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## Helping when it matters most

Hamilton County comes together to fight local food insecurity

**The REPORTER**

In 2022, owners of The Hamilton County Reporter brought back the tradition of printing comprehensive 4-H results in a special publication filled with abundant color photos of 4-H kids and their projects. We also started a new tradition: using the advertising money from our 4-H publication as a way to help families in need.

For the last nine years, Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Food Bank has run a program called Meating the Need which provides healthy LOCAL protein for the county's most vulnerable kids and families and strengthens the partnerships between farm families and the greater community.

On Tuesday, July 23 at the 4-H Livestock Auction, HCH will purchase – with help from donors – beef, dairy cattle, and hogs from LOCAL 4-H members. Meating the Need donations go towards the sale of the animals and to the 4-H members as they pursue their 4-H, education, and life goals.

On Thursday, July 18, Reporter Owner Ray Adler presented a check to HCH Executive Director Anita Hagen to help feed families in Hamilton County.

This year the need is greater and so is the amount of the donation.

No matter how many times some people will tell you that the economy is great, and that we are better off than we were only a few years ago, more people and more businesses are struggling now. One consequence of that fact is that HCH must pay more to have 4-H auction animals processed into pro-



Reporter photo  
Reporter Owner Ray Adler (center) hands a donation check to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank Executive Director Anita Hagen. They were joined by 4-H'ers Maddy Higgins, Tanner Dawson, Abby Sheller, Ellie Miller, Abby Holloway, Valerie Adams, Caleb Smith in front, Ray Adler, Anita Hagen, Beth Adams, Kaylee Smith, Annie Sheller, Olivia Higgins, Lilly Higgins, Jack Higgins. Not pictured: Larry Endicott, Faith Lehman, Caleb Lehman, Cade Henderson, Tyler Drummond, Lilly Henderson, and Rees Knapp.

tein portions for local families.

For those few of you who might dispute the fact that this economy is challenging, and the need for donations like this is greater than ever, consider this:

- 22,370 Hamilton County residents are food insecure, including 5,110 children.

- Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank reports a 30 percent increase in need in 2023 and a 50 percent increase in food purchasing.

- Meals on Wheels reports 62 percent of its clients are requesting financial assistance which is a 52 percent increase since 2022.

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## I'm so over it!

"Janet Kay, don't let the words or actions of others take away your kindness."

Mom's voice isn't around, yet I still hear her wisdom. I've thought a lot about what she would say with all the turmoil the world is in today.

Growing up, I heard her express her opinions, but never in a harsh way. She felt strongly about many things but never demanded people listen to her or insist she was right. She said when you get loud and insist you are right, people will not listen. She was a wise woman.

If only the world understood her way of thinking and remembered what it was like to be kind.

The definition of kindness is the state of being kind, of treating people with kindness and respect. The two go hand in hand and even heart to heart.

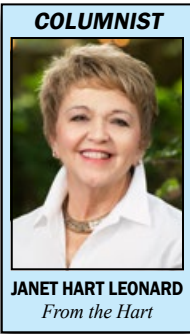
The world shouts, "I'm right, and if you don't agree with me, you are wrong!" Huh?

There used to be an aisle where people with differing opinions would meet and discuss their differences with civility. Who stole the aisle? Have we lost all manner of civility?

If someone comes at me with a loud voice or words that make me feel bullied, I refuse to accept the invitation to the argument. If they feel like they win . . . so be it. I learned long ago that you will never win an argument with someone who refuses to listen.

Arguing is like a verbal tug of war, and verbal mud is slung. I refuse to get dirty.

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JANET HART LEONARD  
From the Hart



Photo provided

These sugar cream pie pancakes are inspired by Chef Sarah Holland's grandmother's own pie recipe.

## Popular Cicero restaurant now offering brunch

**The REPORTER**

10 West Restaurant and Bar, a staple in the Hamilton County dining scene since 2014, is expanding its offerings to include brunch.



Previously open for dinner only, the Cicero restaurant now offers brunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu includes quality brunch staples with a 10 West twist, like Buddy's Omelet, a vegetarian omelet featuring the restaurant's signature creamed corn. The menu also showcases Chef Sarah Holland's nod to a Hoosier favorite – sugar cream pie pancakes inspired by her grandmother's sugar cream pie recipe.

