. If the costs from which the tax rate are calculated are too low to provide public services, that rate can only be increased by four percent per year.

As an example, if the estimates are \$1 million low, new Sheridan can only increase the tax rate in Year 2 by \$40,000. That rate of growth would never allow the new town to catch up with actual costs.

While new Sheridan can issue bonds to fill in some potential gaps in service, bonds can only be issued for capital investments, not for operational costs. That means bond money (debt) can be accrued for vehicles, equipment, buildings, etc. It cannot be used for employee salaries, benefits, or any other cost that is not tied to a physical item the value of which depreciates over time.

In real world numbers, the difference in tax impact between the reorganization plan's estimates and the county estimates are listed below.

**Taxpayer impact on a \$100,000 homestead property:**

- Reorg Plan = \$27
- County estimate = \$232

**Taxpayer impact on 100 acres of property classified as farmland:**

- Reorg Plan = \$183
- County estimate = \$915

### Communication

Every person who spoke to this newspaper stressed that their concerns were only that a potentially reorganized Sheridan and Adams Town-

ship (new Sheridan) be able to serve its citizens at the level they deserve.

Every county official as well as Bondry CEO Oscar Guterrez were equally clear that none of them are not taking a stance for or against reorganization. The only concerns they expressed to this newspaper were about making certain everyone has accurate information before voting on the creation of a new Sheridan.

According to the reorganization plan, "Officials of the Town and Township are desirous of working with the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County to enter into an interlocal agreement pertaining to the road improvements, snow removal, grading and maintenance of the roads and streets within the current, unincorporated area of Adams Township (the proposed "Rural District"). However, as of the date of this report an agreement has not yet been reached."

Adams Township Trustee Michelle Junkins told The Reporter the reorganization committee has expressed a desire to have a conversation with the county about new Sheridan, but "it's just not worked out" possibly due to scheduling issues.

Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt said multiple attempts by the county to reach out to the reorganization committee for a meeting and to provide the committee with more accurate numbers have been unsuccessful.

Chief Deputy John Lowes said his department's attempts to communicate with the reorganization committee have been unsuccessful.

Highway Department Director Brad Davis said his department's attempts to communicate with the reorganization committee have been unsuccessful.

A copy of the letter from county officials to Sheridan and Adams Township officials and residents is available at [tinyurl.com/ReorgLetter](https://tinyurl.com/ReorgLetter). Attachments are available at [tinyurl.com/ReorgLetterAttach1](https://tinyurl.com/ReorgLetterAttach1) and at [tinyurl.com/ReorgLetterAttach2](https://tinyurl.com/ReorgLetterAttach2).

A copy of the final reorganization plan with exhibits dated May 23 is available at [tinyurl.com/SheridanReorgPlan](https://tinyurl.com/SheridanReorgPlan).

## HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER

USPS 22200 | Volume 2024, Issue 6.17

### Contact Information

**Publisher Stu Clappitt**  
News@ReadTheReporter.com  
765-365-2316

**Mailing Address**  
136 S. 9th St., Suite 12  
Noblesville, IN 46060

**Web Address**  
ReadTheReporter.com

**Subscription Inquiries**  
Subscribe@ReadTheReporter.com

**Sports Editor Richie Hall**  
Sports@ReadTheReporter.com  
Twitter: @Richie\_Hall

**Public Notices**  
PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com  
765-365-2316

The Hamilton County Reporter is published weekly by 4th Hawk Media LLC.  
Periodicals postage paid at Noblesville, Ind.  
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to  
Hamilton County Reporter, 136 S. 9th St., Suite 12, Noblesville, IN 46060.

## Phase 2 complete on Reconstructing SR 32 Project in Noblesville

### The REPORTER

Construction is now complete on Phase 2 of 4 of the Reconstructing State Road 32 project in Noblesville.

Downtown visitors and businesses will notice an improved roadway, better drainage, and enhancements that complement the character of the historic downtown district. Construction crews have replaced pavement and reconstructed storm sewer lines along SR 32 between 9th and 14th streets.

“Phase 2 is a critical portion of the project, and we’re excited to see the progress and improvements made to preserve SR 32 in Noblesville,” INDOT Project Manager Jennifer Beck said.

Crews have preserved existing trees and sidewalks to maintain the historic

downtown district’s aesthetics.

Phase 3 of the project will begin soon as crews will reconstruct SR 32 between 6th and 9th streets. Patrons will still be able to access businesses in the downtown area. Detour routes are listed at [ReconstructingSR32.com](http://ReconstructingSR32.com).

INDOT reminds drivers to help keep construction workers safe by slowing down, using caution, and avoiding distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change. If there are changes to the schedule, they will be announced on the project’s social media channels and website.

Visit [ReconstructingSR32.com](http://ReconstructingSR32.com) for more information.

## JOHN HOARD

from Page A1

As you might expect, the majority of Civil War veterans buried at Riverside were from Indiana. The state where they were living when they joined military service is carved into their headstones. Both the Union and Confederate armies were divided into similar units. The smallest unit was a company. Companies were formed locally and stayed together during the war. Companies were assigned a letter to distinguish them. They consisted of 100 men or less. Ten companies formed a regiment. Regiments were known by their state and a number. Four or five regiments were combined to form a brigade. Up to three brigades made up a division, up to four divisions made up a corps, and two or three corps made up an army. So, from the smallest to largest units would be Company – Regiment – Brigade – Division – Corps – Army. Of all the military units that defined where a soldier served, the state regiment and their local company were the most important divisions to a Civil War veteran. This is what is carved into their headstones.

That brings us back to John Hoard. The headstone of John Hoard is unique because he is listed as a member of Company D of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment. What is a guy from Massachusetts doing in Noblesville, Indiana? Most likely, John Hoard had never stepped foot in Massachusetts prior to enlisting to fight. The 54th Massachusetts was made up of African American freemen and was the first colored unit in the Federal Army.

Most people know about Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation. This executive order declared that any slaves in states that were part of the rebellion were declared free. This took effect on January 1, 1863, and is seen as a key turning point in the war. What many people don’t realize is that Lincoln’s proclamation also allowed African Americans to take up arms and join the Union cause.

Here is how the Proclamation states it:

“And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.”

This caused quite a stir throughout the Confederacy. Not only was Lincoln taking

away their slaves, he was also arming them to fight against the boys of the South. The leaders of the Confederacy sent a message to Lincoln that they intended to execute any black man captured in service of the Union army. Lincoln sent a message back that for every such execution, he would order a captured Confederate prisoner to be executed. These strong words were cause for concern, but Lincoln was being pushed by northern abolitionists to form a new unit of the federal army – the U.S. Colored Troops. Among those abolitionists was Frederick Douglass.

Another of these abolitionists was the governor of Massachusetts, John Andrew. Andrew stepped up and declared he would raise the first colored regiment – the Massachusetts 54th. However, Massachusetts did not have enough freemen to fill the ranks, so national recruitment began and reached as far as Noblesville, Indiana. Douglass led the recruitment.

There was a concern in the north about sending black soldiers into battle. Given the strongly worded intentions of southern leaders, would black soldiers wilt during the heat of battle? All eyes were on the Massachusetts 54th as they were sent to South Carolina. In their most celebrated action, they led a charge against Fort Wagner in Charleston Harbor on July 18, 1863. The 54th successfully breached the fort, but under heavy fire and tremendous casualties, were eventually turned back. However, the men fought valiantly, and their bravery was the spark needed for Lincoln to establish the U.S. Colored Troops. One hundred eighty thousand African American men volunteered as soldiers to fill these ranks.

That brings us back, once again, to John Hoard, a volunteer soldier in Company D of the Massachusetts 54th. He was a member of that first regiment that opened the door for so many others. He died 21 years after the Massachusetts 54th led the charge on Fort Wagner and was laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery.

If you are interested in more information, Kevin Yaney is leading a Civil War Veterans Walking Tour at Riverside Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 6. The event is free, but you need to register at [CivilWarVeteransWalkingTour.com](http://CivilWarVeteransWalkingTour.com).

# Cicero wins fourth round of “Best Tasting Water in Indiana”

### The REPORTER

Officials at the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Association have found the best-tasting water in the first of four regional competitions held throughout Indiana.

On Wednesday, during the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water’s one-day Training class in Lebanon, the Town of Cicero won the fourth and final regional competition with the tastiest water. Participating water samples were judged on three categories: clarity, odor, and taste.

Cicero’s journey continues as it advances to the highly anticipated state-level competition, “The Best Tasting Water in Indiana Competition,”

sponsored by Wessler Engineering. This showdown will take place at the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water’s Fall Conference in Fort Wayne this October, where they will compete with winners from the three previous regional taste tests held throughout the state.

The competition is part of the Quality On Tap! campaign, emphasizing the high quality, standards, and taste of rural water. The ultimate champion of the Best Tasting Water in Indiana will advance to vie in The Great American Water Taste Test, a national contest held on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., in early February 2025. This pres-



Photo provided Chad Reynolds of Alliance of Indiana Rural Water (left) and DJ Bennett of Town of Cicero.

tigious event forms part of the Rural Water Rally, an annual legislative gather-

ing for the 50 state affiliates of the National Rural Water Association.

## Forest Park Aquatic Center honors its 78 Olympic Trial swimmers

### The REPORTER

The Forest Park Aquatic Center is planning a formal dedication ceremony for 40 new 60-by-24-inch banners.

The banners honor the 78 competitive swimmers, divers, coaches and volunteers who have come through the facility and gone on to participate in the Olympic Trials over the years. The list of 78 also includes 23 individuals who competed in the Olympic Games, collectively earning 13 medals.

All 78 individuals are represented on one banner, while all individuals from the State of Indiana as well as those who have competed at the Olympics are represented on their own banners which hang from the facility’s 20 light poles. Each light pole banner also has a QR code that links to the biography of the individual.

The dedication ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25 at the Forest Park Aquatic Center, 1077 Cicero Road, Noblesville. Representatives from USA Swimming, Indiana Swimming, USA Diving, AAU Diving, and the City of Noblesville are just a few of the many dignitaries who

will be in attendance.

“When we started working on this project we figured there might be a couple dozen individuals who had come through the facility and gone on to participate at Trials,” said Greg Conner, President of The Friends of Central Pool, the not-for-profit entity that has operated the facility since 1997. “However, we had no idea the list would be so large. To think that the Forest Park Aquatic Center has been part of the journeys of so many accomplished athletes is extremely humbling and a huge source of pride for this community!”

The new banners were 100-percent financed through private contributions.

“I can’t say enough about the support we have received from the community to make this project happen,” Conner said. “We’ve received many extremely generous gifts from both corporations as well as individuals and families.”

The list of 78 is led by Noblesville native David Boudia, whose diving career started at the Forest Park Aquatic Center when he was 11 years old. He would go on to have one of the most storied diving careers in the history of the

sport, which includes winning a gold medal in the 10-meter platform competition at the 2012 Olympics.

“The Forest Park Aquatic Center is where it all started for me,” Boudia said. “It’s where I overcame my fear of the 10-meter platform and gained the confidence to truly believe I could compete at the highest level within the sport of diving. I’m honored to be recognized alongside all these other accomplished athletes at a facility that means so much to me.”

Those being honored include:

#### Olympians

Alison Gibson, Amy Cozad Magana, Ariel Rittenhouse, Becky Ruehl, Bruce Kimball, Charlie Casuto, David Boudia, Haley Ishimatsu, Jessica Parratto, John Wingfield, Justin Wilcock, Kelci Bryant, Krysta Palmer, Mai Nakagawa, Mark Lenzi, Mary Beth Dunnichay, Patrick Jeffery, Scott Donie, Steele Johnson, Thomas Finchum, Tyler Downs, and Wendy Wyland.

#### Olympic Trial Qualifiers

Aaron Kirkpatrick, Aidan Wang, Amanda Burke, Andrew Cramer, Andy Kendrick, Angie Trostel, Bailee Stur-

gill, Brooke Taflinger Garcia, Brooke Schultz, Casey Johnson, Chen Ni, Cole VanDevender, Dan Croaston, Daniel Kanorr, Dashiel Enos, Dean Panaro, Drew Wolfred, Ellie Clarke, Eric Warrick, Gabby Fizen, George Callanan, Gregg Enoch, Holden Higbie, Jake Butler, Jason Lancaster, Kate Hillman-Bramlett, Kim Powers, Kristen Hayden, Lacey Boutwell Schnell, Lacey Houser, Lily Castanon, Lisa Dolansky Conner, Lisa Faulkner, Lisa Trefzger, Lori Rizzuto, Luke Forester, Luke Whitlock, Madison Huit, Many Vazquez, Margo O’Meara, Mark Murdock, Matt McDonald, McKenzie Murphy, Meme Sharp, Mickey Smythe, Mike Mosca, Mike Wantuck, Pat Evans, Rylan Ridenour, Sarah Bacon, Sarah McCrady, Sophie Verzyl, Sydney Couch, Toby Stanley and Zach Cooper.

“Our City is extremely fortunate to have such an incredible amenity in the Forest Park Aquatic Center,” Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. “This is a fitting way to honor so many individuals that have represented Noblesville at the pinnacle of success within swimming and diving.”

## BAD WORD

Now, I was deciding whether to be a voice in a room. The invitation had me excited. Why wouldn’t I accept?

Discernment: to see with wisdom, not feelings. That’s my definition, not Webster’s.

As I began considering the reasons for not saying yes, I read a Facebook post by my friend, Elizabeth Braswell. It included a scripture to which I had never paid attention.

*Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else. Galatians 6:4 NLT*

If Elizabeth hadn’t lived in North Carolina, I would have driven to her house and hugged her. These are her words, but I could have said the same.

She wrote, “I used to need affirmation from others. I longed for it. I worked for it. It’s why I became an over-

achiever ... because affirmation from others gave me a sense of value and worth. I didn’t realize that was what I was doing ... but it was. I had no joy in simply being ME ... heck, I didn’t even know who ME was.”

Oh, Elizabeth, those words were exactly how I was feeling.

At 68 years old, I am learning more and more just to be ME.

I’ve spent a lifetime running on the comparison wheel, swinging on the people-pleasing trapeze and looking into the “allowing others to define me” mirror. It’s exhausting.

I’ve said yes to so many good things, not realizing saying yes was not a good thing for me to do. Finding my way to saying no hasn’t been easy. I may always struggle to say no.

A sweet peace came over me as I wrote the email to decline the invitation. I don’t know where this writing thing

will take me. I am amazed at where it has already taken me. Another book is being written. Speaking engagements are on my calendar. I am teaching three writing workshops at the Taylor University Writers Conference in July.

I thanked my writer friend for the invitation. I told her it was an honor to be asked. I will continue to be a part of this community and cheer on whoever is leading. I know they will be perfect for the position.

I have words to write and a book to publish. I like this writing room. It’s where I am supposed to be. I pray that God will use my words, as well as my voice, in rooms where He will open the doors. You may struggle with

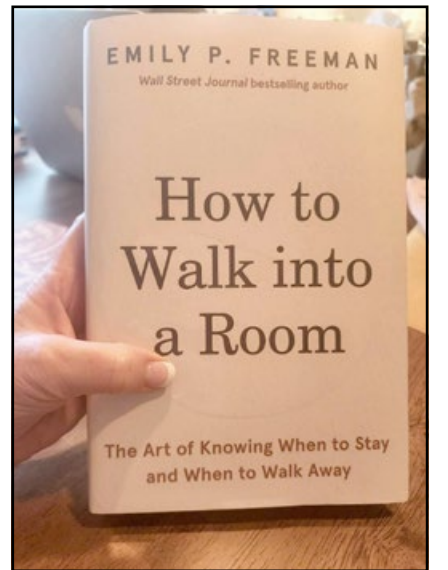


Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

the issues that I do. As I have learned the hard way ... “no” is not a bad word. It is the key to finding a room where peace and rest will be found.

Janet Hart Leonard can be contacted at [janethartleonard@gmail.com](mailto:janethartleonard@gmail.com) or followed on Facebook or Instagram (@janethartleonard). Visit [janethartleonard.com](http://janethartleonard.com).

**Want to subscribe, but don't have a computer?**  
 Cut out and fill in this form, include check or cash, and mail it to:  
**Hamilton County Reporter, 136 S. 9th St., Suite 12, Noblesville, IN 46060**  
**IN-COUNTY rate: \$36/year OUT-OF-COUNTY rate: \$72/year**  
 Or, pay with a card by calling Circulation Director Isaac Taylor at (765) 585-9519  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCURATE. BALANCED.**  
*You're reading*  
**THE REPORTER**

**Live Music June 21 - Riding Roughshod Duo**  
 Open Mic Tuesdays 7-10 p.m.  
 Trivia Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
 Keyboardist Dave Lowe every Thursday 6-9 p.m.  
**Patsy's Pub**  
 17419 Suite C, Carey Rd., Westfield  
 317.867.0397

**Live Music At Pasto Italiano**  
 Benito DiBartoli Every Wednesday  
 1/2 Price Bottles of Wine On Wednesdays  
 Reservations Recommended  
**317-804-2051**  
 3150 East State Rd. 32, Westfield

**Bien Mexicana**  
 150 S Peru St, Cicero




Photo provided

There will be dancing. Oh yes, there will be dancing! (We hope there is also baklava.)

# Experience vibrant traditions of Indy GreekFest, a celebration of culture, community & cuisine

**The REPORTER**  
 Indy GreekFest is back with a bang, promising an unforgettable experience for all.  
 From 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23 and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Carmel, come celebrate five decades of tradition, Greek culture,

and the Orthodox faith. Celebrate the richness of Greek heritage and create lasting memories at Indy GreekFest 2024. Admission is free, but children aged 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit [IndyGreekFest.org](http://IndyGreekFest.org) or follow @indygreekfest on social media for more details. **About Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral**

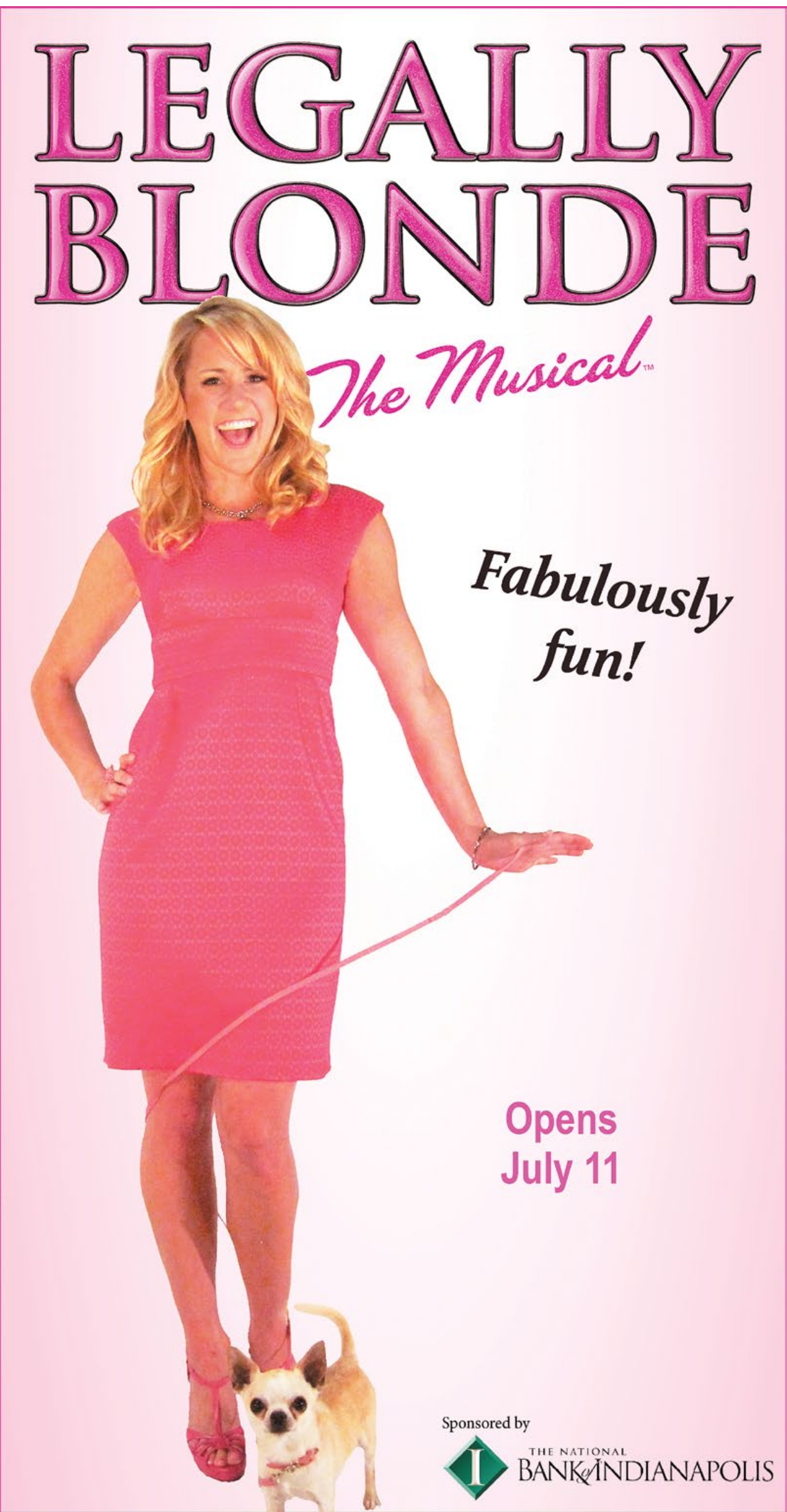
Holy Trinity has been a central Indiana landmark for over a century, founded by Greek immigrants and now located at 106th Street and Shelborne Road in Carmel. Learn more the rich history and vibrant community at [htcindy.org](http://htcindy.org).

# LEGALLY BLONDE

*The Musical™*

*Fabulously fun!*

Opens July 11



Sponsored by THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS

**Beef & Boards**  
 DINNER THEATRE  
[beefandboards.com](http://beefandboards.com) | 317.872.9664 | 9301 Michigan Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46268

## Noblesville Street Dance 2024 moves to Federal Hill Commons

**The REPORTER**  
 The Noblesville Street Dance will take place this year at Federal Hill Commons due to downtown road construction. The Street Dance will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, July 20. Businesses who would like to have vendor space at the event are invited to fill out a Google Form at [tinyurl.com/mppfauzp](http://tinyurl.com/mppfauzp).

**noblesville main street**

Stop me if you've heard this one: a writer and a cartoonist walk into a coffee shop . . .



Photo provided

The Hamilton County Reporter's humorist, Scott Saalman (lower left) and our editorial cartoonist, Tim Campbell (upper right) have never been formally introduced. And they still haven't, but they happened to be in the same place at the same time and recognized one another from the pages of the newspaper with which they are both affiliated. Thanks go out to The Well Coffeehouse, 8890 E. 116th St. #120, Fishers, for offering a brand of creativity fuel that lured them both in on the same day, thus saving us the bother of introductions. (Editor's note to self: we need to do a better job of getting our people together.)

# Seniors to Seniors program marks start of something good for Westfield student & community

By AMY ADAMS  
news@readthereporter.com

Joey Doll graduated from Westfield High School (WHS) on Thursday, May 30, but she still has one more project to complete before she heads to Ball State University in the fall.

In late June, Doll will be one of 18 students from WHS and Westfield Middle School who will travel to Seattle to compete in the Family Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. In the Chapter Service Project category, Doll will deliver a presentation about her work helping to create a program at the Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County called the Seniors to Seniors program.

The Shepherd's Center exists to promote and support independent lifestyles for senior adults. As part of its Together Today Program, which serves to enrich the lives of adults ages 55 and over and to prevent isolation through fun, educational activities, the Shepherd's Center development office had the idea of facilitating interaction between senior adults and high school students to bridge the generation gap.

"We were looking to work with a school to make it happen," Shepherd's Center Marketing and Special Events Manager Heather Luljak said. "We were also looking to give back by offering an internship."

It was WHS Internship and Capstone Coordinator Michelle Goudy's idea to combine those two goals - to establish an internship for a high school student who would help create and manage the program.

"I try to fit students with the perfect positions for them and for the organization," Goudy said.

Doll first reached out to Goudy in April of her junior year with her interest in finding a marketing and business internship after taking a class at WHS called Career Exploration and Internships. Mark Ewing, who teaches a variety of service and leadership-

oriented courses at WHS, agreed with Goudy that Doll would be a perfect fit for the internship.

As an intern during her second trimester, Doll planned one gathering a month, January through May, for senior adults and high school juniors and seniors. In addition to planning activities, seeking sponsorships, and arranging caterers for lunches, Doll also recruited and managed an average of around 20 WHS volunteers a month.

"The end goal is to get our kids to recognize the importance of giving time to something bigger than yourself," Ewing said.

The students and senior adults played BINGO and trivia that spanned the generations. The students even taught the senior adults some TikTok dances, and the senior adults taught the students some new games.

After planning the first Seniors to Seniors event, Doll was 100 percent sold that it was the right internship for her, Goudy said. Even more importantly, she recognized that it gave her direction for what she wanted to do in the future.

"I was really impressed with Joey," Luljak said. "She volunteered outside of the internship. If she was given a task, she was able to walk it all the way through without being given a step-by-step, which is an achievement. She always did it with a smile and had a great attitude. Everyone here at our center loved her."

In fact, after her internship was officially over, Doll chose to stay involved with the Seniors to Seniors meetings during her third trimester.

"I love being able to be a support for these senior citizens," Doll said. "I can tell that the whole program is such a big family. They give us such a warm feeling, and we want to give that back to them."

The feeling seemed to be mutual. Luljak said that they would see an increase in attendance on the Seniors to Seniors days, and Doll said that some senior adults joined the Together Today program



Photo courtesy Joey Doll

Seniors to Seniors aims to bridge the generation gap between senior adults and high school students.

after hearing from friends about Seniors to Seniors. Ewing, who attended each Seniors to Seniors gathering, said some of the senior adults expressed that the interaction changed their perception of youth today and gave them hope for the future.

Doll hopes that the program will continue to grow even after she has moved on to pursue a degree in sports administration with a minor in marketing.

Though Goudy hasn't found a replacement for the position yet, she said that will be one of her goals for the first trimester.

"You need somebody who isn't afraid to fail," Doll said. "You're not always going to get a 'yes.' They need to be a people-person and a problem solver."

As far as the Shepherd's Center is concerned, Luljak said they intend to resume the Seniors to Seniors program in the fall. In addition, the Shepherd's Center will be opening a new location in Noblesville in early August for Together Today programming on Fridays.

To find out more about the Shepherd's Center, visit [shepherdscenterofhamiltoncounty.org](http://shepherdscenterofhamiltoncounty.org).



Photo courtesy Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County  
WHS instructor Mark Ewing joins students volunteering for the Seniors to Seniors Program through the Shepherd's Center.

**COOL CREEK CONCERTS**  
Celebrating 30 years  
in concert with nature!

Title sponsored by  
**Napleton**  
Automotive Group

# The Flying Toasters

[theflyingtoasters.com](http://theflyingtoasters.com)

## June 21

Adults - \$5 | 12 & Under - Free  
Select Fridays at 7pm | Gates open at 6pm  
Tickets at [MyHamiltonCountyParks.com](http://MyHamiltonCountyParks.com)

Thanks to these supporting sponsors

Cool Creek Park | 2000 E. 151<sup>st</sup> St., Carmel/Westfield

# Don't just ride the rails... Bike them!

**Forest Park Rail Adventure**  
An 8-mile round trip rail bike ride starting at Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

**White River Family Cruise**  
Enjoy this short, scenic rail bike ride from Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

[NickelPlateExpress.com/railbike-rides](http://NickelPlateExpress.com/railbike-rides)

## It's about to get more creative in Fishers

### The REPORTER

New art classes, camps, and exhibitions are coming to Fishers this month now that the Fishers Art Center is open to the public at the Fishers Municipal Center.

The Fishers Art Center, a partnership between the City of Fishers and Indy Art Center, features 1,200 square feet for art exhibitions, two art studios, a clay studio, and a flexible theater with multiple configuration options to accommodate performances, meetings, art classes and events. This summer it is open to the public Monday through Friday and during evening and weekend class times. Eventually it will be open seven days a week. While class and camp costs vary, exhibitions are always free to view.

"Fishers Art Center is one of the most unique aspects of a municipal building in the country today," Mayor Scott Fadness said. "We are proud to bring this highly desired amenity to our community."

Indy Arts Cener President Mark Williams said, "This partnership allows us to bring what's working at the Indy Art Center to Fishers and customize it for the community here, and continue to innovate, much like the community around us. We look forward to many collaborations with Fishers-based groups and artists."

### Summer Art Camps

Spots are still available for the Fishers Art Center inaugural camp program. Camps are half-day, so campers who enroll in a morning and an afternoon camp can make it a full-day of art-making, along with outdoor breaks and lunch. Camps include clay, digital art, drawing and painting, cartoons and characters, and more. Instructors are trained teaching artists, and classes are small, with an instructor and assistant in every camp. Students will have

### Opening events

**June 17:** Building open to the public for the *Balderdash: Artworks by Kurt Vonnegut* exhibition (free exhibition)

**June 29:** Building open and activated with programming during Spark!Fishers

**July 12, 5 to 8 p.m.:** Inaugural community reception for *Balderdash: Artworks by Kurt Vonnegut*

fun, make new friends, and enjoy a rewarding art-making experience in the new state-of-the-art studios at the Fishers Art Center. Options are listed at [fishersartcenter.org/classes](http://fishersartcenter.org/classes).

### Make It Take It Art Classes

Make It Take It (MITI) classes are two-hour sessions designed to serve as art class "samplers." From a "Basic Brushstrokes" painting class to clay cups, and from felted flowers to an iPad pet portraits class, there's something from everyone. See more MITI options at [fishersartcenter.org/adult-classes](http://fishersartcenter.org/adult-classes). Regular session-long classes will start in the fall.

### Art Exhibitions

The inaugural exhibition, *Balderdash: Artworks by Kurt Vonnegut*, is a collaboration with the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library and features prints on loan from the museum as well as prints from the Indianapolis Art Center's permanent collection. Various interactive elements will encourage visitors to engage with themes and styles while learning about the history and methodology used by the famed Hoosier writer and artist. The free exhibition runs through Aug. 18, with an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on July 12.

Through the summer, Fishers Art Center hours are the same as the Fishers Municipal Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as during evening and weekend Make It Take It class times.

## Get tickets for Sheridan YAP's Denim & Lace

### The REPORTER

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program's (SYAP) Board of Directors has announced this year's Denim and Lace fundraiser will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21 at West Fork Whiskey Co., 10 E. 191st St., Suite A, Westfield.

Guests will be able to mingle indoors or enjoy the great patio space, enjoy music, bar, silent auction items, raffle prizes, dinner catered by City Barbeque, and hear updates on SYAP.

Read the 2023 annual report online at [tinyurl.com/SYAP2023report](http://tinyurl.com/SYAP2023report).

Reservations are now available, and all proceeds will benefit SYAP for youth and families in the Sheridan community. Get your tickets now for the Sheridan event of the year that so many look forward to attending. Just go to [syapdenim.wedoauctions.com](http://syapdenim.wedoauctions.com). With early registration available to golf sponsors, SYAP has sold almost half the limit, so don't delay in reserving a seat.

## County accepting not-for-profit grant applications

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners and Councilors are now accepting grant applications from Hamilton County not-for-profits for funding in 2025.

The Grant Program is intended to furnish funding to organizations that provide services in furtherance of county goals and without the providing of these services the county may need to consider the development of such programming.

Awards are provided based on application score and funding available. Any funds awarded must be supported by other funding sources or documented in-kind services and may only be distributed to Hamilton County based organizations.

Complete information including eligibility criteria can be found on the application at [hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1682/Non-profit-Grant-Application](http://hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1682/Non-profit-Grant-Application).

Applications are due by noon on Monday, June 17; applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Award recipients will be notified on or after Wednesday, Nov. 13 and funds will be distributed in January.

For additional questions not answered in the application, please contact either County Councilor Sue Maki at [Sue.Maki@HamiltonCounty.in.gov](mailto:Sue.Maki@HamiltonCounty.in.gov) or Director of Administration Lee Buckingham at [Lee.Buckingham@HamiltonCounty.in.gov](mailto:Lee.Buckingham@HamiltonCounty.in.gov).



Maki



Buckingham

# Duke Energy names Jason Myers as new general manager of Noblesville & Henry County generating stations

### The REPORTER

Duke Energy has selected Jason Myers as the new general manager for its Noblesville Generating Station in Hamilton County and its Henry County generating site.

Myers fills the role vacated by Chris Roeder, who recently moved to serve as the general manager of the company's Gibson Generating Station in Owensville, Ind.

Noblesville Generating Station is a 264-megawatt natural gas facility and Henry County is a three-unit facility with a capacity of roughly 80 megawatts.

"Noblesville Generating Station has been producing reliable power for Indiana communities for several decades," said Mark LaBarr, government and community relations manager at Duke Energy. "We look forward to Jason's leadership of the plant as it continues to deliver power to the region."

Myers has been with Duke Energy since 2001. Most recently, he served on the management team at Duke Energy's Gibson Generating Station. During that time, he helped the team achieve significant accomplishments in both



safety and reliability. Before that, he served in multiple leadership roles including operations superintendent at Duke Energy's Cayuga Generating Station.

Myers earned his bachelor's degree in technology management from Indiana State University



Myers



LaBarr

in Terre Haute, Ind. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children.



Photo courtesy Rocks Media House

You can learn what it takes to keep Indiana's fastest-growing school district running smoothly.

## Westfield Washington Schools opens applications for Shamrock Academy

Ambassador program gives community members behind-the-scenes look at education

### The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools has opened the application process for Shamrock Academy, its community ambassador program available to district parents, non-school community members, and anyone interested in getting a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to run a high-performing school district.

Go to [tinyurl.com/8yt-wax89](http://tinyurl.com/8yt-wax89) to see a short video featuring past participants and the value of getting involved in the program.

"This program is important to our school district and community because it increases transparency between the district and the community," Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser said. "It is valuable to the district because, oftentimes, we give this group advanced information to get their feedback on how to improve our messaging and communication to the community."

One Thursday morning per month, participants in the Shamrock Academy will be immersed in Westfield's schools to take part in personalized and engaging dialogue with district leadership and hands-on experiences to help understand and explore the ins and outs of the district.



Kaiser

Some of the topics participants will learn about include:

- How the district spends money
- Curriculum and instruction
- Data and its uses
- School safety
- How we hire
- Sports and clubs
- What our kids eat
- Technology use
- Transportation logistics

To apply, go to [tinyurl.com/ShamrockAcademy-2024apply](http://tinyurl.com/ShamrockAcademy-2024apply).

For more information, go to [tinyurl.com/About-ShamrockAcademy](http://tinyurl.com/About-ShamrockAcademy).

### About Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools is the fastest-growing school district in Indiana. With an "A" rating from the Indiana Department of Education, WWS enrolled nearly 9,800 students in 2023-24 across six elementary schools, one intermediate school, one middle school, and one high school. The district employs roughly 1,600 staff members. Westfield High School is ranked in the top three percent nationally by *U.S. News and World Report* and has a graduation rate of 98.3 percent with 86 percent of its graduates continuing onto higher education.

## Hamilton County Health Department & 911 team up for lifesaving webinar

Experts to demonstrate effective CPR for children & infants

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department, along with Hamilton County Public Safety Communications (911), will hold a free webinar on Children's CPR at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25.

The webinar is designed to equip parents and caregivers with the essential skills needed to perform CPR on children effectively.

"Knowing how to perform CPR on children is vital because their bodies are more delicate, and their needs differ from adults in an emergency," said Jim Ginder, Health Education Specialist at the Hamilton County Health Department. "Immediate and correct

CPR can significantly increase the chances of survival and reduce the risk of long-term damage."

The webinar will cover crucial aspects of children's CPR, including how it differs from adult CPR.

"Children's CPR involves different techniques and amounts of force," Ginder explained. "For infants and children, the compressions are typically performed with one hand or even two fingers, and the depth of compressions is less. It's crucial to be gentle yet effective to avoid causing injury."

Understanding the scenarios where children's CPR might be needed is another vital component of



Photo provided by Hamilton County Health Department. Like last year (above), parents and caregivers will learn safe CPR techniques for children and infants via a free webinar.

the training. "The most common scenarios include situations where a child has drowned, choked, or suffered a severe allergic reaction, or when an infant has sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)," Ginder said. "With children, time is of the essence,

and having the right skills can make a life-saving difference."

To learn more about administering CPR to children, register for this free webinar. Secure your spot today by visiting [tinyurl.com/cpr-for-children](http://tinyurl.com/cpr-for-children).



# Like father, unlike son

# The big hill

The final sawn limb popped from the poplar tree, untangled from the utility line and crashed down. Middle-aged, I applauded from a safe distance, like a giddy child.

My old man turned off the pole saw. He rubbed his right forearm, surprised to find two bloody gashes from a tangle with an earlier felled limb and a toppled ladder. I offered him gauze, but he would have none of that. NOT. A. SURPRISE.

My old man is too tough for first aid. Not me. My right wrist was wrapped in gauze due to a serious outbreak of poison ivy – for no other reason really than it made me queasy to look at uncovered. My old man gave me that you-must-be-adopted tone and said something like, “I can eat poison ivy for breakfast and it won’t bother me,” while he sweated and bled and gazed warily at my gauze – his son a mummy in the making.

Though he had done all the real work and I had stayed well outside the perimeter of “our” tree trimming event, I donned both a bike helmet for my skull and safety glasses – the protective gear necessary in case I had to enter ground zero to deliver him a glass of ice water. Not that he would dare request a glass of water, for that would be like admitting to some kind of weakness.

My old man is of a tougher generation. He’s also a tool man, has been all his life, which accentuates his toughness.

The pole saw: his.  
The chain saw at the base of my poplar tree: his.

I, of a softer generation, am a tool-borrowing man. I have been all my life. Any tool in my hands has likely been his; any tool I own has likely been a present from him.

The stepladder near the tree: a Christmas gift to replace a shorter one gifted to me years earlier. He decided I needed a taller ladder to make it easier for him to climb on my roof for repairs while I watched from below. In the construction trade, my job title would be LADDER HOLDER. Not that he ever asks me to steady his ladder. He prefers a little wobble during the climb. Still, I hold the lad-



SCOTT SAALMAN  
Scaramouch



In some ways (okay, in many ways), Scott and his father are very different people.

der, my feeble attempt at father-son bonding (not that he’s in the market for that either).

My seldom-used table saw was a gift from him. My neighbor, Jeff, has used it more than me. I wouldn’t be surprised if Jeff and I were accidentally exchanged at birth. By default, my home projects become my old man’s. The ceiling fans, his doing; the kitchen light, his doing; the kitchen and dining room floors, his marks.

Tough guy image aside, he continues to help me out, an extremely kind act considering my childhood history of destroying nearly everything he owned.

Playing sock basketball, I knocked a picture from the living-room wall, its corner frame crashing through the side of the TV cabinet. Suddenly, the show airing, *Happy Days*, became *Unhappy Days*. The TV still worked but was never patched, its left-sided wound forever in full view. I spent the rest of my adolescence watching TV in a guilt-ridden state. Not once did he question why I had been playing basketball with a rolled-up sock inside the house instead of shooting real hoops using the wooden basketball goal he built and planted single-handedly in our backyard as a First Communion gift.

With the point of a drawing compass, I etched the entire English alphabet into my parents’ wooden framed couch. I would like to tell you that I was only two years old when I did this, a testimonial perhaps to my budding genius – sadly, I think I was 13 (a slow learner).