The brunch menu is available at [10WestJackson.com](http://10WestJackson.com) and includes a full offering of brunch cocktails, appetizers, and

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## Llamas are leaving 'fairly' soon



Reporter photo



Reporter photo by Amy Adams



Reporter photo by Anna Mitchell

Depending on how efficient (or not) the United State Postal Service chooses to be this week, you may still have time to get to the Hamilton County 4-H Fair at 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. Tuesday night will be your last chance to ride Bob's Bumpy Barrels, pet a llama, eat an elephant ear as big as your head, get some fresh grilled goodness, or do any number of other things we know you love. If you miss the action, fear not, for this newspaper will bring you all the results and coverage in a special edition the first week of August!

## Carmel establishes Mayor's Advisory Commission on Veterans & Military Families

**The REPORTER**

Mayor Sue Finkam announced last Thursday the formation of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Veterans and Military Families, a new initiative dedicated to addressing the unique needs and challenges faced by veterans and military families within the Carmel community.

This commission is a testament to Carmel's commitment to honoring and supporting its veteran residents and business owners.

"Veterans and members of the military from our city have ded-

icated themselves to protecting our freedoms and ensuring the safety of our nation, often at great personal cost," Mayor Finkam said. "Their courage, resilience and commitment are truly inspiring. This commission will play a crucial role in identifying and addressing the needs of our veteran community."



Finkam



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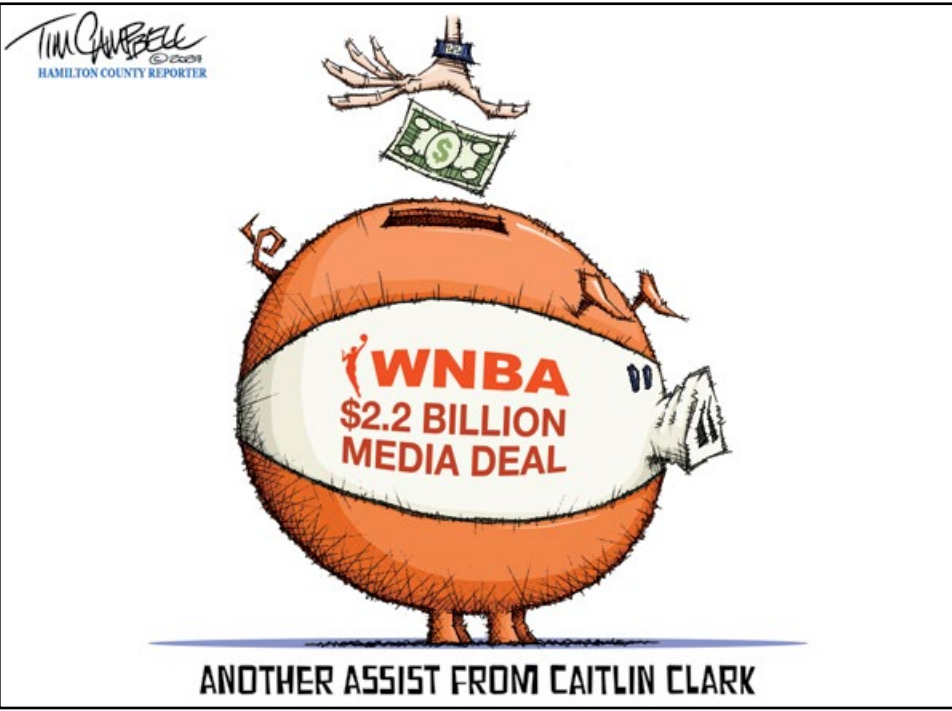
appointed by Mayor Finkam. "This commission will have the ability to address the critical needs of veterans in our community such as rehabilitation pro-

grams, mental health assistance and other services," Snyder said. "By listening to their experiences and understanding their unique challenges, we can ensure they receive the support and resources they deserve."

Members were chosen from a diverse cross-section of the armed services, veteran residents, and business owners of Carmel.

For more information on the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Veterans and Military Families, please call the Mayor's Office at (317) 571-2401.





## Westfield Washington Public Library to dedicate Makerspace & STEM Lab

Lab to be named in honor of Annie Gotwald

### The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) has announced the dedication of its Makerspace and STEM Lab in honor of Annie Gotwald.

The dedication ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at the new Westfield Washington Public Library – the day before what would have been Annie’s 10th birthday.

The Annie Gotwald Makerspace and STEM Lab will offer drop-in projects, individual STEM activities, and scheduled classes to library patrons. Gotwald, a Westfield resident who passed away unexpectedly in February, loved science and math and dreamed of one day becoming a NASA engineer.

“Annie was going into kindergarten when the pandemic hit,” her father Greg Gotwald, a graduate of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, explained. “Rose put together activities and experiments for kids to do during that time and something just clicked in her. Annie was obsessed with outer space and planets from that point on.”