Forgetting to check the oil level, I blew up the engine of his Massey Ferguson riding mower; with his borrowed truck, I accidentally backed over his borrowed fishing gear, the rods snapping like twigs. I could go on. He could go on longer.

After freeing the aforementioned tree limbs from the utility line, I helped him load his tools into the truck bed. I noticed a smear of his blood on the pole saw’s plastic engine case. Though from a fresh wound, the stain seemed as permanent there as factory paint.

He drove away, probably en route to help my younger brother with something.

He’s my old man; my dad; my father. I can’t begin to repay him for all that he’s done for me.

And though he likely won’t hear it, nor expect it, I continue to applaud like a giddy child.

Email Scott at [scottsaaalman@gmail.com](mailto:scottsaaalman@gmail.com).

A few years ago, my husband, my youngest son, and I went on a weekend getaway for his fall break. I told them I wanted to try a short trail to try and push my body a bit to see where I was at. I was armed with my hiking sticks, and I was ready for a short loop in the woods.

About 3.5 miles later we finally exited the woods. Needless to say, we got a bit more than we bargained for. Took a wrong turn, perhaps? It was a difficult hike to say the least, complete with stairs and all (stairs are my nemesis). I was completely and totally wiped out, and at the same time I was completely energized and planning the next year’s fall challenge!

Since then, we have found “the big hill” – as I named it. Clever, right?! The first time I did it, I used my hiking sticks. It’s a STEEP hill. The kind of steep that is scary if you ask me. The next time I did it, I ditched the sticks. Yikes. Talk about facing my fears. My husband documents these big hill challenges for me, so that I can always look back on them. Living with a progressive muscle disease, these climbs are a big deal on the hill!

It really starts days before the actual climb. I get a thought that I want to give it another go, and until I do it, I can’t get it out of my head. This most recent time, I wanted to do my last big hill climb before I turned 50.

I am so grateful for the abilities I have. I’m grateful for the inner drive that I have to keep going. I wonder what I will do if that ever goes away and I can no longer find it. That scares me. I think about it a lot.

I don’t want it to go away.

I trust it will always be with me, in me, like it always has been. I hope I can always tap into that spirit of pushing past my limits at times. I hope I always get that rush of absolute joy and humble pride when I achieve something like the big hill climb. As a woman of faith, I’m confident I’m not getting there on my own physical strength. It wouldn’t make sense. Some days it’s all I can do to walk around my home.

I hope that you too have a “big hill” type of challenge in your life. Something you do from time to time to remind yourself that you are stronger than you think. To remind yourself that your mind is a powerful tool that can take you places you wouldn’t normally be able to go.

I think of that often when I watch my boys run or think of my husband pushing my duo bike up mile long hills in the middle of a marathon. Their minds have to be strong to do those kinds of things. Things that defy any good explanation. In my opinion, runners are truly some of the best and most mentally strong athletes on the planet. I’ve had a lot of time to observe runners from my duo bike. It’s admirable. It’s fascinating to me.

Humble courage means getting comfortable with where you are and accepting not

See *Big Hill* . . . Page A10



AMY SHINNEMAN  
Disability in the City

# Oh, what a WONDERful world

If you’re a history buff, like me, you have probably seen documentaries about the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. You can easily check YouTube, the History Channel, or a million other outlets to familiarize yourself with these marvelous structures that have been mostly lost to time.

Now there are the New Seven Wonders of the World, New Seven Wonders of Nature, New Seven Wonders Cities, Seven Wonders of the Underwater World, and even Seven Wonders of the Solar System.

No, I didn’t make any of these up.

It seems like everyone has their own “Seven Wonders” lists. I can sometimes be an “I want what’s mine” kinda guy, so I have my own list. The difference between the official lists and my list is that mine are completely random. I have thousands of wonders in my brain, but since seven is the socially accepted wonder number for some reason, I followed suit.

So, here we go! Seven Wonders of My Forty-something World . . .

### Girl Clothes

I don’t mind doing laundry, but I always dread folding. It’s not the time it takes or the effort I have to put in. My anxiety is caused by having to fold my wife’s and daughter’s clothes. You see, as a man, I am used to clear cut, easy folding rules. Each item should take three seconds or less. Pick it up, fold, fold, done. Next shirt. Grab two socks (they don’t need to match), make them look like a



TIM RATHZ  
Forty-something in Fishers

tube. Next.

But when you meet that special woman, everything changes. If you’ve ever wondered why grade-school girls fold pieces of paper a million times to make those little origami fortune tellers (see local listings for whatever they were called in your neck of the woods), it was because they were practicing for their clothes when they got a little older. I had never seen so many straps, ribbons, and extra doohickies in my life. It’s like trying to fold a shirt for an octopus.

The zippers and buttons are on the opposite side . . . why?!?! What do I wash in hot water? What do I wash in cold? Did I remember to wash that one on extra super-duper gentle mode? What goes in the dryer and what gets hung up? And isn’t there something I’m supposed to do after Labor Day? Ugh!

For these reasons, girl clothes will forever top my wonders list.

### Pringles Cans

I wish I could have been there when the idea for stackable chips placed in a tube lit up the board room at Procter & Gamble. I can hear the harps and angelic choir now. Finally, chips that won’t be obliterated when a three-year-old is in the room (I know from experience).

These portable morsels are a staple in the Rathz house, even though it did take me some time to forgive them for discontinuing the jalapeno flavor. If only other companies would learn from what tennis ball companies and Pringles have been teaching

us for years. I might just start carrying my wallet, keys and phone in a tube, just as a tribute.

Except, maybe add a spring-loaded chip lift, so my hands don’t get stuck anymore.

### Raw Oysters

There was some brilliant marketing thousands of years ago, when man began eating oysters on the half shell in prehistoric martini bars. The bar manager, Og-Og, needed something to serve during happy hour to bring in more customers. His supplier brought in a bunch of oysters sitting on ice in a rock bowl. Og-Og asked how he was ever supposed to sell little balls of snot to his customers. The supplier said, “It’s simple. Just add hot sauce.”

I took a few liberties with this story for cinematic value, but I’m pretty sure this is close to what happened.

### Grain Silos

I’m not a farmer, but I’m pretty sure grain silos were created by aliens. I think I understand the purpose of the large rocket-ship-looking containers. But what are all the pipes and chutes hanging around the top? All I need to know is that it’s important. Beyond that, I’m not meant to understand, and I never will be. Thank you to all farmers for understanding Martian technology.

### College Electives

This is a true wonder. How in the world do colleges get away with charging students \$20,000 for a once-a-week bowling class? And why are electives necessary or required, ever? It’s a mystery best left to the debt gods.

### Sunflower Seed Butter

So, this one probably seems weird. But if you happen to be a

parent of an anaphylactic child allergic to peanuts, you definitely understand. My wife and I are two of those parents who have been on the hunt for an alternative to peanut butter for a couple years now. We tried all the usual suspects, cashew butter and almond butter. These are great if you’re a fan of dry, dusty goo, but it wasn’t working for us. We finally ran across sunflower seed butter one day and decided to give it a try. It’s not cheap, but you do what you gotta do for your kid. After that day, the sun came out and all was right with the world. Go try it. It’s amazing!

### Meat Thermometers

A staple for all at-home Emeril wannabees, like me. I remember back in the day when the most common way to see if meat was done was to cut right down the middle with a sharp knife and check the color. This always ensured every last ounce of glorious meat juice ran down into the grill, starting a fire and leaving your steak the consistency of a hockey puck.

Thanks to the revolutionary days of Food Network and the internet, people finally found out that food is supposed to have flavor. Who knew? Thanks to this wonder, we all walk around with smiles on our faces now, right?

The moral of the story is . . . girl clothes are weird, Pringles cans are genius, raw oysters are gross, grain silos are alien technology, college electives are dumb, sunflower seed butter is amazing, and meat thermometers are a must.

What’s on your list?  
Tim Rathz can be reached at [40somethinginfishers@gmail.com](mailto:40somethinginfishers@gmail.com). Follow on Facebook or Instagram.

# Just an old door

*Mother told me this story.*

On a cold December day in 1899 the young man shoved the old door open. Then lifting his bride as though she were light as a feather, he carried her into their first home. Like the door, the house was old. It was small, made of logs and certainly a humble dwelling. So why should it be of interest to you?

The door is part of your history because the young couple, who set up housekeeping that December day, became your grandparents many years later.

I don’t suppose I could even point out the exact site of the house. It was between Veedersburg and Covington, Indiana near Layton Station. I doubt that there is any marker for Layton Station now. They didn’t live there long but moved to Sterling. After living in two or three houses, they purchased one in the Northeast corner of Sterling. It was also small, with only three rooms.

Dad soon built a summer kitchen and a few years later added another room which connected the summer kitchen and the original three rooms. The door from their first home had been brought with them. Now it is hung at the doorway from summer kitchen to the new room.

Some of my brothers were tall. When they walked through that doorway, they had to duck their heads.

I developed a fondness for the old door and at some point told Dad I’d like to have it when he no longer needed it. There wasn’t much value in the door; only the memories it held were worth saving. After Dad died, someone removed the hinges and stored the door in the Andrews garage. Then the house was sold. Whenever I mentioned bringing my door home, I was told I’d have to wait until they had time to clean out the garage so they could find it.

Years passed. The garage never disgorged the door, but my memories of it remain. And that’s enough.

# Landowners invited to provide input on Farm Bill

## The REPORTER

The HAMILTON County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will organize and conduct a Local Working Group meeting to determine the ranking for the 2024 Farm Bill Programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

A discussion will be held

after the regularly scheduled board meeting at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, June 20 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Room, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

Anyone who has interest in land located in Hamilton County is welcome to attend. If you wish to join virtually, please email [soil.water@hamilton-county.in.gov](mailto:soil.water@hamilton-county.in.gov)

for a link to participate via Microsoft Teams.

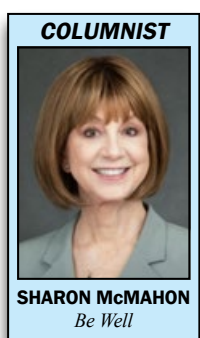
If you wish to have input on program ranking, have questions regarding this matter, or cannot attend, please email Angie Garrison at [angela.garrison@usda.gov](mailto:angela.garrison@usda.gov) or call the office at (317) 773-2181 for a ranking sheet. All input is due by Wednesday, June 19.



# Offering my thoughts on some of Noblesville's father figures

*"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments but what is woven into the lives of others."* – Pericles

Again this month a diversion from my usual health-related



SHARON McMAHON  
*Be Well*

with his beloved wife Rachel and to raise their three children. Although Irv was an East Coast fellow, he jumped into the Midwest with both feet! Irv started his own business and became very active in community

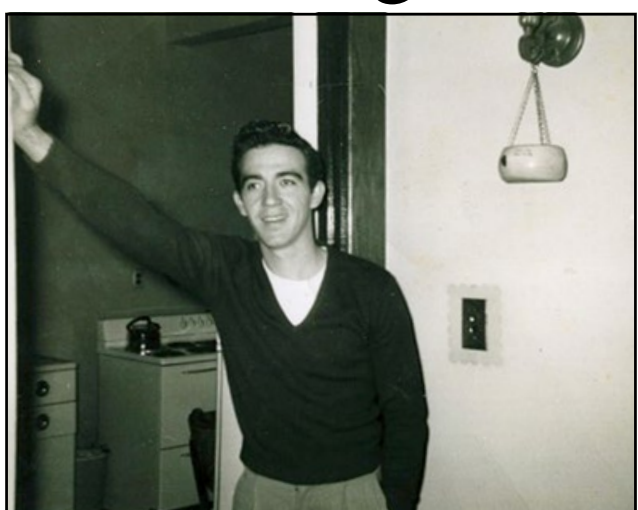


Photo provided by Sharon McMahon  
Sharon's father, who passed away at age 42.

events, making a huge difference in the lives of children through his work with the Boy Scouts and the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club. If I name all the organizations this column would be far too long! Irv's legacy as a soldier who was awarded a purple heart, bronze star and other decorations again could fill many pages.

Father's Day means many of us either spend time with our father or father-figure or perhaps reminisce about time we did spend with that person. For you he may be a grandfather, uncle, or close family friend as well. One thing they all have in common – they are guys!

However, this column will not be about my own dad, specifically. Trust me, I could write volumes about him; he was my "Ward Cleaver" type of dad and a most loving, generous, funny, hardworking man who passed away long ago at the age of 42, and I miss him very much. Additionally, my father-in-law was a man who I feel blessed and honored to have known. SO – I started thinking recently, while attending a memorial service, about other Noblesville men who have left in recent years and the mark they made and legacy they left behind. Their families will have their own special memories, but I thought I would touch on some of the ways these men left a special memory or legacy for many. You may or may not be surprised by my comments.

**Don Roberts** was known for his gentle nature and love of life. Don was an aviation teacher at Noblesville High School for several years and never knew a stranger. He was our beloved "Santa on the Square" for many years and had a big heart for anyone in need. Don operated his own construction business, and it is said that many times he helped out friends and strangers alike who needed a helping hand. Don was a Navy veteran and most of us saw him driving his pickup truck through Noblesville with his American flag attached to the truck bed. Don and his best friend Larry owned and operated Noblesville Airport. Don indeed will be missed.

**Dick Dellinger** was a Noblesville transplant who made his mark at Noblesville High School teaching government from 1959 to 1997. His dry wit and the ability to stimulate and engage his students are legendary. "Mr. D" was also a City Council member and served in the Indiana House from 1972

to 1992. Those of us who were fortunate to be one of his students will continue to remember him fondly.

The last mention may surprise some, and I can say I did not personally know this gentleman as I did the other two. His name was **Billy Taylor**. I grew up in Noblesville hearing Billy's name and catching a sighting once in a while. Unfortunately, Billy's name usually came up in order to poke fun at him or disparage him. You see, Billy was developmentally disabled, though in years past other words were sometimes used. As far as I know, he was usually smiling and ready to run an errand or follow any directions given to him. As the Chamber president, I was aware that business owners around town would rely on him to take their deposits to the bank because Billy was not deceptive but trusting and faithful. I believe that many watched out for him as well. There were no special classes, social services, or outreach to benefit Billy, but he was a survivor through many trials who I am sure endured much through his youth and

young adulthood. Why did I include Billy here, among these inspired and inspiring gentlemen? It just felt right.

These unique men all left their mark here in Noblesville. Irv lived to a great old age of 98, Don left too soon at 79, Mr. D at 87, with Billy passing at 71. Four different men with very different backgrounds and experiences, but all part of Noblesville's legacy and whom I hope will be remembered for a long time. Special people who remain in our hearts and minds continue their legacies and will never be forgotten.

In the meantime, Happy Father's Day and thank you for being there to care for, inspire, and lead the next generation of young men and women.

Back to nutrition and fitness next month! Lots of opportunities for veggies on the grill – yum!

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

## Ruth Anne Nunamaker November 2, 1938 – June 5, 2024

Ruth Anne Nunamaker, 85, Noblesville, passed away as the result of a traffic accident on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on November 2, 1938, to Carl and Dora (Blinn) Hinshaw in Star City, Ind.

Ruth Anne was the publisher at the *Noblesville Daily Ledger* and at *Topics Suburban Newspapers*, as well as being Director of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce for many years. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville.

Ruth Anne is survived by her daughter, Jill Nunamaker (Brent Pettijohn); and her son, Scott (Jill) Nunamaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Thomas Richard Nunamaker; and her sister, Elizabeth Jane Hinshaw.

Ruth Anne will be laid to rest next to her husband at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

## Neil Richard "Rick" McCullough July 20, 1953 – May 26, 2024

Neil Richard "Rick" McCullough, 70, Sheridan, passed away unexpectedly at Putnam County Hospital in Greencastle, Ind., on Sunday evening, May 26, 2024. Born July 20, 1953, in Noblesville, he was the son of Neil Meredith and Marcia J. (Evans) McCullough.

He was a 1971 graduate of Sheridan High School.

Rick had unique gifts. He had the mind of an engineer. He knew how things worked (especially the really big things) and how they came apart (and equally as important, how they went back together), and he had the hands of a master mechanic. The first 20 years of his career were spent working on construction equipment with the former Indiana Rental Company. He later hired on with Reynolds Farm Equipment in Fishers, retiring from the company after 26 years of dedicated service.

When it came to working with his hands, Rick was as skilled at woodworking as he was at fixing an excavator or a bulldozer. He loved making furniture and special gifts for family and friends. His greatest special gift (and the one he was the proudest of) was the home he built for his family. His blood, sweat, and tears went into its construction, and his heart and soul helped fill it with love.

Although he was very proud of his gardening achievements, most of his free time was devoted to fishing. Thinking about it, talking about it, and eventually going and doing it (which usually leads to more talking about it). However, what meant the most to Rick was his family, his friends, and of course, his fishing buddies.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen M. "Kathy" (McDonald) McCullough. She and Rick were married on June 15, 1990. Also surviving are his mother, Marcia J. (Evans) McCullough; two sons, Patrick Greenough (Rebekah) of Sheridan and Bradley Greenough of Sheridan; two daughters, Marie Nicole Lane (Derek) of Camden, Ind., and Sarah Jane McCullough of Sheridan; grandchildren, Grace, Madison, Ivan, Neil, and Eleanor; brother, Michael Myron McCullough (Ludi) of Sheridan; two sisters, Karen Sue Thomas (Dan) of Hawaii and Katharine Jane Godbey (Ron) of Tennessee; many nieces and nephews; and by his mother-in-law, Leslie McDonald of Sheridan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Neil Meredith McCullough; father-in-law, Henry McDonald; and by his canine partner in crime, Duke.

Rick's impact was felt by everyone who knew him, and his passing will leave an unfillable gap in the hearts of his friends, family, and loved ones.

A celebration of Rick's life took place Saturday, June 15, 2024 (which would have been Rick and Kathy's 34th anniversary), at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

## Maridee Sue (Smock) Cutter August 9, 1938 – June 12, 2024

Maridee Sue (Smock) Cutter, 85, passed away on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at her home in Noblesville, surrounded by her family. She was born in Versailles, Ind., on August 9, 1938, to Lovell and Irene Smock.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Rollin; daughter, Marcia Cutter (Westfield); son, Rob Cutter and his wife, Julie (Fishers); and grandsons, Christopher (Tampa, Fla.) and Andrew (Fishers). She is also survived by her sister, Marilyn Tucker (Danville, Ill.).

Maridee's family moved to Milan, Ind., in her early youth. She and her sister enjoyed training and showing western saddle horses, earning many awards including a blue ribbon at the Indiana State Fair, showing her favorite buckskin mare, Lady.

Maridee graduated from Milan High School in 1956. She then attended Ball State University and earned a degree in business education with a minor in home economics. Maridee was a Golden Rose member of Delta Zeta sorority. After graduation, she married her high school sweetheart, Rollin, and they moved to Syracuse, Ind., where she began what would become a 30-year teaching career. After moves to Brownsburg and Indianapolis during which time Maridee also earned a master's degree in business education from Indiana University, she then continued her teaching career at North Central High School and the J. Everett Light Career Center, where she worked until her retirement in 1995. Maridee was very proud of her many students who earned national awards in DECA competitions.

Maridee had a heart for service. She and her husband spent 14 years delivering Meals on Wheels to local Noblesville residents. She was a talented seamstress and enjoyed knitting, crocheting and quilting, as well as basket making. Many family and friends are the recipients of her hand-knit blankets, quilts and willow baskets. She helped sew over 600 masks during the COVID-19 pandemic. She especially enjoyed making prayer quilts for her church, Noblesville First United Methodist, and baby blankets for Riverview Hospital.

In retirement, Maridee and Rollin enjoyed traveling across the United States and Europe, along with cruises to the Baltic and Mediterranean seas as well as Hawaii and Alaska. The family has especially fond memories of a Caribbean cruise to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. As a coach's wife, as a mother and a grandmother, Maridee attended countless swim meets, basketball, football and lacrosse games.

Visitation will be at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, on Tuesday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a service to follow at 1 p.m. A private burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Riverview Health Foundation, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 ([riverview.org/foundation](http://riverview.org/foundation)) or Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 ([mealsonwheelshc.org](http://mealsonwheelshc.org)).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

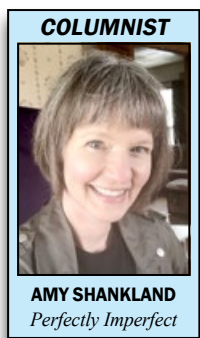
# Spreading joy to your customers

*"Customer satisfaction is worthless. Customer loyalty is priceless."* – Jeffrey Gitomer, author & speaker

Hopefully by now you're on the path to being a more joyful person/employee and you're gaining confidence about how you can spread that joy to those around you at work.

Maybe you've already tried a few steps and are seeing some good results – things are more fun around the office in general and productivity is rising here and there. And, finally, perhaps you're taking some deep breaths and stepping back before exploding in front of that challenging coworker. If any of this applies to you, bravo!

Now it's time to focus on bringing joy to our customers. Whether you realize it or not, we all have customers – no matter what job we have. For example, for government workers, it's



AMY SHANKLAND  
*Perfectly Imperfect*

citizens. Teachers have students. Factory workers have the people who use or consume the products they help bring to fruition. You get the point.

You may be rolling your eyes at this point and thinking, "I already work hard each day to serve my clients/customers. I provide this product/service to them every day. It's good and meets their needs. Why do more?"

First, now that you're becoming a more joyful person and spreading that joy around your workplace, you're already off to a great start to making your customers truly happy. According to a May 2017 article in *forbes.com*, happy employees make happy customers. What happens on the inside of an organization is often felt on the outside by its customers. So, yay, you!

Second, Murray Goldstein of *Cox Business* wrote in *ForbesVoice* in October of

2015 that without satisfied customers, you're simply out of business. Happy customers are loyal customers. He wrote that if you go above and beyond for them, you'll see real results with increased revenue. Retaining current customers is efficient and more profitable than seeking new ones. Loyal customers are also easier to sell to.

Goldstein continues by saying happy customers are more likely to recommend your company or product to others. With the Internet and social media driving so much business these days, this is crucial. Most business owners will tell you that word-of-mouth is the absolute best form of advertising since it doesn't require any time, effort, or money.

Finally, Goldstein talks about how happy customers can give you valuable feedback about your product or services. They can also tell you what you're doing right for customers and how you can do even better.

Entrepreneur.com sums up in March of 2013 why it's so important to bring joy to

your customers in one sentence: Customer loyalty is hard to win and easy to lose. That sentence says so much I practically want to plaster it on my forehead.

Folks, to be competitive, keep improving, and well, make more money (which is most always our goal) we absolutely cannot ignore bringing joy to our customers. We must not just deliver what they expect but surprise them with the unexpected – in good ways.

If we consistently make our customers happy, we'll feel the rewards for years to come. And just like what we talked about with spreading joy your coworkers, most ways to bring this joy are not hard. In fact, they can often be fun for all parties!

Next week we'll dive into the simple things we can do starting ASAP to make our customers joyful.

*Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a cat. You can reach her via email at [amys@greenavenue.info](mailto:amys@greenavenue.info).*

# Westfield City Council to consider "DORA"

## The REPORTER

The Westfield City Council is considering an ordinance that would establish a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in the downtown corridor.

A DORA is an area where patrons 21 and older can purchase alcoholic beverages in a marked container from participating establishments and carry them within the district. Thirteen Indiana cities have been approved by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) to establish DORAs.

"DORAs enhance op-

portunities for walkable downtowns and community engagement in outdoor settings and we are excited to be pursuing approval for one in our downtown area that is prime for development," Mayor Scott Willis said. "We know this will be a positive economic driver for our downtown restaurants."

As part of the ordinance presented, there are several regulations that will be put in place, which includes:

- The Downtown Westfield DORA is in effect Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, Monday through Thursday from noon to 10 p.m. and Friday

through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

- Only specific plastic cups with the DORA logo are permitted to be used for DORA beverages.

- A maximum of two beverages can be served at a time.

- DORA beverages are allowed only within the DORA boundaries.

- Exit signage is placed at the boundaries of the DORA, and DORA beverages are not permitted outside of these exit points.

- DORA containers must be disposed of before entering another bar or restaurant including those

that are Designated Permits and those businesses displaying a "DORA beverages are not permitted" decal in the window.

Nine businesses within the DORA boundary have applied to participate. Businesses can be added to the DORA designation list by resolution of the Council, which will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

The ordinance will be eligible for adoption at the Monday, June 24 City Council meeting, which will start at 7 p.m.

More information can be found at [westfield.in.gov/DORA](http://westfield.in.gov/DORA).

## BIG HILL from Page A9

knowing exactly where you are going. None of us do. That can be a scary thought, especially when it involves a disease that greedily takes what we value most: our independence.

It takes humble courage to keep moving forward, but we must. We must keep on keeping on, proving to ourselves we can do really hard things. Until next time ...

*Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at [humblycourageous.com](http://humblycourageous.com) and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.*

# Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes

**Our family has been serving Hamilton County since 1953**

1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville • 1150 Logan Street, Noblesville • 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers

**(317) 773-2584**

*The professional service you want - with the personal service you need*

**Jon H Cox**

**March 25, 1942 – June 6, 2024**

Jon H Cox, Yogi to his friends, 82, Arcadia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 6, 2024, with his family by his side.



Jon was born in Noblesville on March 25, 1942, to the late Cedric "Tommy" and Martha (Morgan) Cox.

On October 31, 1964, he married Lesley Warner, and they shared almost 60 years of marriage.



Jon is survived by his wife, Lesley Cox of Arcadia; son, Jon A. (Melissa) Cox; daughter, Jamie (Tim) Cox Mitchell; grandchildren, Jacob (Morgan) Mitchell, Caleb Mitchell, and Kayanna Cox; and great-grandson, Forrest Mitchell.

Jon graduated from Walnut Grove High School in 1960. He served four years in the Air Force in Plattsburgh, N.Y. He retired from Guide Lamp in Anderson, Ind., where he was very active in UAW Local Union 663, most recently serving as Chairman of Retirees. He was also an active member of American Legion Post 212 in Lapel where he served as Sergeant at Arms.

A casual Celebration of Life took place on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A military service followed.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Legion Post 212, 1600 Main St., Lapel, IN 46051, in memory of Jon "Yogi" Cox would be welcome.

Jon's family has entrusted his cremation to Hartley Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be given at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

**Doris Jean (Curry) Parish**

**November 22, 1942 – June 1, 2024**

Doris Jean (Curry) Parish, 81, Sheridan, passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2024, in Indianapolis.



She was born on November 22, 1942, to the late Chester and Esther (Bloebaum) Curry in Sullivan, Ind. Doris graduated from Dugger High School, Class of 1960. Doris knew the value of an education and in 1970 she decided to attend Indiana Business College in Vincennes. After completing business college, she worked at St. Mary's Hospital, and after several years of working with the patients and their families, she decided to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Doris loved to garden, and she took a lot of pride growing various flowers and vegetables, especially concentrating on her roses. Her family and friends would come over just to see her garden of flowers. The last few years, Doris lived at Spicewood Garden Apartments where she had had a beautiful flower garden. They asked Doris if they could use her flower garden on the front of their brochure.

When she wasn't tending to her garden, Doris looked forward to her shopping trips and taking care of her cats.

Doris will be greatly missed by her family: daughter, Angie (Jason) Walters; grandson, Daniel Ryan Walters, and two great-grandchildren, Emma and Nicole. She also leaves behind three siblings, Betty (Ed) Doll, Wayne "Butch" Curry, and Ed Curry; along with her four cats, Blackie, Tommy, Zany, and Sandy.

Doris is preceded in death by her brother, Chester, and her sisters, Mary, Emma, and Carol.

The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence or share a memory at [fisherfunerals.com](http://fisherfunerals.com).

Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Parish and Walters family.

**Randy S. Guirguis**

**May 4, 1996 – June 12, 2024**

Randy S. Guirguis, 28, Noblesville, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Community North Hospital.



Born May 4, 1996, in Luxor, Egypt, he was the son of Samir Milad Guirguis and Mona Saad Guirguis. He married Brittney (Haviland) Guirguis on November 16, 2019, and she survives.

Other survivors include his parents of Carmel; his spouse of Noblesville; a son, Damian Guirguis of Noblesville, a baby daughter coming within the next month; and a sister, Sandra Lowe (Raymond) of Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; uncles, Nabil Milad and Ezzat Labib; and aunt, Seham Waness.

Mr. Guirguis had lived in this area for 27 years, after moving from Egypt. He was a project manager for Mosaic Consulting Group, LLC for one year. He graduated from Carmel High School in 2014, graduated from Butler University in 2019 with a bachelor's degree, and was a member of Calvary Apostolic Church in Noblesville.

Randy was a loving husband, father, son, and brother. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his wife Brittney and son Damien. He was a helper – he loved helping his church and was CAC's project manager.

Randy enjoyed getting together with new people and old friends by hosting them to his house for game nights.

He loved being with his family for the holidays and enjoyed spending time with his extended family overseas in Egypt. During his free time Randy loved playing basketball with his friends. He recently received the honor of being awarded his Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu blue belt, which he was very proud of. He was a loyal servant to all that he encountered. He was a true definition of a Christian.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Calvary Apostolic Church, 16400 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Bryan Tanton officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call on Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

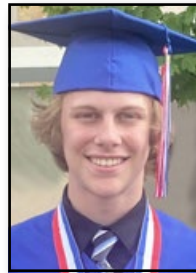
Memorial contributions for Brittney and their children can be made at [gofund.me/36606ede](http://gofund.me/36606ede).

Online condolences may be shared at [glenngeorgeandson.com](http://glenngeorgeandson.com).

**Trevor Bard**

**October 19, 2004 – June 9, 2024**

Trevor Bard, 19, Fishers, passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2024. He was born on October 19, 2004, to Joshua and Regina (Damiani) Bard in North Ridgeville, Ohio.



Trevor was a student at Ball State University majoring in Business Administration, achieving the Dean's List this past spring. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Trevor loved snow skiing, waterskiing, snowboarding, wakeboarding, fishing, and skateboarding. He played football, travel baseball, and earned a Black Belt in Taekwondo. Trevor always made sure everyone else was taken care of and comfortable without thinking of himself. He had a heart for service and was beloved by the residents and staff of Lake Meadows Assisted Living where he worked. He always protected his brother Connor and took care of his younger cousins. Trevor was charismatic, loving, and warm-hearted. He had an electrifying smile that would light up an entire room. To know him was to love him.

He is survived by his parents, Joshua & Regina Bard; brother, Connor Bard; grandmother Patrica (Glenn) Hanna; uncles, Ben (Karla) Bard, Luke (Melissa) Hanna, and Ryan (Heather) Bard; aunt, Caitlin (Domenic) Branduzzi; and his cousins, Brody & Lyla Bard; Philomena, Luke Jr., Xavier, Evangeline, Rowan & Bol Hanna; Bryce & Beckham Bard; Isabella & Massimo Branduzzi, and Cassidy and Isabella Damiani.

Trevor was preceded in death by his grandparents, Carmen & Carol Damiani, and Ralph Bard.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Private funeral services will be held after visitation hours.

Memorial contributions may be made at [gofund.me/f2b41f60](http://gofund.me/f2b41f60).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Joe Lee Walden**

**May 21, 1970 – June 3, 2024**

Joe Lee Walden, 54, Sheridan, passed away, surrounded by his family, best friend, and those he loved most in this world, on Monday evening, June 3, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Born May 21, 1970, in Lebanon, Ind., he was the son of the late Joe Edward and Shirley Gay (Sims) Walden.



He was a proud graduate of Sheridan High School, Class of 1991.

Joe was never one to let the grass grow under his feet. He spent 16 years working for Speedway gas station as their resident jack-of-all-trades, doing anything and everything that needed to be done to keep the store running smoothly and efficiently. From 2007 to 2022, he worked as a paper carrier with the *Indianapolis Star*, during which time he ensured each of his customers received excellent service. As his health declined, Joe switched over to the assembly side of the business, and from 2020 until 2023 helped his son assemble the daily deliveries for other carriers. The time spent together, working closely with his son, was a wonderful bonding experience for both of them.

Joe enjoyed doing yard work and gardening, as well as going fishing whenever he could get the chance. He also loved watching the Colts, unless they played on Monday night; Mondays were reserved for watching wrestling. Joe was also a collector; his collections of piggy banks and Camel memorabilia were coming along nicely. He loved to watch movies, or the idea of watching movies – he rarely made it through one without falling asleep, in spite of his Mountain Dew consumption. He enjoyed puzzles and woodworking, and tinkering around with things – taking them apart, cleaning them, putting them back together – to him there was just something oddly satisfying about it.

No matter what Joe had going on in his life, there was never anything more important than his family.

Joe is survived by his girlfriend, Sonya Gibbs-Willem of Sheridan; his son, Joe Lee "Jo-Jo" Walden II of Noblesville; daughter, Gertrude W. Finney (Sean) of Alexandria, Ind.; two grandchildren, Aydan Finney and Andru Finney; sister, Gaynell Walsh-Franssica of Sylva, N.C.; and by his "little buddy," Tristan Gibbs-Willem. Uncle Joe will always live in your heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Edward and Shirley Gay (Sims) Walden; and two brothers-in law, David Walsh and Pete Franssica.

Visitation and services were held on Friday, June 14, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan.

Joe always preferred dressing as comfortably as possible. Attendees were asked to help honor his memory by dressing in the same fashion for his services: casual and comfortable, just like he would have wanted.

Burial followed at Eagle Creek Cemetery. Pastor Steve Carlock officiated.

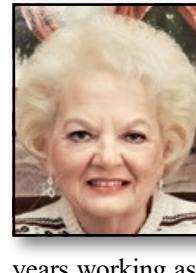
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the National Kidney Foundation.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

**Sherry L. Swanson**

**January 2, 1949 – June 10, 2024**

Sherry L. Swanson, 75, Fishers, passed away on Monday, June 10, 2024, at Carmel Health & Living. She was born on January 2, 1949, to Vernon and Marion (Deusser) Strawn in Indianapolis.



Sherry was a graduate of Arlington High School in Indianapolis. For 17 years she worked as a military pay specialist at Ft. Benjamin Harrison. Sherry lived in Venice, Fla., for four years working as a caregiver. She belonged to the Noblesville Moose Lodge and loved music and dancing. Sherry was a great cook who also enjoyed gardening and growing flowers. Most of all, Sherry was a loving wife and mother.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Ronald Swanson; daughter, Mindy Swanson; and her beloved dog, Toby.

In addition to her parents, Sherry was preceded in death by her son, Brian Swanson.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with cremation services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, 1250 Conner St., Noblesville, IN 46060 ([shepherdscenterofhamiltoncounty.org](http://shepherdscenterofhamiltoncounty.org)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Susan Carol "Susie" Barnes-Bryan**

**January 6, 1949 – June 4, 2024**

Susan Carol "Susie" Barnes-Bryan, 75, Tipton (formerly of Sheridan), passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday morning, June 4, 2024, at The Waters of Tipton. Born January 6, 1949, in Lebanon, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Charles Edward "Chink" Wagner and Billie Jean (Penrose) Wagner.

She was a 1967 graduate of Sheridan High School. Later in life, she returned to school and earned her BS in Accounting at Indiana Wesleyan University. Finishing her degree meant the world to her.

Susie was the very definition of an entrepreneurial spirit. Her creative expertise, organizational skills, and amazing personality served her well throughout the years. For most people, creating a business and watching it grow and become sustainable is an uphill battle. Susie thrived on the challenge. Establishing and operating businesses around the Sheridan area was what she did best. Some knew her as Susie the Realtor, while others may have visited her antique shop. Susie also spent 20 years as the proprietor of Village Pizza, which started in Whitestown, before expanding to Sheridan and Westfield. She was also a self-employed accountant for several businesses in Sheridan and the surrounding communities. If all of this wasn't enough, Susie was also instrumental in the formation of Sheridan's Harvest Moon Festival.

It wasn't all work for Susie; there were many sides to her amazing life. She enjoyed traveling and creative writing, especially poetry. Her annual Christmas letter was usually written as a poem.

Susie was a woman of strong faith. Her servant's heart and mindful spirit gave her strength as both a prayer warrior and caregiver. Susie was always lending a hand to those in need, doing whatever was needed, whenever it was needed, without giving it a second thought. She was a member of Rock Prairie Church in Tipton, where she loved organizing and attending prayer meetings.

Of all her accomplishments and endeavors, there was nothing she was prouder of than her family. They were her everything.

Susie is survived by her husband, Charles W. "Chuck" Bryan of Tipton. Chuck and Susie were married on July 25, 2021. Also surviving are two sons, Douglas L. Barnes (Stefani) of Oroville, Calif., and Matthew E. Barnes (Misti) of Gosport, Ind.; three grandchildren, Austin J. Barnes (Briana), Maxwell D. Barnes, and Audrey A. Barnes; great-grandchild, Katriel Barnes; and her sister, Jenny Monroe (Buddy) of Lebanon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Edward "Chink" Wagner and Billie Jean (Penrose) Wagner; brother, Charles E. "Chink" Wagner II; sister, Judy Peters; stepchildren, Angela Wills and Michael Bryan; and by her first husband, Charles Douglas "Chuck" Barnes on January 17, 2001. She and Chuck were married on October 9, 1965.

Services were on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Rock Prairie Church, 421 N. Ash St. (State Road 19), Tipton. Burial followed at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Mike Nafziger officiated. Visitation took place on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Rock Prairie Church.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

**The Reporter's policy on obituaries**

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to [obits@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:obits@ReadTheReporter.com).

<p><b>PENDING!</b></p> <p><b>839 PEBBLE BROOK PLACE</b> NOBLESVILLE This charming home on Pebble Brook Golf Course sits on just over half an acre at the end of a cul de sac. 4BR, 2full BA, 2 half BA, 3 car garage, finished basement. Listed at \$629,900</p>	<p><b>SOLD!</b></p> <p><b>109 LAKE TERRACE CT</b> NOBLESVILLE 4 BR, 2.5 BA charming home situated in a delightful setting on a cul de sac in Country Lake Estates! Listed at \$400,000</p>	<p><b>NEW LISTING/ PENDING!</b></p> <p><b>17752 CROWN POINTE CT</b> NOBLESVILLE Easy living! 2BR, 2BA low maintenance home, updated kitchen, office, two sided fireplace and sunroom. Listed at \$300,000</p>
<p><b>IMPROVED PRICE!</b></p> <p><b>18877 PRAIRIE CROSSING DRIVE</b> NOBLESVILLE Over 2,700 square feet of living space in this 4BR, 2.5BA home in the heart of Noblesville. New flooring, HVAC, roof, water heater...home is move in ready! Listed at \$334,900</p>	<p><b>PENDING!</b></p> <p><b>1485 CENTRAL AVENUE</b> NOBLESVILLE 2 BR, 2 BA ranch on a corner lot in the heart of Noblesville. New detached garage and large fenced yard. Listed at \$209,900</p>	<p><b>SOLD!</b></p> <p><b>16715 BIRDBROOK ROAD</b> NOBLESVILLE 4 BR, 2.5 BA with office and loft, gourmet kitchen, 3-car garage, finished basement, beautiful pond lot. Listed at \$572,400</p>

**"SPEAK TO DEAK!"**  
Jennifer and Peggy

**The Deakyne Team REALTORS®**  
317.439.3258 PEGGY | 317.695.6032 JENNIFER | [www.speaktodeak.com](http://www.speaktodeak.com)

F.C. TUCKER COMPANY

# Carmel native Clay Wright serves with next generation of U.S. Naval Aviation Warfighters

By Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist John Osborne, Navy Office of Community Outreach

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Ensign Clay Wright, a native of Carmel, is serving in the U.S. Navy assigned to Training Squadron (VT) 28 where naval aviators learn the skills they need to fly missions around the world.