Annie’s parents set up a GoFundMe page to support STEM education in Westfield in her honor. The Westfield Library will receive the first major gift from that generous funding.

“We were just floored by the support the community provided us after Annie’s passing,” said Annie’s mom, Lindsay Gotwald. “We wanted to pass that generosity along by investing in STEM education that was accessible to everyone in Westfield. She would have loved this new space. We couldn’t have asked for a more perfect opportunity



Photos provided (TOP) Annie in Washington, D.C., in October 2023. (ABOVE) Greg and Lindsay Gotwald with daughters Samantha (on Lindsay’s lap) and Annie (on Greg’s lap).

to build her legacy.”

WLF Executive Director Erin Downey added, “We are incredibly honored to dedicate the Makerspace and STEM Lab to Annie Gotwald. This generous contribution will

enable us to offer exceptional STEM resources and programming to the community, fostering a love for learning and innovation in our young residents – especially young girls like Annie.”

## Remembering Larry Stork and his lifetime of service

Submitted by City of Noblesville

Last Tuesday, the City of Noblesville honored and remembered the life of Larry Stork on his 88th birthday with the dedication of a park bench. Mayor Chris Jensen also proclaimed July 16, 2024, as Larry Stork Day.

Stork served 35 years on the Noblesville Board of Works and Public Safety and was reappointed by four different mayors. He also served on the Noblesville Common Council from 1980 to 1984.

He proudly served his country in the Army National Guard from 1958 to 1964.

He moved to Noblesville in 1962, before Firestone Industrial Products sent him to Canada from 1966 to 1968, but returned to the city in



Photo provided by City of Noblesville

1968 and lived here until his death on Nov. 19, 2019.

Larry’s wife, Sally, and daughters, Erica and Cara, were joined by current Board

of Works members John Elmer, Rick Taylor, Laurie Dyer, Jack Martin, and John Ditslear for the bench dedication in Forest Park.



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The Fishers Century Club chose Shop For Kids, a local organization that helps underprivileged children go Christmas shopping, as the charity of choice during the club’s recently quarterly meeting.

## Fishers Century Club elects to support Shop For Kids charity

### The REPORTER

The Fishers Century Club has announced that Shop For Kids was selected as the winning charity at the club’s meeting last Tuesday held at the recreation event room at The Club | Knowledge Services, 9800 Crosspoint Blvd., Fishers.

Shop For Kids, a Hamilton County-based 501(c)(3) organization, raises funds from the community and local businesses to enable law enforcement officers to take underprivileged children shopping for Christmas. The organization has been making a difference in the lives of children for the past 15 years.

“I want to thank the guys who attended and support the Fishers Century Club. Their group of guys use the simple power of numbers to give a charity, like Shop For Kids, unexpected funds,” Shop For Kids President Dustin Dixon said. “These funds will bless additional kids in our community when



officers take them Christmas shopping later this year. I’d encourage guys looking to network and hear about local organizations to come to the next Fishers Century Club.”

Dixon, who attended the Fishers Century Club meeting along with several other community-minded individuals, was chosen from a hat to present a charity of choice. He presented Shop For Kids, where he currently serves as the board chair and is passionate about their mission. He shared with the group that officers are paired with children from around the community to provide both items they need and an item they want.

For more information about Shop For Kids, please

visit [facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC](https://facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC).

The Fishers Century Club will reconvene on Sept. 17 to learn about more local charities and select the next quarterly winner. The September meeting is particularly significant as it will push the Fishers Century Club over the \$40,000 mark in giving since its inception in mid-2021. The Club’s goal is to continue growing in attendees, aiming to reach 100 members who each contribute \$100 per quarter, thereby making a significant impact of \$10,000 at each quarterly meeting.

For more information and a list of previous winners, please visit [FishersCenturyClub.com](https://FishersCenturyClub.com).

## Carmel Sister Cities to hold Olympic Opening Ceremony viewing party in Midtown

### The REPORTER

The City of Carmel’s six Sister Cities will hold a viewing party of the Opening Ceremonies of the 2024 Paris Olympics from noon to 4 p.m. on

Friday, July 26 in Midtown Plaza.

The viewing party is meant to promote global unity and awareness of Carmel’s sister city relationships and cheer on all

the Carmel Olympians.

Be sure to wear your SwimCity, USA T-shirt if you have one. Shirts are available for purchase at All Things Carmel, 110 W. Main St. #104.



# Westfield Shred Day

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# Youth share the deep magic of the theater

By AMY ADAMS  
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Main Street Productions' summer youth performance of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* at Basile Westfield Playhouse opened Thursday, July 18, to a sold-out crowd.