Wright, a 2018 graduate of Cathedral High School, joined the Navy two years ago. Wright also earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Vanderbilt University in 2022.

"All of the role models in my life have a military background," said Wright. "I saw how it tested their personal growth and I wanted that. I was already interested in aviation because my dad is a civilian pilot and the Navy gave me the chance to make a career of flying."

Skills and values learned in the Navy are similar to those found in Carmel.

"My parents instilled the values of hard work and

honesty early in life," said Wright. "They taught me to put my best foot forward in anything I set my mind to accomplish."

Today, Wright serves as a student pilot assigned to VT 28, a U.S. Navy primary flight training squadron located at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas.

"I like the camaraderie even though we are competing against each other," said Wright. "I also enjoy that it is not a monotonous job. Every day is a different challenge and you have to stay flexible."

The aviation squadron's primary mission is to train future naval aviators to fly as well as instill leadership and officer values, Navy officials explained. Students must complete many phases of flight training to graduate, including aviation preflight indoctrination, primary flight training, and advanced flight training. After successfully completing the rigorous program, naval aviators earn their coveted

"Wings of Gold."

After graduation, pilots continue their training to learn how to fly a specific aircraft, such as the Navy's F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter attack jet, the F-35 Lightning strike fighter jet, or the SH-60 Seahawk helicopter. These aircraft take off from and land on Navy aircraft carriers at sea.

Navy aircraft carriers are designed for a 50-year service life. When the air wing is embarked, the ship carries more than 70 attack fighter jets, helicopters, and other aircraft, all of which take off from and land aboard the carrier at sea. With more than 5,000 sailors serving aboard, the aircraft carrier is a self-contained mobile airport.

Aircraft carriers are often the first response to a global crisis because of their ability to operate freely in international waters anywhere on the world's oceans.

With 90 percent of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the inter-

net relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

Wright serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world, and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

"We will earn and reinforce the trust and confidence of the American people every day," said Adm. Lisa Franchetti, chief of naval operations. "Together we will deliver the Navy the nation needs."

Wright has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"I am most proud of my first solo flight because it built my confidence," said Wright.

Wright can take pride in serving America through military service.

"Serving in the Navy offers a unique lifestyle," said



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Anna-Liesa Hussey. Clay Wright thanks his parents, Jean & Aaron, and brother Owen for their nonstop support and encouragement throughout his life.

Wright. "There are so many opportunities to have a fulfilling career and no matter which direction you turn, you have an opportunity to touch the lives of others and make them better."

Wright is grateful to others for helping make a Navy

career possible. "I want to thank my parents, Jean and Aaron, for being loving and supporting me throughout my life," added Wright. "I also want to thank my brother, Owen, for always pushing me to be better."

## Local company brings Autism Training Crew to U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials

Submitted

BeeFree's flagship product, a plant-based, grainless snack mix, will be given to the hundreds of volunteers assisting the Olympic Swim Trials in Indianapolis June 15 to 23.

The BeeFree food truck will be featured on Georgia Street under the Eiffel Tower, staffed with the Autism Training Crew during the Olympic Trial vendor events from 1 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 22.

This Women-Owned business boasts a small but mighty list of whole-food ingredients in its products. Each Warrior Snack Mix is gluten-free with no soy, refined sugar, or trans fat.

"The quality of ingredients

we use is absolutely essential," BeeFree Founder & CEO Jennifer Wiese said. "We want people to see our nutritional label and know exactly what they're getting."

Wiese identifies as a "mom on a mission," working to help support her son with autism and deeply committed to fostering an inclusive workplace at BeeFree. Their staff includes paid and intern positions set aside specifically for adults with autism looking for job experience. Wiese is working with the city of Noblesville and other local organizations to create a curriculum to make inclusive hiring easier for other community businesses.

About BeeFree

Jennifer Wiese began BeeFree in 2010 with a desire to make delicious, gluten-free snacks her whole family could enjoy. Her small, farmer's market business has since grown to a brand that provides high quality products to hundreds of chains, airports, and specialty stores nationwide.

BeeFree is committed to creating delicious food with powerful, whole ingredients to fuel the warrior within. As the company grows, so does its dedication to making a difference in the community, providing jobs and resources for adults with autism and other forms of disability, and tools for other businesses to follow the same path of inclusivity.



Photos provided. The BeeFree team will out in full force during the Olympic Swim Trials in Indianapolis.

# American Bank of Freedom

www.americanbankoffreedom.bank



## Certificate of Deposit Specials

7 Months  
5.35% APY\*

18 Months  
5.20% APY\*

36 Months  
4.80% APY\*

\*CD Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is current as of this issue and subject to change at any time. \*CD APY assumes that interest remains on deposit until maturity. Minimum deposit of \$1,000.00 to open this account. Minimum balance requirement of \$1,000.00 to earn interest. A penalty will be imposed for early withdrawal. Fees may reduce earnings. Contact your local branch to learn more.

APPLIES TO NEW DEPOSITS ONLY.  
American Bank of Freedom. Member FDIC.

Stop by or call your local branch today to learn more!

14611 N. Gray Road  
Westfield, IN 46062  
(463) 622-2930





# NOBLESVILLE YOUTH SPORTS ALLIANCE

ONE COMMUNITY • 6500+ KIDS • 17 PROGRAMS

www.noblesvillesports.com @noblesvillesports

## HAMILTON COUNTY SPORTS

NOBLESVILLE, CARMEL, WESTFIELD, SHERIDAN, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, FISHERS, UNIVERSITY, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN

Sports Editor Richie Hall | Sports@ReadTheReporter.com | Twitter @Richie\_Hall

### Women's Golf

# Brown wins Western Junior

#### The REPORTER

Westfield's Samantha Brown won the Women's Western Junior last Friday.

The 97th edition of the oldest women's junior golf tournament took place last week at Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills, Ill. Brown, who begins her freshman year at Purdue University this fall, made a 16-player cut to advance to the match play round, which she navigated through with little trouble.

Seeded 13th, Brown beat No. 4 Jenna Madden

2 up in the Sweet 16, then won 3&2 over fifth-seed Suzie Tran in the quarter finals. Brown advanced to the championship with a 2&1 semifinal win over Harper Anne Hinkley, then sailed past Isabel Emanuels 4&3 in the final to win the Icelly Cup.

Brown had played in the Women's Western Junior three previous times. She missed the cut in 2021, then fell in the Sweet 16 the two previous years. This year, Brown tied for 10th in



Photo provided

**Westfield graduate Samantha Brown won the Women's Western Junior last week at Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills, Ill. The incoming Purdue freshman made a 16-player cut, then cruised through match play to win the trophy.**

the stroke play event with a two-day total of 72-76=148. She made three birdies while scoring even par in the first round, then had four birdies in the second round.

Carmel's Claire Swathwood also played in the Women's Western Junior. Her two-day score was 154, carding 79 on her first day and 75 on her second day. Swathwood made two birdies during the first round and four more in the second round.

### Boys Golf

# One of 5 in Indiana Southeastern's Nathan Benson earns spot on Indiana Boys All-State Academic Golf Team

#### By RICHIE HALL

sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL – Minutes after Nathan Benson and the Hamilton Southeastern boys golf team received their third-place ribbons from the IHSAA state meet, Benson was back on the podium.

The Royals senior was one of five Indiana high school golfers to earn a place on the Indiana High School Golf Association's Indiana Boys All-State Academic Golf Team. Benson and the other golfers all received plaques for their achievement; they were recognized during the awards ceremonies at the state finals last Wednesday at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

Benson said making the All-State Academic team was "something I wasn't exactly prepared to get," he said. But Benson was pleased to receive the recognition.

"I take a lot of pride in the effort that I put in," said Benson. "Just the balance between academics and golf. It was a surprise to get it, but I'm still really, really proud of what I've done both athletically and academically regardless of the expectation."

In order to be nominated for the Academic All-State team, a golfer must be a high school senior with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. He also must have combined SAT score of 1100, participate in at least 50 percent of his team's varsity golf matches and play in the sectional tournament.

"For me, it's just a lot of time management," said



**Reporter photo by Richie Hall Hamilton Southeastern's Nate Benson was one of five Indiana boys golfers to receive the IHSAA's Indiana Boys All-State Academic Golf Team. Benson received the award during the ceremonies after last Wednesday's IHSAA boys golf state finals.**

Benson. While he is able to find time for a little bit of a social life – "girlfriend, family, friends, golf, all that stuff," he said – Benson also understands there are times when he must take care of his academics.

"It's just prioritization, being able to know when to be able to go out and practice, when to come home and get things done," said Benson. "It's a lot of nights that aren't exactly considered fun, just being able to stay up and study here and do whatever it is I need to do to keep my grades up."

See Benson . . . Page B3

### Olympic Swim Trials, Day 1

# Carmel's own Aaron Shackell headed to Summer Olympics

#### By RICHIE HALL

sports@readthereporter.com

INDIANAPOLIS – Aaron Shackell became an Olympian last Saturday.

The Carmel graduate gave local fans a reason to cheer during the first night of the 2024 Olympic Trials – Swimming, which are taking place this week at Lucas Oil Stadium. Shackell was the first swimmer to qualify for the United States Olympic team as he won the men's 400 freestyle race in 3 minutes, 45.46 seconds.

Shackell joins an elite but growing list of Olympic qualifiers from Carmel. Drew Kibler and Jake Mitchell both swam in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, and both have chances to make the 2024 Paris team as the trials continue through Sunday.

Shackell was seeded fourth at the start of the race, but he jumped to the lead by the end of the first 50 meters and stayed there. He swam his last 50 meters in 27.96 seconds.

"To be honest, the last



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

**Carmel's Aaron Shackell (shown here in the prelims) qualified for his first Olympic games during last Saturday's opening night of the 2024 Olympic Time Trials – Swimming. Shackell won the men's 400 freestyle in a time of 3 minutes, 45.46 seconds.**

50, everything in my body kind of turned off, like I couldn't really hear anything," said Shackell. He said he was "so in the zone, and I saw that I had the lead,

and I know the training that I do, if I have the lead with 50 yards left or 50 meters left, I'm not going to lose."

And Shackell got to turn his Olympic dream into re-

ality in front of his Carmel friends, coaches and 20,689 fans that attended the first night of finals.

See Olympics . . . Page B3

### Boys Golf

# Mad scramble for state trophy ends with Zionsville on top, HCC sweeps podium

Shamrocks, Royals & Millers round out top four at tournament

#### By RICHIE HALL

sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL – With only six strokes separating first place from eighth place after the first day of the IHSAA boys golf state finals, golf fans expected a mad scramble to the top during last Wednesday's second round at Prairie View Golf Club.

Zionsville was in the lead after day one and managed to hold off Westfield for the team championship after the two teams went back and forth all day. The Eagles totaled a two-day score of 600 to claim its third state title and first in 20 years. The Shamrocks were the runners-up for the third year in a row, totaling 605.

The tournament ended with a Hoosier Crossroads Conference sweep of the podium. Hamilton Southeastern placed third with 606, while Noblesville took fourth with 611. All four schools improved their scores greatly from

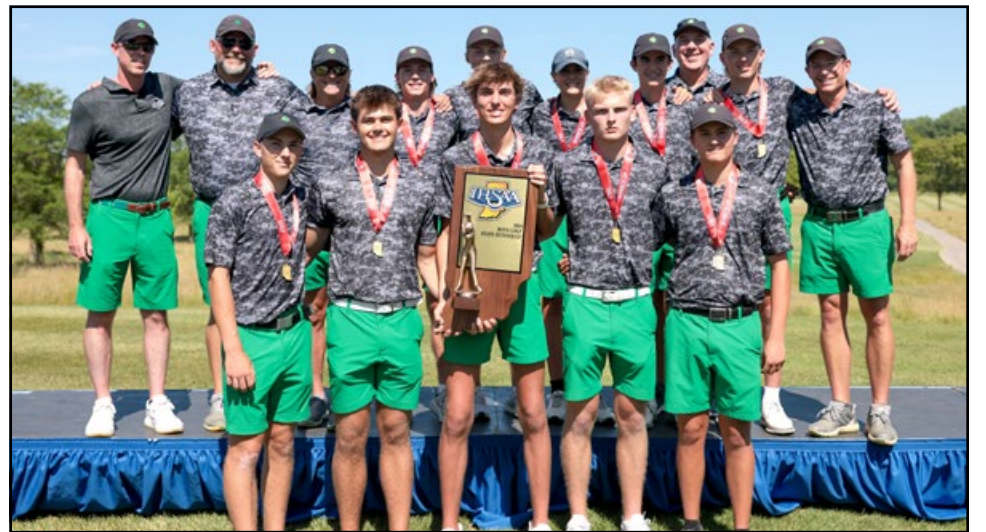


Photo by Mike Navarro

**The Westfield boys golf team finished as state runner-up for the third consecutive year last Wednesday at the IHSAA state finals at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. The Shamrocks scored 605 for the two-day tournament.**

the first day.

Westfield was playing with a young squad: two juniors, two sophomores and a freshman. The juniors led the way, with Jake Cesare tying for second place by totaling a one under par 143 for the tournament. Cesare went 73 for the second day, draining two birdies.

"We had a bunch of ups

and downs," said Cesare. He said the team started out "shaky, but we fought and hung in there."

The Shamrocks' other junior, Will Harvey, finished with a two-day score of 151. He carded 74 for the second day, an improvement of three strokes. Harvey made an eagle on the 13th hole in addition to three birdies.

"I thought we had a great season," said Harvey. While he admitted it was disappointing to come up short, Harvey said "we grew as a team and I think that's all we can ask for, and thanks to all the coaches for making this possible."

Sophomore Ryan Cesare made two early birdies

See Golf . . . Page B2

What's your Real Estate Story? Born, raised and still living in Hamilton County, it is Dani's goal to help you reach yours! Talk to Dani today for all your real estate needs. She knows this area and wants to help you with your story!



Scan here to view Dani's current listings. F.C. TUCKER COMPANY

## CURRENT REAL ESTATE MARKET

CENTRAL INDIANA STATISTICS FROM THE 16-COUNTY REGION

May 2024 Average Sale Price  
 ↑ **\$360,893**  
 compared to this time last year

Sales Decreased  
 May pending home sales compared to this time last year  
 ↓ **3.4%**

↑ **801**  
 More Homes For Sale  
 5/23 vs. 5/24

↑ **2.9%**  
 Price Increase  
 5/23 vs. 5/24

Months of Inventory Change  
 ↑ **26.2%**  
 5/23 vs. 5/24

Interest Rates  
 30-Year Fixed  
**7.125%**  
 With an APR of 7.291%

Talk To **Dani Robinson**  
 REALTOR®/BROKER/SRES

317.407.6969

DaniR@talktotucker.com



**TOP COUNTIES**  
 Morgan County Sales Up 31.1%  
 Johnson County Sales Up 14.5%  
 Brown and Putnam County Sales Up 11.1%



**FAIR HOUSING CASES**  
 Total- 8  
 Rental- 7  
 Sales- 1  
 Other- 0



F.C. TUCKER COMPANY

Boys Golf State Finals

# Little separated top teams after first day

By **RICHIE HALL**  
sports@readthereporter.com

**CARMEL** – After the first day of the IHSAA boys golf state finals, there wasn't much separating the top teams.

The tournament began last Tuesday at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel with perfect weather and rolled through the day with teams moving all around the leaderboard in what has become a very close competition. At the end of the first day, Zionsville was in front with a score of 304.

Two-time defending state champion Guerin Catholic was tied with Westfield, the runner-up the past two years, for second place with 319, three strokes back from the leading Eagles. Noblesville and Evansville North were tied for fourth at 320, four back from the top spot.

Leo is five strokes back from the lead with 309, then Hamilton Southeastern and Center Grove were tied for seventh with 310 – six back from the lead.

"Day one of the state finals is always tough," said Shamrocks coach Josh Bryant. "The greens were a hair faster than we are all used to playing Prairie View. They are perfect. It takes a little bit of adjusting. You just have to drive the ball well at Prairie View with the heather grown up."

The Golden Eagles are going for an unprecedented third consecutive state championship. Leo Wessel led Guerin Catholic with 74, followed by Owen Nielsen's

score of 75. Nielsen made two birdies in his round. Will Parenteau drained three birdies during his round of 77 and Eli Wessel had one birdie.

"It was a tough day," said GC coach Mark Mathews. While the temperature was pleasant and the sky full of sunshine, the wind picked up during the day, which affected the golfers during their last nine holes.

Westfield's Jake Cesare finished the day in a three-way tie for second place, carding a two under par 70.

"Jake had a great round," said Bryant. "His ball striking on the front nine was great. Had nine pars on the front. He had four birdies on the back and he was able to attack a couple pins, both par fives. He did his job."

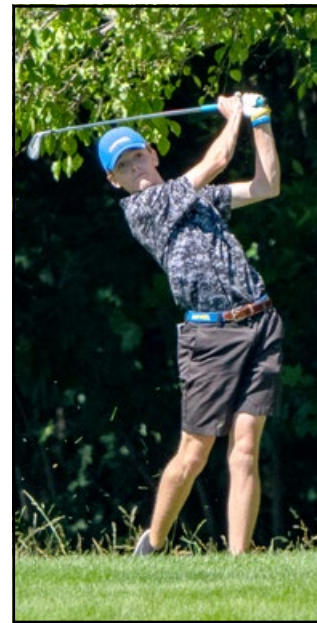
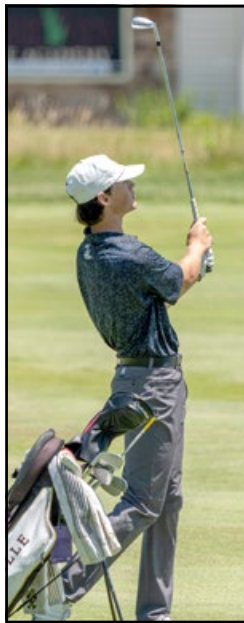
Will Harvey had one birdie during his round of 77, while Ryan Cesare drained two birdies before finishing with a 79. Brayden Worthington made two birdies and Hudson Kutchma had one.

The Millers had two players score 75: Brady Mangin and Tyler Marucci. Mangin made four birdies and Marucci had two. Lance Decker and Drew Werkley both finished with 79s; Decker put in three birdies and Werkley drained one.

"Our kids played really well today," said Noblesville coach Gary Deakyne. He said one of the good things about the Millers is "we've got a lot of depth, and the other guys picked it up. And man, that's the important thing."



Reporter photos by Julie Brown  
**(ABOVE LEFT)** Westfield's Jake Cesare was tied for second place individually after the first day of the IHSAA state golf finals last Tuesday at Prairie View Golf Club. Cesare carded a two under par 70. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Hamilton Southeastern's Nate Benson totaled 75.



Reporter photos by Julie Brown  
**(ABOVE)** Brady Mangin (far left) and Tyler Marucci (second from left) both scored 75s for Noblesville. Carmel's Ethan Hoagland (third from left) scored 78. Guerin Catholic's Leo Wessel (far right) led the Golden Eagles with 74.

Nathan Benson led the Royals with a 75, making two birdies. Kai Warner's 77 also included two birdies, while Mattingly Upchurch

put in three birdies while scoring a 78. Dane Starnes had two birdies and Jordan Huxford had one.

"Of all the state finals that I've been in, it was honestly a very weird round," said Southeastern coach David Young. "Not only for us. The course played a little

bit differently than what we were expecting it to." Carmel's Ethan Hoagland finished with a 78, making one birdie.

## GOLF

on his way to a second-day 76, cutting three strokes, while his classmate Hudson Kutchma snipped six strokes for 75 on Wednesday. Kutchma had one birdie. Freshman Brayden Worthington had two birdies.

Both Cesare and Harvey were named to the All-State team at the conclusion of the meet. The All-state team consists of those who finish in the top 10 at state, then the top 10 players who accumulated points for performances in meets during the season.

"Our guys played good," said Westfield coach Josh Bryant. "They played great today. They're young. They learned a lot yesterday. Proud of them how they came back and how they settled in."

Southeastern's Mattingly Upchurch finished tied for eighth at the state meet, earning him automatic All-State honors. Upchurch had a huge improvement from the first day to the second day, shaving off eight strokes for a second-day score of two under par 70. Upchurch had a bogey-free round, with two birdies and 16 pars.

Upchurch said the season went "a lot better than we thought. Played pretty well to start out the season and struggled at regionals but finished up real nice."

Southeastern's Nate Benson, who was named to the Academic All-State team after the tournament, scored 77 with two birdies. Freshman Dane Starnes, the individual Muncie Central regional champion, improved seven strokes for 73, draining four birdies. Aiden Huffer subbed in for the second round and carded 76, making two birdies.

The Royals finished in third place for the second consecutive year and improved their team score by 14 strokes over the first day.

"We just had a couple bad holes yesterday and you could tell that we had a good amount of kids pretty

nervous," said HSE coach David Young. "But we regrouped and made our new plan and really stuck to it today, and I couldn't be more proud of them for turning it around."

Noblesville's low man was sophomore Tyler Marucci, who placed 11th for the tournament. His two-day score was 149; Marucci totaled 74 for the second day, cutting one stroke from the first day. Marucci had three birdies for his Wednesday round.

Junior Lance Decker had four birdies for the second day and improved three strokes for 76. Junior Drew Werkley dropped two strokes to score 77, making one birdie. Senior Alex Peck also improved greatly, cutting eight strokes for 76 and draining three birdies. Senior Brady Mangin totaled 82 for his second day.

Noblesville coach Gary Deakyne said he was happy and excited for his team.

"They worked hard all year," said Deakyne. "I told them all year that we were close, that we could do this. They bought in, they played well. We had four guys play well both days. The golf course playing difficult played into our thing because we're not a team that shoots a really, really low score, but we're a team that can be around 300 every time."

Guerin Catholic, the two-time defending champion, tied for sixth as a team with 616. Senior Leo Wessel led the Golden Eagles by tying for eighth place individually. He carded 74s both days for 148 and made three birdies during his second round.

"I think we had some good highlights and I think it was fruitful for what we had to work with this year," said Leo Wessel.

Junior Owen Nielsen scored 77 on Wednesday, putting in three birdies. Junior Will Parenteau made one birdie during his round of 80, and sophomore Eli Wessel scored a 78, drain-



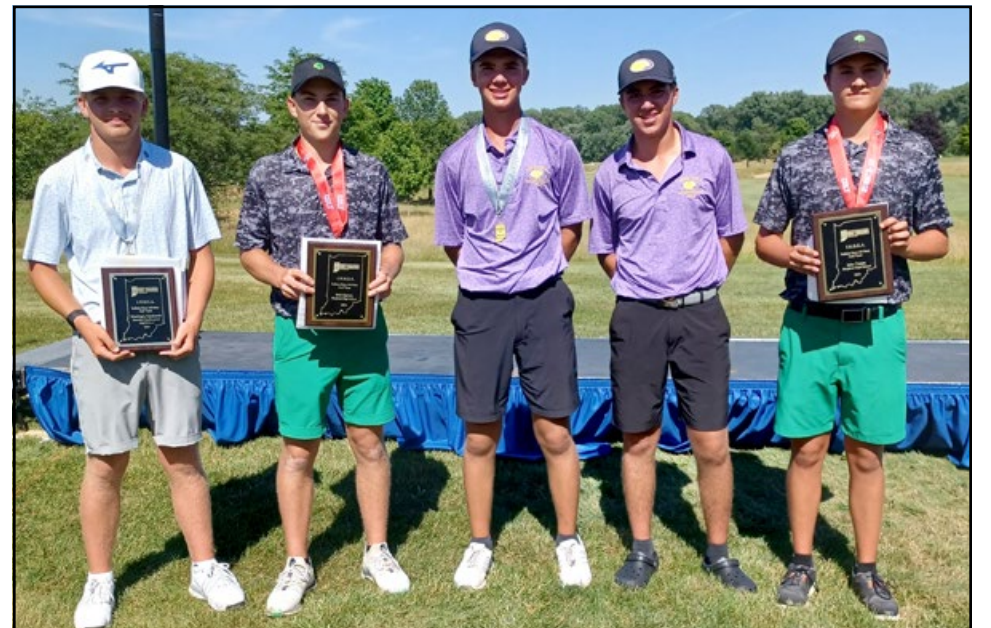
Photos by Mike Navarro  
**(TOP)** Hamilton Southeastern placed third for the second consecutive year at state. The Royals finished with a score of 606. **(ABOVE)** Noblesville reached the podium by placing fourth at state. The Millers totaled 611.

ing four birdies and improving three strokes from the first round. Junior Robbie Burt subbed in for the second day and had one birdie while scoring 80.

Both Leo and Eli Wessel were named to the All-State team.

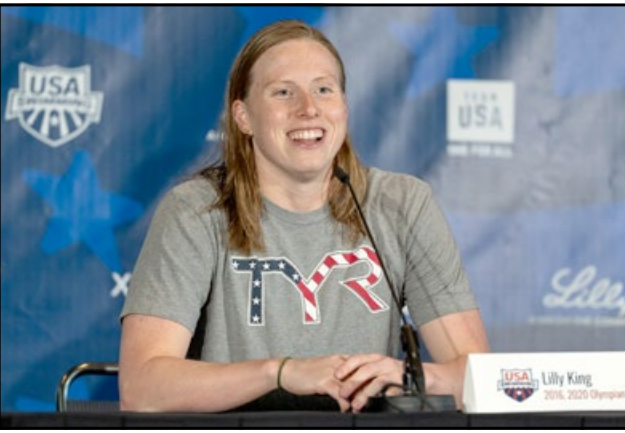
"Overall, I had a really good season," said Eli Wessel. "And I won a big event, the State Preview, and I was really happy. I shot under par numerous times. We won some events, and I was glad to have it with my best friends."

Carmel's Ethan Hoagland scored 154 for the two days. Hoagland scored 76 during his second day, improving two strokes and making three birdies.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
**Five Hamilton County golfers were among those who earned a place on the All-State team. Pictured: Mattingly Upchurch (Hamilton Southeastern), Will Harvey (Westfield), Leo Wessel (Guerin Catholic), Eli Wessel (Guerin Catholic), Jake Cesare (Westfield).**

from Page B1



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

Olympic gold-medal swimmers Lilly King and Cody Miller spoke at a pre-competition press conference last Friday as the 2024 Olympic Team Trials – Swimming began last Saturday morning. Swimmers will compete in a temporary pool that has been set up at Lucas Oil Stadium, making it the first time an Olympic swim trials have taken place at an NFL stadium.

# First class & fan-friendly Indianapolis kicks off Olympic swim trials at Lucas Oil

By **RICHIE HALL**  
sports@readthereporter.com

**INDIANAPOLIS** – An Olympic-size swimming pool in an NFL stadium.

Welcome to the 2024 Olympic Team Trials – Swimming, which is being done the only way Indianapolis knows how to do a big event: first class and fan-friendly. The Trials began last Saturday in the beautiful pool inside Lucas Oil Stadium and will run every day through Sunday, June 23.

USA Swimming hosted a pre-trials press conference last Friday afternoon. The event featured comments from NBC commentators Rowdy Gaines and Elizabeth Beisel, USA Swimming head coaches Anthony Nesty (men’s) and Todd DeSorbo (women’s). Lindsay Mintenko, the managing director of the national team spoke alongside the coaches, after which Tim Hinchey III, CEO and president of USA Swimming, gave some remarks.

Last, but certainly not least, were two of the competing swimmers: gold medalists Lilly King and Cody Miller. Both swam at Indiana University and were champions at the 2016 Rio De Janeiro games; King won golds in the women’s 100 breaststroke and 4x100 medley relay, while Miller was part of the gold-medal men’s 4x100 medley relay.

“I think if you ask any Olympic athlete from the United States why we’re so successful when you ultimately get to the games, it’s because of this,” said Miller. “It’s because of this gauntlet. Nobody else has this, or even Omaha, 20,000 fans. Just the trials, the pressure, the gauntlet that is being successful at this meet. It’s magic. And everyone that’s standing on deck can feel it, and you can see it.”

This will be the first time ever that an NFL stadium hosts an Olympic swimming trials. While the setting is historic and looks amazing, King referenced a line from the iconic basketball movie Hoosiers to point out that there is nothing different about this pool than those from previous trials.

“There’s a scene where the small-town basketball team shows up at the state basketball game,” said King. “They walk out on to the court and (say), ‘What does it look like?’ And they measure everything, and it’s the same measurements as their basketball court at home. That’s all it is.”

This will likely be the last Olympic Trials for King, who said at the end of the press conference that she will not be trying out for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

“I will be watching in Los Angeles,” said King. “And I’m good with that decision. I will not be done after the summer, but I will not be going another four years. I’ll be cheering on the team.”

A total of 1,007 swimmers have qualified for the trials, including several from Hamilton County (see related story). The athletes range in age from 14 – there are three that age competing – to 46-year-old Gabrielle Rose, who competed in the 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney Olympics.

There will be two sessions for all but the last day of the Trials. The morning sessions begin at 11 a.m. and will consist of all preliminary swims. The top 16 in each event after the prelims advance to the semifinals, which take place during the same day’s night session, which start at 8 p.m.

The top eight swimmers in each semifinal move on to the finals. Those also take place during prime time, at 8 p.m. The only exception is

## County swimmers

### The REPORTER

Here is a list of swimmers in the 2024 Olympic Team Trials – Swimming that are competing for Hamilton County swim clubs or have ties to the county. Swimmers are listed by event.

**Women’s 100 butterfly:** Alex Shackell (Carmel), Kelly Pash (Carmel), Emily Wolf (Fishers).

**Women’s 400 freestyle:** Kayla Han (Carmel), Lynsey Bowen (Carmel).

**Men’s 400 freestyle:** Jake Mitchell (Carmel), Aaron Shackell (Carmel), Drew Kibler (Carmel), Luke Whitlock (Fishers), Gregg Enoch (Carmel).

**Men’s 200 freestyle:** Drew Kibler (Carmel), Jake Mitchell (Carmel), Aaron Shackell (Carmel), Andrew Shackell (Carmel).

**Men’s 400 individual medley:** Gregg Enoch (Carmel), Kyle Ponsler (Fishers), Isaac Fleig (Fishers).

**Women’s 100 breaststroke:** Molly Sweeney (Carmel).

**Women’s 200 freestyle:** Alex Shackell (Carmel), Kelly Pash (Carmel), Lynsey Bowen (Carmel).

**Women’s 400 individual medley:** Ellie Clarke (Carmel), Kate Mouser (Fishers).

**Women’s 100 backstroke:** Berit Berglund (Carmel), Julie Mishler (Fishers).

**Men’s 800 freestyle:** Luke Whitlock (Fishers), Isaac Fleig (Fishers).

**Men’s 200 butterfly:** Aaron Shackell (Carmel), Gregg Enoch (Carmel).

**Women’s 100 freestyle:** Alex Shackell (Carmel), Julie Mishler (Fishers).

**Women’s 200 breaststroke:** Molly Sweeney (Carmel).

**Men’s 200 breaststroke:** Kyle Ponsler (Fishers).

**Women’s 200 butterfly:** Alex Shackell (Carmel), Kelly Pash (Carmel), Emily Wolf (Fishers).

**Women’s 200 backstroke:** JoJo Ramey (Fishers), Ellie Clarke (Carmel).

**Men’s 50 freestyle:** Drew Kibler (Carmel).

**Men’s 200 individual medley:** Gregg Enoch (Carmel).

**Men’s 100 butterfly:** Aaron Shackell (Carmel).

**Women’s 200 individual medley:** Molly Sweeney (Carmel).

**Women’s 800 freestyle:** Kayla Han (Carmel), Lynsey Bowen (Carmel).

**Women’s 50 freestyle:** Julie Mishler (Fishers), Alex Shackell (Carmel).

**Men’s 1500 freestyle:** Luke Whitlock (Fishers), Isaac Fleig (Fishers)

June 23, where there will be a night session only.

See the full event schedule at [ReadTheReporter.com](https://readthereporter.com).

## Basketball



Bob Cross / File photo

Hamilton Heights graduate Camryn Runner was presented the Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award for the girls 2023-24 basketball season. Runner, the all-time leading girls scorer in Hamilton County, led the Huskies to a regional championship, ranks fifth in her class of 189 students and will play basketball at the University of Evansville.

## Superiority reigns: Hamilton Heights’ own Camryn Runner wins Wooden/MCL Award

By **RICHIE HALL**  
sports@readthereporter.com

Superior athletes. Strong students. Outstanding citizens.

Those labels accurately describe Indiana All-Star basketball players and recent high school graduates Camryn Runner of Hamilton Heights and Isaac Andrews of Wapahani. Thus, each athlete has been named a winner of a Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award for 2024 as presented by the *IndyStar* Indiana All-Stars.

Runner, a 5-9 guard, averaged 26.9 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 4.0 steals in leading Hamilton Heights to a 24-3 season as a senior that included Class 3A regional title. For her career, she set school records for points in a game (64), season (727) and career (1,962) while also totaling 570 rebounds, 195 assists and 288 steals.

The University of Evansville signee was a two-time IBCA Supreme 15 honoree and a 2024 AP third-team All-State selection. She also was a 2024 *IndyStar* first-team Super Team pick, a four-time all-Hoosier Conference honoree, a four-time all-Hamilton County selection by the Hamilton County Reporter and the 2023 Hamilton County Player of the Year. In addition to four letters in basketball, she also had two letters in track & field and one letter in golf.

Scholastically, Runner ranked fifth in her class of 189 students, was IBCA first-team Academic All-State and was named a Rising Star of Indiana by the Indiana Association of School Principals. She also served as her school’s student-body president, was selected to National Honor Society and participated in Business Professionals of American and the Hamilton Heights student athletic council.

Runner plans to major in business management at the University of Evansville.

Andrews, a 6-1 guard, averaged 24.3 points, 6.6 rebounds and 3.3 assists in leading Wapahani to a 26-3 season and a Class 2A state runner-up finish. For his career, he totaled a school and Delaware County record 2,151 points plus 652 rebounds and 419 assists. He also posted school records for points in a game (45), points in a season (706), career 3-pointers (294) and career 3-point accuracy (42.1 percent on 294 of 699).

The Indiana Wesleyan University recruit was a two-time IBCA Supreme 15 selection, a 2024 AP second-team All-State honoree and the 2024 *Ball State Daily News* Player of the Year. He also was a four-time all Delaware County pick by the *Muncie Star-Press* and a four-time all-Mid-Eastern

See Award . . . Page B4

## OLYMPICS

“The Carmel community is everything to me,” said Shackell. “That’s part of the reason why I swam so well. I think I thrive whenever I’m inspiring other people or when I’m around kids that are looking up to people. I think that’s what made me want to be good.”

“There’s like a certain amount of like – I don’t want to say power, but it energizes you to make you want to go faster. I don’t know how to describe it, but it just fills me.”

Shackell, who has transferred to the University of Texas after spending his freshman year at the University of California, was one of three Hamilton County swimmers that advanced to the eight-man final of

the 400 free. Fishers’ Luke Whitlock was the top seed in the finals with a swim of 3:46.42. He finished fifth in the finals, clocking in at 3:46.55.

“The thing we talked about before the race was, he had to swim aggressive,” said Carmel coach Chris Plumb. “You got to take it out, you got to be willing to go for it. And you can’t depend on these other guys to do that. So, you’ve got to set the pace and the tone for this race.”

Carmel grad Jake Mitchell placed eighth in 3:50.76. Mitchell, Shackell and Drew Kibler, another Carmel grad, are set to compete in the 200 freestyle prelims today, along with Aaron’s younger brother Andrew Shackell, an incoming senior at Carmel.

Another Shackell will get a chance to compete for an Olympic spot today. Alex Shackell, also a senior-to-be at Carmel (and Andrew’s twin sister), reached the finals in the women’s 100 butterfly event. Shackell qualified fourth in the prelims last Saturday morning (57.07 seconds), then placed fourth again in the evening semifinals (56.78 seconds) to advance to the final eight.

Kelly Pash, a Carmel graduate who swam for the University of Texas, joined Alex Shackell in the finals. She took fifth in the prelims (57.66) to move on to the semifinals, then earned the eighth spot in the semis (57.97) to advance to the final. (The finals took place last Sunday night; check out

from Page B1 [ReadTheReporter.com](https://readthereporter.com) to see results.)

Carmel’s Kayla Han swam in the women’s 400 freestyle event. She placed ninth in the prelims with a time of 4:09.96, making her the first alternate into the finals. After two swimmers scratched, Han moved up to the finals, where she placed fourth in 4:08.21. The winner of that race was the legendary Katie Ledecky, who finished the race in 3:58.35 to qualify for her fourth Olympics.

Two more Carmel swimmers competed last Saturday. Lynsey Bowen also swam in the women’s 400 free, placing 27th in 4:14.01. Gregg Enoch raced in the men’s 400 free, taking 18th in 3:51.06.

## BENSON

Benson has committed to both play golf and study at Rose-Hulman, where he will study mechanical engineering. There is a family reason behind his choice of academic topic.

“My grandfather, he built cars for a living, and as he got older, he realized that he

wanted to try it with a grandchild of his,” said Benson. “And I’m the oldest by eight years, so I was the only person that he really had the opportunity to do that with.”

The two of them built a 1966 Mustang together, which Benson called his

“pride and joy,” something to which he put “so much emotional value to it, I just fell in love with the way things work and mechanics in general. I figured I want to dive a little bit deeper into that educationally. Obviously, I just don’t want to quit golf.”

Benson was one of five players to make the All-State Academic Team. The others were Jacob Palmer (Trinity School at Greenlawn), Connor Byon (Bloomington South), Aidan Gutierrez (Valparaiso) and Liam Utesch (Valparaiso).

from Page B1

LIFETIME LEGACY LAWYERS  
Podcast  
<https://lifetimelegacylawyers.com>

AWARD

from Page B3

Conference choice. In addition to four years of basketball, he also lettered twice in baseball and once in golf. Academically, Andrews was an IBCA first-team Academic All-State selection, was named a Rising Star of Indiana by the Indiana Association of School Principals, earned an IBCA Marion Crawley Scholarship and was 2024 Class 2A winner of the IHSSA Trester Award for Mental Attitude. He also was part of National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and RADD - Raiders Against Destructive Decisions. Andrews is undecided on what he will major in at Indiana Wesleyan. "Isaac and Camryn are great representatives for the Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award for the 2024 Indiana All-Stars," Indiana All-Star games director Mike Broughton said. "Both Isaac and Camryn had strong high school careers on and off the court. We wish them well as they take their talents to the college level." The Wooden/MCL Citizenship Awards have been presented to one All-Star

boy and one All-Star girl annually since 1992. The awards are named for the late John Wooden, an outstanding player at Martinsville High School and Purdue University and later a 10-time NCAA championship coach at UCLA. "Since I am a strong believer in academic and citizenship awards, I am honored that MCL desires to use my name for this honor," Wooden said when the award was established in 1992. MCL Restaurant & Bakery, based in Indianapolis, has sponsored the Wooden Citizenship Award for all 33 years that it has been presented. MCL also has supported the Indiana All-Star program for more than 35 years. The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, organizers of the Indiana All-Stars, thanks MCL for its continued support. Runner joins three other Hamilton County girls basketball players in winning the award. They are Lisa Williams, Carmel 1995, Courtney Osborn, Hamilton Southeastern 2009 and Emily Kiser, 2018 Noblesville.

Huskies Summer Basketball Camp set for June 24-27

The REPORTER Hamilton Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger is hosting his annual Summer Camp this month. The camp is for boys who are entering grades 5 through 8 this school year. The camp takes place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. June 24 to 27 at the Hamilton Heights High School gym. Enter through Door H, on the north side of the gym. The cost is \$35, with a family discount of \$5 for each additional child. If any boy cannot afford to pay the camp fee at this time, call Ballenger at (765) 438-2016. "The basic requirement in developing a strong basketball program is to instill in all our boys a desire to improve themselves so that some day they can become part of the Husky Basketball team," said Ballenger. "This can be best accomplished by developing the proper fundamentals and pride in themselves and their school at an early age." For more information, contact Ballenger at cbal-lenger@hhschuskies.org.

COUNTY

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana will meet Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom at their regular meeting place of One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Purpose of the meeting is for consideration of transfer of funds, 144 Amendments, Reduction of funds and to consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year. The Council will hold a public hearing concerning the additional appropriations. Any person having concerns or questions concerning said appropriations shall be heard at the public hearing. 1000 General Fund Personal Services 11,700 Other Services & Charges 145,735 Total General Fund 157,435 1150 Electronic Map Generation Fund Other Services & Charges 21,644 9000 State Grant 917200 Law Enforcement Training 39,804 Capital Outlays 6/17/24 R4504

WESTFIELD

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received: BY AND AT: Hagerman, Inc. C/O Westfield Washington School Corporation Administration Building 19500 Tomlinson Road Westfield, IN 46074 Attn: Brian Tomamichel FOR A NEW: Westfield Middle School West 17707 Centennial Road Westfield, IN 46074 (New Project Address) Until: 1:00 P.M., local time, Tuesday, July 2, 2024 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Work includes Site Excavation and Site Utility Work for New Middle School Project. RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received by mail or other carrier must be addressed to: Hagerman, Inc. c/o Brian Tomamichel, Westfield Washington School Corp. Administration Building, 19500 Tomlinson Rd., Westfield, IN 46074 and received on or before 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, 2024, to be valid. Bids received after the designated day and time listed above will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder. BID OPENING: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 1:00 P.M., local time, at Westfield Washington School Corp. Administration Building, 19500 Tomlinson Rd., Westfield, IN 46074. PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 1:00 P.M., local time. The meeting will be held at the Westfield Washington School Corp. Administration Building located at 19500 Tomlinson Road, Westfield, IN 46074. CONTRACT TYPE: The project(s) will be constructed utilizing the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) delivery method for public work. The Construction Manager will contract with multiple First Tier Subcontractors for the Bid items listed below, with bids received on a lump sum basis for each bid item. Each proposal shall include all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the project in strict accordance with the Construction Drawings, Project Schedule, Project Contract Manual and Technical Specifications and the Geotechnical Report. The Construction Manager will receive sealed Bids for the following Bid Items of work: Bid Item #01 - Site Excavation and Site Utility Work SUBCONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION: All prospective bidders for the new Westfield Middle School West project are required to complete the Hagerman Inc. Corporate Prequalification process as condition before the subcontract award or the issuance of the subcontract agreement. This includes safety, experience, and financials. Directions and the link for prequalification can be found online at https://www.thehagermangroup.com/contact. Prequalification information is required to be updated annually to maintain an active prequalification status. If you have prequalification-specific questions, please email them to Tammy Daily-Dean (Prequalification Manager) at TDean@HagermanGC.com or call at (317) 577-6836. All prequalification documents must be submitted by subcontractors for this project by June 21, 2024. Documents Prepared by: CSO Architects Inc. 8831 Keystone Crossing Indianapolis, IN 26240 Context Design 5825 Lawton Loop E Drive Indianapolis, IN 46216 A & F Engineering 8365 Keystone Crossing, Suite 201 Indianapolis, IN 46240 Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) Hagerman, Inc. 10315 Allisonville Road Fishers, IN 46038-2017 BID DOCUMENTS: Interested Prime Bidders may purchase Bidding Documents at Eastern Engineering. Documents will be available on or after June 3, 2024. Documents are available electronically by contacting: Mike Holtkamp, Hagerman, MHoltkamp@Hagermange.com or Cell: (317) 627-2138 Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): (317) 577-6836 Jessica Gipson, Hagerman, Inc., JGipson@Hagermange.com Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): (317) 577-6836 Documents will also be available from Eastern Engineering http://distribution.easternengineering.com/View/Default.aspx Contact at Eastern Engineering is: Greg Holman Email: greg.holman@easternengineering.com / Office: (317) 598-0661 Any questions concerning bidding this project, project completion, scheduling, project administration, etc. shall be directed to: Mike Holtkamp, Hagerman, Inc., MHoltkamp@Hagermange.com Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): Cell Phone (317) 627-2138 Jessica Gipson, Hagerman, Inc., JGipson@Hagermange.com Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): (317) 577-6836 BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW: Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms: 1. Westfield Washington School Corporation 19500 Tomlinson Road Westfield, IN 46074 2. Hagerman, Inc. 10315 Allisonville Road Fishers, IN 46038 317-577-6836 3. CSO Architects Inc. 8831 Keystone Crossing Indianapolis, IN 26240 BID SECURITY: Bidders are required to submit a Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid or certified check in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid. BID DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED: Bidders are to submit one (1) hard copy of the following bid form and other documents enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to Hagerman, Inc. C/O Westfield Washington School Corporation: 1. One (1) copy of Hagerman Bid Form. 2. One (1) copy of Bid Security in the form of an AIA A310 Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid or a certified check in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid. 3. One (1) copy of the Indiana State Board of Accounts Form 96 (revised 2013) including a signed Non-Collusion Affidavit. 4. Bid Submittal Checklist PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Amount may be required of the successful bidder. Bidders will provide a cost for this bond on the bid form. NOTE: The Subcontractor Material and Supplier List will be due within 24 hours after the receipt of Bid. E-VERIFY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Contractor and subcontractors shall fully comply with all the E-Verify requirements set forth in Ind. Code 22-5-1.7, https://www.uscis.gov/e-verify and background checks. SAFETY: All Contractors shall comply with OSHA and IOWSHA rules and regulations regarding Safety for this project and All contractors shall abide by the 2017 Hagerman Safety manual. The safety manual can be found accessible at www.thehagermangroup.com using password "safety". TAXES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS: All Bids shall be submitted without inclusion in the bid price for the amounts, if any, of Indiana State Gross Retail and Use Tax (generally called the "Sales Tax") for materials and properties that are to be purchased by the Bidder that will become a permanent part of the Project. The Owner will provide a tax-exempt form. R4454 6/10/24, 6/17/24

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON ) CIRCUIT COURT ) Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-2898 ) IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF ) MINOR: ) ERICK MATTHEW HARTZELL ) Name of Minor ) MAGDALENA RIOS ) Petitioner, ) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ) CHANGE OF NAME ) Notice is hereby given that ) Petitioner, MAGDALENA RIOS ) as a self-represented litigant, ) filed a Verified Petition for ) Change of Name to change the ) name of ERICK MATTHEW ) HARTZELL to ERICK ) MONROE RIOS. ) The Petition is scheduled for ) hearing in the Hamilton County ) Circuit Court on August 9, 2024 ) at 10:00 a.m., which is more ) than thirty (30) days after ) the third notice of publication. ) Any person has the right to ) appear at the hearing and to ) file written objections on or ) before the hearing date. ) Date: March 22, 2024 ) Kathy Kreag Williams ) Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court ) R4477 6/17/24, 6/24/24, 7/1/24

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON ) CIRCUIT COURT ) Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-2899 ) IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF ) MINOR: ) ELLIOTT JOHN COLLINS ) Name of Minor ) CHRISTINE CAPRI RIOS ) Petitioner, ) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ) CHANGE OF NAME ) Notice is hereby given that ) Petitioner, CHRISTINE CAPRI ) RIOS as a self-represented ) litigant, filed a Verified ) Petition for Change of Name ) to change the name of ) ELLIOTT JOHN COLLINS to ) Raymond Valor Rios. ) The Petition is scheduled for ) hearing in the Hamilton County ) Circuit Court on August 9, 2024 ) at 10:00 a.m., which is more ) than thirty (30) days after ) the third notice of publication. ) Any person has the right to ) appear at the hearing and to ) file written objections on or ) before the hearing date. ) Date: March 22, 2024 ) Kathy Kreag Williams ) Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court ) R4478 6/17/24, 6/24/24, 7/1/24

29C01-2405-MI-005427 STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON ) CIRCUIT COURT ) Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-005427 ) IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF ) MINOR, ) ATHENA CHRISTINE TURK, ) BRIAN JEFFREY TURK, ) Petitioner-Father, ) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ) NAME CHANGE OF MINOR ) Notice is hereby given that ) Petitioner, Brian Jeffrey Turk, ) with counsel, Christine Douglas, ) has filed an Uncontested ) Verified Petition for Name ) Change of Minor on May 16, ) 2022 to change the name of ) his minor daughter "Athena ) Christine Turk" to "Athena ) Christine Trovato I Turk." ) A Hearing is scheduled in ) Hamilton Circuit Court on ) October 4, 2024 at 10:00 ) a.m. to hear the petition. ) The hearing is scheduled ) more than thirty (30) days ) after the third publication of ) the Notice of Name Change. ) Any person has the right ) to appear at the hearing and ) to file written objections on ) or before the hearing date. ) Date: May 28, 2024 ) Kathy Kreag Williams ) Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court ) R4487 6/17/24, 6/24/24, 7/1/24

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON ) CIRCUIT COURT ) Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-5718 ) IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF ) NAME OF MINOR: ) AMELIA HANLEY SIMMONS ) NOTICE OF HEARING ) Notice is hereby given that ) Petitioners CHRISTOPHER ) I. SIMMONS and JOYCE H. ) SIMMONS, through counsel, ) filed a Verified Petition for ) Change of Name of Minor ) to change her name from ) AMELIA HANLEY SIMMONS ) to ELLIOTT HANLEY SIMMONS. ) The petition is scheduled for ) hearing in the Hamilton ) Circuit Court on August 9, ) 2024 at 10:00 am, which ) is more than thirty (30) ) days after the third notice ) of publication. Any person ) has the right to appear at ) the hearing and to file ) written objections on or ) before the hearing date. ) The parties shall report to ) One Hamilton County ) Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, ) IN 46060. ) Date: June 12, 2024 ) Kathy Kreag Williams ) Clerk of Hamilton County ) R4498 6/17/24, 6/24/24, 7/1/24

Lower cost. Better customer service. What more could you ask? PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com

WESTFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 1, 2024 at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions: 2407-PUD-16; The Courtyards of Cielo Ranch Planned Unit Development (PUD); Located at 926 East 161st Street; Epcos Communities by Church Church Hittle + Antrim requests a change of zoning for 35.5 acres +/- from the AG-SF1: Agriculture / Single-family Rural District to The Courtyards of Cielo Ranch Planned Unit Development (PUD) District. Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170. Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 at or before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission Westfield Community Development Department 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 www.westfield.in.gov R4489 6/17/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION Notice is hereby given that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission ("Commission") will consider the approval of a Zone Improvement Plan as part of the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan and will hold a public hearing on the same on Monday, July 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, IN 46074. The public is invited to attend the hearing and will have an opportunity to be heard on the proposed Zone Improvement Plan. A copy of the entire Zone Improvement Plan is on file at the Westfield City Services Center, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, IN 46074, and may be examined in its entirety by the public during regular office hours. The Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission may continue this hearing from time to time if necessary. WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION R4503 6/17/24

COUNTY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, Hereinafter referred to as the OWNER, will receive sealed bids for the following Surface Milling, Patching, and Asphalt Resurfacing of the following project: 1) Various Roads in Washington and Fall Creek Townships totaling approximately 3.72 miles and referred to as "Contract 24-02" all in Hamilton County, Indiana. Sealed bids can be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor's Office until 12:30 p.m on July 8, 2024 at 33 N. 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. After 12:30 p.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening. All proposals will be considered by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center at Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioner's Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. local time, July 8, 2024. The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes (both federal and state), permits licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project. All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contract to be made, shall be furnished and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents and will be on file at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on June 24, 2024 and may be obtained for the sum of \$25 for the Proposal and Specifications of which none is refundable. Payment shall be by money order or check and shall be made payable to the Hamilton County Treasurer. Each individual proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the county supplied sealed bid notice bearing the title of the project and the name and address of the bidder firmly affixed. All mailer packets shall have a separately sealed envelope inside the mailer with the county supplied sealed bid notice firmly affixed to the inside sealed bid. Each proposal must be submitted separately. The bidder shall affix identifying tabs to the following sheets of each proposal: Form 96 Non-Collusion Affidavit Bid Bond Financial Statement Employment Eligibility Verification Certification Receipt of Addendum (If Applicable) Itemized Proposal Each individual proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the proposal, which check or bond will be held by the said Hamilton County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNER upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish performance bond to Hamilton County, Indiana, will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder's bond, and as for liquidated damages. Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be good for 120 days from the opening of the bids. Robin M. Mills Hamilton County Auditor Dated: January 19, 2024 R4485 6/17/24, 6/24/24

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Masthead Drain, Carefree Estates Arm NOTICE Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 405 of the 1965 Indiana Drainage Code that this Board, prior to final adjournment on June 10, 2024 has issued an order adopting the Schedule of Assessments, filed the same and made public announcement thereof at the hearing and ordered publication. If judicial review of the findings and order of the Board is not requested pursuant to Article Eight of this code within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication, the order shall be conclusive. Hamilton County Drainage Board Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh R4488 6/17/24

FISHERS

City Of Fishers Request For Proposals And Qualifications To Develop A Concept For A Resident Identity And Access Management Solution The City of Fishers ("City") seeks to retain a seeks to retain a technology firm to develop a detailed concept for a Resident Identity and Access Management ("RIAM") platform that connects the City and its residents. RESPONSES DUE: July 12, 2024 by 4:00 p.m. PROJECT OVERVIEW: The winning Offeror shall be required to complete a scope of work that includes developing a concept for a tech Solution pursuant to the following: Solution Development: Stakeholder Engagement: Collaborating with City officials and other stakeholders to gather insights, feedback, and requirements. Strategic Recommendations: Formulating a strategic plan that outlines specific actions, timelines, milestones, and resources required to achieve the project objectives. Roadmap Presentation: Delivering a comprehensive report and presentation that describes the roadmap for Solution development in a clear, concise, and actionable manner. Ancillary & Ongoing Services: In addition to developing the Solution, the winning Offeror will be required to complete in full the following: Training: The Contractor shall be responsible for training six (6) City employees on the use and support of the proposed Solution. Ongoing Maintenance: The Contractor shall be responsible for performing maintenance of the proposed solution. User & Technical Support: The Contractor shall provide ongoing user and technical support for the proposed Solution after it goes live. At minimum, this must include 24/7 emergency support. Hosting Requirements for Solution: Offerors shall propose a cloud hosted Solution. Offerors proposing a Software as a Service (SaaS) System will be considered under the cloud hosted model. All servers and data associated with the must reside in the continental United States. The City prefers the proposed Solution be hosted on a private cloud or a virtual private cloud. For the purposes of this RFPQ, a private cloud is either a single-tenant environment where the hardware, storage, and network are dedicated to the City; or a virtual private cloud, a multi-tenant environment with network isolation and private subnets. Offerors may propose other types of cloud in their proposal, but preferential scoring will be given for private or virtual private cloud. Contractor shall perform all work on the proposed Solution from within the continental United States of America. The Solution must not be accessed from outside of the U.S. The winning Offeror shall be responsible for the acquisition and operation of all hardware, software, and network support related to the hosting services being provided. The winning Offeror shall develop and implement the Solution and all dependent hosted hardware in such a manner that allows for direct network communications with the winning Offeror's Solution and the exchange of data via approved industry standard protocols for interfacing with other City systems as deemed necessary. The winning Offeror shall provision all environments including, at minimum, the following: development, testing and production The winning Offeror shall keep all hosting related software current and up to date, including the following: (i) notifying the City of all software and security upgrades within three (3) business days of upgrade availability. The Contractor shall provide all software and security upgrades at no additional cost to the City; and (ii) Providing the City's designee with a proposed implementation plan for approval with implementation timelines for all software and security upgrades within seven (7) business days of upgrade availability. EVALUATION: Proposal will be evaluated based on the following: Business Experience & Expertise: 30% Plan: 30% Price: 20% Interview: 20% NOTE: The RFPQ is to retain a technology provider who will work with the City to develop a concept for the Solution. Offerors are not expected to respond with Solutions. Rather, the City plans to work collaboratively with the winning Offeror to develop a concept for the Solution that satisfies the requirements included in the RFPQ. R4493 6/13/24, 6/17/24, 6/20/24, 6/24/24



COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2311-AD-1535
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF
JAYLEN AMALY ROSALES, MINOR
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
The grandparents of Jaylen Amaly Rosales, born on March 25, 2013, are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code 31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted by the adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may not be used to contest the adoption. If a grandparent desires to file for visitation, such action must be filed in the above-named court within fifteen (15) days. If a grandparent fails to timely file for visitation, the above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption and the grandparent will be precluded from subsequently pursuing a grandparent visitation case for the child. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and grandparent visitation statutes.

Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1
Prepared by:
Nathan A. Leach (Attorney #25673-49)
HERRIN & LEACH, LLC
3815 River Crossing Parkway, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 566-2174
Nate@IndianaAdoptionLawyer.com
R4455 6/10/24, 6/17/24, 6/24/24

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2404-MI-004786
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
XANDER GENE BROWN
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING
XANDER GENE BROWN, whose mailing address is: 9065 CHADWELL CT APT 205, FISHERS, IN 46037 in the HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that XANDER GENE BROWN has filed a petition in the HAMILTON Court requesting that name be changed to XANDER GENE HALL.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on September 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Xander Gene Brown
Petitioner
Date: May 20, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams, Judicial Officer
R4443 6/3/24, 6/10/24, 6/17/24

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-5407
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
Aarav Chadha
Minor
Palvinder Kaur
Petitioner,
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Palvinder Kaur as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change the name of Aarav Chadha to Aarav Singh Bhinder.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton County Circuit court on October 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: May 28, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R4448 6/10/24, 6/17/24, 6/24/24

29D01-2405-EU-000215
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF HAMILTON
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MERVYN M. COPELAND, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Lea C. Bishop was, on 2 3rd day of May, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MERVYN M. COPELAND, deceased, who died on the 8th day of April, 2024.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 23rd day of May, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court
Andrew M. David - #18600-09
Attorney for Estate
208 Fourth Street
Logansport, IN 46947
Telephone: 574-722-3730
R4450 6/10/24, 6/17/24

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2402-MI-001554
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
)
SUSAN MEYERS BRADY, )
Petitioner.
)
AMENDED NOTICE OF
)
PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
)
Comes now the Petitioner Susan Meyers Brady, by counsel Kimberly S. Lytle, and in support of this Notice states as follows:
)
Petitioner Susan Meyers Brady, whose residential and mailing address is 5757 Marco Pt., Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that a petition has been filed in the Hamilton Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Susan Brady Striebel.
)
Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, 1 N. 8th St, Noblesville, IN 46060, on: October 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for a period of fifteen (15) minutes.
)
Respectfully submitted,
)
/s/ Kimberly S. Lytle
)
Kimberly S. Lytle, Atty. No. 29355-27
)
Attorney for Petitioner
)
TERRY LEGAL GROUP, LLC
)
301 E. Carmel Dr., Ste. C300
)
Carmel, IN 46032
)
Telephone: (317) 564-0016
)
klytle@terrylegalgroupp.com
)
Dated: June 5, 2024
)
Kathy Kreag Williams
)
Clerk, Hamilton County, Indiana
)
R4476 6/17/24, 6/24/24, 7/1/24

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-005941
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
)
KAITLYN NICOLE EMMERSON )
Petitioner
)
NOTICE OF HEARING
)
Kaitlyn Nicole Emmerson, whose mailing address is: 1716 creekside Ln, Carmel, Indiana 46032 in the HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Kaitlyn Nicole Emmerson has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Lucas James Emmerson..
)
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on October 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
)
Kaitlyn Nicole Emmerson
)
Petitioner
)
Date: May 30, 2024
)
Kathy Kreag Williams
)
County Clerk
)
R4479 6/17/24, 6/24/24, 7/1/24

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-006230
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
)
Raechel Erin Serrano )
Petitioner
)
NOTICE OF HEARING
)
Raechel Erin Serrano, whose mailing address is 3180 Winings Lane, Carmel, IN 46074 and whose residence address is 3180 Winings Lane, Carmel, IN 46074, Hamilton County, Indiana hereby gives notice that she has filed a Petition in the Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Raechel Erin Beaman. Notice if further given that hearing will be held on said Petition on the 8th day of November, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
)
Raechel Erin Serrano
)
Petitioner
)
Date: May 30, 2024
)
Kathy Kreag Williams
)
County Clerk
)
R4480 6/17/24, 6/24/24, 7/1/24

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2405-MI-006230
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
)
Raechel Erin Serrano )
Petitioner
)
NOTICE OF HEARING
)
Raechel Erin Serrano, whose mailing address is 3180 Winings Lane, Carmel, IN 46074 and whose residence address is 3180 Winings Lane, Carmel, IN 46074, Hamilton County, Indiana hereby gives notice that she has filed a Petition in the Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Raechel Erin Beaman. Notice if further given that hearing will be held on said Petition on the 8th day of November, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
)
Raechel Erin Serrano
)
Petitioner
)
Date: May 30, 2024
)
Kathy Kreag Williams
)
County Clerk
)
R4479 6/17/24, 6/24/24, 7/1/24

COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Proposed Intersection Improvement at 146th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway in Carmel and Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

CHA Consulting, Inc., acting as the agent for the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, will host a public information meeting on Thursday, June 20th, 2024, at Noble Crossing Elementary School, located at 5670 Noble Crossing Parkway East, Noblesville, IN 46062, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. The doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. in order for the public to view displays and talk to the representatives prior to the start of the meeting. The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on and view current preliminary design plans for the 146th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway intersection improvement project in Carmel and Noblesville, Hamilton County, IN. The project is needed due to anticipated increases of projected traffic through the corridor. In the findings of a 2018 traffic data and analysis study, it was predicted that based on historical growth in the area, the intersection would be operating at a Level of Service F by 2040, with AM and PM Peak Hour mainline failure expected to occur sooner. The purpose of the project is to improve the travel efficiency of this intersection to a minimum Level of Service C through the year 2046 and reduce vehicular crashes.

The currently preferred alternative will include a new bridge carrying 146th Street over Hazel Dell Parkway, with a length of approximately 304 feet, and an at-grade roundabout on Hazel Dell Parkway. The project requires the acquisition of approximately 4.6 acres of permanent right-of-way and 0.8 acre of temporary right-of-way for construction purposes. The currently preferred alternative will extend along 146th Street approximately 1700 feet west and 1700 feet east of Hazel Dell Parkway, and along Hazel Dell Parkway approximately 500 feet north and 675 feet south of 146th Street. The currently preferred alternative would be constructed in phases and the intent of the Maintenance of Traffic plan would be to maintain open east/west traffic lanes on 146th Street and to minimize disruption of traffic to and from Hazel Dell Parkway. Detours may be necessary. Alteration of existing ingress/egress locations within the project extents may occur. It is anticipated that several existing access points along 146th Street will need to be modified or closed as part of the project. It is expected that approximately 0.5 acre of trees will likely be cleared as part of this project. The project is anticipated to begin construction in Summer 2026. CHA Consulting and Hamilton County have agreed that this project will be evaluated as a State Environmental Document (EA). Preliminary design information will be made available to view at the following locations:

- 1. Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060
2. CHA Consulting, Inc., Indianapolis Office, 201 N. Illinois St., Ste 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204
3. https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/233/Highway-Department
Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and within the comment period to Chris Leek, Senior Scientist, CHA Consulting, 201 North Illinois Street, Suite 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204; email: cleek@chasolutions.com; phone: 317-493-3049. CHA and Hamilton County respectfully request comments be submitted by July 5th, 2024.
With advance notice, Hamilton County can provide accommodations for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to project information as part of the hearings process including arranging auxiliary aids, interpretation services for the hearing impaired, services for the sight impaired and other services as needed. In addition, Hamilton County will provide accommodations for persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requiring auxiliary aids including language interpretation services and document conversion. Should accommodation be required please contact Chris Leek, Senior Scientist, CHA Consulting, 201 North Illinois Street, Suite 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204; email: cleek@chasolutions.com; phone: 317-493-3049 by June 14th, 2024
Hamilton County Highway Department
Matt Lee, Hamilton County Bridge Program Engineer
1700 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
Phone: (317) 773-7770
Email: matt.lee@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
R4452 6/10/24, 6/17/24

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Hamilton County Airport Authority will be receiving bids for the airfield electrical project until Tuesday, July 2, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The electrical project contains replacement of Runway 18-36 high intensity edge lighting, and associated cable and conduit. It also includes the construction of a new electrical vault and the installation of a new 4-box precision approach path identifier for Runway 18.
If interested, guidelines for preparing a submittal will be available at https://woolpert.com/bid and/or www.questcdn.com beginning Thursday, June 13, 2024, through Tuesday, July 2, 2024.
Bid deadline 3:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.
Bids will be accepted online at www.questcdn.com and opened at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, Conference Room 1A, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN 46060 on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
Reference Quest Number 9135937.
Bid Bond guarantee will be required with each bid as a certified check on a solvent bank or a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) % of the total amount of the bid, made payable to the Hamilton County Aviation Authority.
Additional information regarding this request for proposals can be obtained by contacting Nick Kowalkowski, Project Manager at nick.kowalkowski@woolpert.com or by phone at (317) 223-2241.
R4460 6/10/24, 6/17/24

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 1st day of July, 2024. This hearing, to discuss application BZNA-000104-2024, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Ralph and Kristen Walker requests approval of a Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO §9.B.2.C.3, to permit an accessory structure to exceed the maximum building height in the R1 zoning district at property located at 18969 Mallery Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.
This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website, http://www.cityofnoblesville.org at least 5 days prior to the hearing.
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R4474 6/12/24, 6/17/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Noblesville Common Council
Noblesville, Indiana

The Noblesville Common Council will hold a public hearing on the 9th day of July, 2024. This hearing is to consider annexation into the City Limits of Noblesville as per property described in "Exhibit A". The property is located at 16864 Union Chapel Road and contains approximately 5.94 acres in Noblesville Township. The public hearing will be conducted at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Noblesville City Building, 16 S. 10th Street, Second Floor Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana.
Current Zoning of the subject property is "R1/FH Low Density Single Family Residential and Flood Hazard District and upon annexation will remain as zoned until such time there is a request to change the zoning and will include the adjacent right-of-way for Union Chapel Road, if not currently annexed. There is attached as "Exhibit B" a summary of the fiscal plan. This is the City's plan for extending services to the newly annexed area. The City will provide, upon request, a copy of the fiscal plan in its entirety after the plan's adoption and may be obtained at the Planning and Development Department in City Hall at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140, Noblesville, Indiana.
Questions or comments may be directed to a staff member of the Noblesville Planning and Development Department at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140, Noblesville, Indiana during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday or by the calling 317-776-6325.

EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 5 east, located in Noblesville Township Hamilton County, Indiana being bounded as follows:
Commencing at the northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 5 East; thence on the west line of said Southwest Quarter south 0 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds east (assumed bearing) 1246.08 feet; thence north 89 degrees 14 minutes 47 seconds east 150.00 feet to the east right of way of Union Chapel Road and the point of beginning of this description:
Thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 47 seconds East 1025.60 feet; thence South 44 degrees 42 minutes 08 seconds West 289.97 feet; thence South 63 degrees 33 minutes 02 seconds West 44.28 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 26 seconds West 92.00 feet; thence South 75 degrees 25 minutes 32 seconds West 86.83 feet; thence South 52 degrees 14 minutes 24 seconds West 133.93 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 14 seconds West 500.00 feet to the east right of way line of Union Chapel Road; thence on said right of way line North 00 degrees 04 minutes 39 seconds East 316.23 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.94 acres, more or less.
Also, any public right-of-way west and adjacent to the above-described land not previously annexed by the City of Noblesville, Indiana shall be included as a part of the annexation.

EXHIBIT "B"
SUMMARY OF FISCAL PLAN FOR THE ANNEXATION OF +/- 5.94 ACRES FOR 16864 UNION CHAPEL ROAD
Subject: Annexation of property to the Corporate Limits of the City of Noblesville
Common Name: 16864 Union Chapel Road
Location: 16864 Union Chapel Road
Area: 5.94 Acres +/-
Assessed Net Valuation: \$375,000 (estimated)
I. Police Protection
A. Extension of Patrol Area
B. Response to Calls
1. Injuries
2. Equipment or Property Damage
3. Other Criminal Activity
II. Fire Protection
A. Extension of Service Area
B. Response to Calls
1. Health Related
2. Fire
III. Street Maintenance
IV. Sanitary Sewer Availability
V. Planning Services
VI. Parks and Recreation
R4481 6/17/24

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29C01-1812-MF-011693 wherein U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee For Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-EQ1 was Plaintiff, and Willie M Brown, AKA Willie M Brown, Jr., AKA Willie Mitchell Brown, AKA Willie Mitchell Brown, Jr. and Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost. I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the July 25, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot Numbered 44 in Claybourne, Section 1, an Addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded November 13, 2002, in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 90, as Instrument No. 2002-86424, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known address: 13172 Antonia Boulevard, Carmel, IN 46074
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Ouakenbush II, Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Clay
Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 29-09-30-002-002.000-018

J. Dustin Smith, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, P.O. Box 165028, Columbus OH 43216-5028, Telephone: 614-220-5611, Attorney for Plaintiff
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein
R4463 6/10/24, 6/17/24, 6/24/24

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D03-2001-MF-000196 wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company As Trustee For IndyMac INDA Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-ARI, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-ARI was Plaintiff, and Ronald Sheppard, Nadine L. S. Sheppard, The United States of America, Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, AEL Financial LLC, State of Indiana, Department of Revenue and CIT Bank, National Association FKA Indymac Federal Bank, FSB., A Federally Chartered Savings Bank were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost. I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the July 25, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot Numbered 1 and Block One "A" (1-A) in Sheppards Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14, pages 83-85, Certificate of Revision dated November 18, 2002 and recorded December 2, 2002 as Instrument Number 200200091867, by Allan H. Weihe, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana and Certified of Correction dated July 15, 2004 and recorded July 16, 2004 as Instrument Number 200400049929. Together with an undivided 1/24th interest in common area as disclosed in Warranty Deed recorded as Instrument Number 200000036374, which said undivided 1/24th interest shall run with the title to Lot 1.
EXCEPTING from Block 1A real estate as set forth in Warranty Deed to the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, dated January 22, 2004 and recorded February 25, 2004 as Instrument Number 200400011579 and further described as follows:

A part of the North Half of Section 1, Township 17 North, Range 5 East, Hamilton County, Indiana, and being that part of the grantors' land lying within the right-of-way lines depicted on the attached Right-of-Way parcel Plat marked EXHIBIT "B", described as follows:
Beginning on the eastern line of White Pine Cove at a point North 20 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds East 15.00 feet from the Northeast corner of Lot 3 in Said White Pine Cove, a subdivision in the Northeast Quarter of said Section 1, the plat of which is recorded in Instrument 8802379, Plat Book 15, page 50 in the Office of the Recorder of said county, which POINT OF BEGINNING is designated as point "41" on said parcel Plat; thence continuing North 20 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds East 25.00 feet along said eastern line to the center line of 113th Street; thence along said center line Southeasterly 95.03 feet along an arc to the left and having a radius of 3,176.50 feet and subtended by a long chord having a bearing South 71 degrees 33 minutes 53 seconds East and a length of 95.02 feet to a point "9" designated on said Parcel Plat; thence South 72 degrees 25 minutes 19 seconds East 1.90 feet along said center line to the northwestern shore line of Thorpe Creek; thence South 27 degrees 06 minutes 29 seconds West 25.35 feet along said shore line to point "42" designated on said Parcel Plat; thence northwesterly 93.89 feet along an arc to the right and having radius of 3,201.50 feet and subtended by a long chord having a bearing of North 71 degrees 32 minutes 26 seconds West and a length of 93.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.055 acres, more or less, inclusive of the presently existing right-of-way which contains 0.020 acres, more or less for a net additional taking of 0.035 acres, more or less.
Commonly known address: 14350 East 131st Street, Fishers, IN 46040
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Ouakenbush II, Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Fall Creek
Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 29-15-01-015-001.000-020

J. Dustin Smith, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, P.O. Box 165028, Columbus OH 43216-5028, Telephone: 614-220-5611, Attorney for Plaintiff
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein
R4464 6/10/24, 6/17/24, 6/24/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2306-MF-004984, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation was Plaintiff, and Ashley A. Janssen and Kingsley Homeowners Association, Inc., were the Defendants, and Kingsley Homeowners Association, Inc., was Cross-Plaintiff/Counter-Plaintiff, and Freedom Mortgage Corporation, was Counter-Defendant, and Ashley A. Janssen, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Barbara J. Davidson and City of Noblesville, were Cross-Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 25th day of July, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot Number 89 in Kingsley Subdivision, Section 2, an Addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded March 15, 1999 as Instrument No. 9915892 in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 239, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
29-10-002-018.000-013
and commonly known as: 15187 Redcliff Dr., Noblesville, IN 46062.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-2306-MF-004984 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
Dennis J. Ouakenbush II, Hamilton County Sheriff

DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C., 41 E Washington St., Suite 400, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Noblesville
Township
15187 Redcliff Dr, Noblesville, IN 46062
Street Address
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR
R4465 6/10/24, 6/17/24, 6/24/24

COURT NOTICES

29D01-2406-EU-000246
Jack G. Hittle, #7550-29
Church Church Hittle + Antrim
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Lynn F. Donnellson was, on June 12, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of DONALD M. FRASER, deceased, who died May 17, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on June 12, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
R4501 6/17/24, 6/24/24

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON
SUPERIOR COURT 1
Cause No. 29D01-2406-MI-006316
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF )
TRENT JAMES SCRIPTER )
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR )
CHANGE OF NAME )
Trent James Scripser, whose mailing address is 16622 Maines Valley Drive, Noblesville, Indiana 46062, and whose residence address is 600 Green Oaks Lane, Unit 2-101, Westfield, Indiana 46074 in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Trent James Scripser has filed a petition in the Hamilton Superior Court 1 requesting that his name be changed to Trent James Scripser Malone.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. EDT in the Hamilton Superior Court 1.
Date: June 13, 2024
/s/ Trent James Scripser
R4502 6/17/24, 6/24/24, 7/1/24

Public Notice Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday
Public Notices@ReadTheReporter.com

HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER
Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper

# Tyler Trent's legacy, strong as ever

## Annual golf outing raises more than \$150,000 for cancer research

### The REPORTER

The legacy of Tyler Trent continued on June 10, as the fourth annual "Tee off for Tyler" charity golf outing took place that day at the Sagamore Club in Noblesville.

This year's outing raised more than \$150,000 for the Tyler Trent Foundation, which supports cancer research. Trent was a Purdue University student and passionate Boilermakers fan whose fight with the rare bone cancer osteosarcoma produced an outpouring of inspiration and support from across the country. Tyler passed away on Jan. 1, 2019, and his foundation honors his memory by improving the lives of others who are challenged by the disease.

Elevance Health was the title sponsor of this year's event, while other sponsors include Lucas Oil, Republic Airways, Wood Mizer, Trueblood Real Estate, Ryan Fire Protection, and the Purdue Institute for Cancer.

Tony Trent, Tyler's father, said it's "humbling to see some of the same sponsors" that have been involved with the tournament from day one, and come back every year to "help Tyler's dream come true of trying to eradicate pediatric cancer."

"Most people don't know this, but childhood cancer is just as prevalent as adult cancer," said Tony Trent. But he pointed out that there are less drugs for childhood cancer, saying

that there's a lack of childhood cancer research because it's considered rarer and there's a smaller population.

"This tournament helps with awareness, helps people know who Tyler was, continues to bring awareness to the need to fund this," said Tony Trent. "Only five cents of every dollar from the National Institute of Cancer goes to research for kids, and the rest goes for adult cancer. We're just trying to do what we can do to help."

This year's event featured a helicopter ball drop, as well as opening remarks from Tony Trent and Kelly Trent, Tyler's mother. Former Vice President Mike Pence also was in attendance, sharing some thoughts about Tyler and offering the opening prayer. Tyler's younger brother Ethan Trent was there, he is a wide receiver on the Purdue football team.

Indianapolis Colts general manager Chris Ballard attended the outing. Among the golfers participating were Colts wide receiver Ethan Fernea, Purdue head football coach Ryan Walters, along with Boilers quarterback Hudson Card and offensive lineman Gus Hartwig. Trey Kaufman-Renn, a forward on Purdue's national runner-up men's basketball team, was also there.

"A lot of people remember Tyler as a football fan, but what they may not know is that his first love



Photos provided by Pence Media Group

(ABOVE LEFT) Indianapolis Colts general manager Chris Ballard (center) was one of the attendees of the golf outing. He is pictured with Tyler Trent's parents, Tony and Kelly Trent. (ABOVE RIGHT) Former Vice President Mike Pence (second from right) talks with Ethan Trent (left), Tyler Trent's brother, during the "Tee Off For Tyler" golf outing that took place June 10 at the Sagamore Club in Noblesville. The fourth annual outing raised more than \$150,000 for the Tyler Trent Foundation, which supports cancer research. Also pictured are Tyler's father Tony Trent (second from left) and former Indiana senator Dan Coats.

was basketball," said Kelly Trent. "Tyler's passion for Purdue sports really started when he wrote articles about the basketball team for the *Purdue Exponent*, so he would be delighted to know how well they did in this year's tournament."

The outing also featured a silent auction, with VIP sports experiences, autographed sports gear and more up. Some of those items include memorabilia connected with the Boilers'

men's basketball team; a Final Four basketball autographed by the players sold for \$1,500. Purdue coach Matt Painter also offered a signed basketball, and a Drew Brees autographed helmet was among the items. Brees played football for Purdue before winning a Super Bowl with the New Orleans Saints.

"It's just been super encouraging to build relationships with people and they come back year after

year, which is special, and to know that Tyler's remembered, and that people are thinking about it and wanting to come out to support his passion to raise money for pediatric cancer," said Kelly Trent.

During his life, Tyler donated several of his tumors for cancer research. Those donations – as well as the monetary donations provided by the Tyler Trent Foundation – have led to even more opportunities for

researchers in the field.

"We recently received two new awards through the rare cancers program at the Department of Defense, which were based in part on screening data conducted with Tyler's tumor cells," said Karen Pollok, PhD, IU School of Medicine researcher and one of Tyler's doctors. "We are humbled to be able to conduct this work and appreciate the Trent family's continued support. It is making a difference."



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**VICTORIA SPARTZ**  
PROUDLY SERVING **INDIANA'S 5TH DISTRICT**

### Constituent Services



#### Help with Federal Agencies

I can help you when dealing with federal agencies, including:

- Social Security issues
- Medicare claims
- Veterans benefits
- Passport assistance
- IRS questions



#### US Flag Requests

Obtain commemorative flags flown over the US Capitol from my office.



#### Military Academy Nominations

High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.



#### US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation's capital.

West District Office: (317) 848-0201

East District Office: (765) 639-0671

[www.spartz.house.gov](http://www.spartz.house.gov)