One of the younger fans in the audience expressed his vocal disdain for the White Witch, played by Maile Alpizar, and gave a rousing cheer when Aslan, played by Kaelyn Harvey, explained how all would be set right in the land of Narnia. The child's priceless reaction shows that the young cast of 28 brings believability to their characters, villains and heroes alike. Directed by Brandi Davis, the show draws in audience members of all ages.



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

The cast of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* takes a final bow on opening night at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

There's still time to catch the magic before the children exit the wardrobe and life returns to normal. Remaining shows run July 25 to 28 at 7:30 p.m. on

Thursday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at Basile Westfield Playhouse at 220 N. Union St., Westfield. Tickets are \$17 for adults 18 and older, \$15

for seniors 62 and older and for students with ID, and free for Veterans. Go to [BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org](http://BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org) or call (317) 402-3341 for tickets.

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A full house fills the lobby at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

## Office of Utility calls for cutting Duke Energy rate hike by more than 60 percent

By DAJA STOWE  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

The Indiana Office of Utility is recommending Duke Energy cut down on its pending rate request by more than 60 percent.

According to a release, Duke Energy requests a \$491.5 million base rate increase from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. An analysis from the OUCC shows that an increase of \$184.7 million (6.1 percent) is warranted.

Ten OUCC witnesses filed testimony with the IURC. In the testimony notes, the most of the increase requested is due to capital projects that received IURC preapproval, and are now being included in rates as is provided by state law.

"The significant reduction we recommend to Duke Energy's request is

based on a thorough analysis by our attorneys and technical staff, and it balances the need for reliable service with the affordability concerns raised by our staff and by the hundreds of customers who have spoken out on the request," said Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine.

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**BRUNCH**

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entrees. Many of the dishes include locally sourced ingredients from Noblesville's own Gatewood Vegetable Farm & Greenhouses.

"Brunch is a natural way for 10 West to expand upon the warm hospitality and signatures flavors customers have come to love from our dinner experience," 10 West Owner Brett Morrow said. "The 10

West team and I are excited about this new venture. We welcome our customers to find a new 10 West favorite as they start their morning on Jackson Street in Cicero."

Book your reservation for 10 West Brunch at [10WestJackson.com](http://10WestJackson.com). Walk-ins are also welcome Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MEATING**

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• Feeding Team is up to 67 self-service pantries.

When Hagen told this newspaper HCH would have to pay thousands of dollars more this year than they ever have before, we reached out to our advertisers asking them to help us help others.

"The response was humbling," Publisher Stu Clampitt said. "All our costs are higher this year too: postage, press fees, gas for delivery. But this community has an incredible heart for service and our advertisers all stepped up in a big way to help the Meating the Need program. This year we were able to give \$5,000 to help HCH fill the gap."

Reporter Owner Ray Adler said the newspaper is just doing what it should.

"This is exactly what newspapers are supposed to do," Adler said. "Don't thank us. Thank everyone who said yes when we asked them to pitch in."

In its history, the Meating the Need program has already provided over 32,225 pounds of meat for Hamilton County food pantries and

meals programs.

"The Reporter is privileged to be able to support important programs like Meating the Need," Reporter Owner and Circulation Director Isaac Taylor said. "We make good on our commitments to the people of this county precisely because of the sense of responsibility we share with countless other conscientious businesses and organizations."

The Reporter wants to stress that the HCH donation check was not from the newspaper, but from the numerous people and businesses who gave their support to both bring 4-H results back to print, and to help our neighbors who are struggling in the current economy.

We think every 4-H kid deserves to have their name in the newspaper. Keep reading The Reporter for updates on those forthcoming 4-H results!

"Some days I really love this job," Clampitt said. "I am deeply proud of this community for stepping up to help HCHFB and Hamilton County 4-H."



Reporter photo

Although Red Bridge Community Center was technically over capacity, public safety officials said that as long as citizens kept aisles clear and stood against walls, the building could remain over capacity given the public's interest.

**Cicero & Jackson Township speak, Board of Zoning Appeals listens**

*Proposed solid waste transfer station unanimously rejected*

**The REPORTER**

There are two main takeaways from last Thursday night's Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals marathon of a meeting: (1) a transfer station is not a dump, and (2) neither of those things is welcome in Jackson Township.

The purpose of the meeting was to vote on approval two zoning variances, one of which would allow construction of a solid waste transfer station along U.S. 31 between 226th and 236th streets, an area inside Jackson Township but outside the Town of Cicero.

Given the large public attendance expected at the meeting, the Board first met at Cicero Town Hall to start the meeting in order to hear and approve the motion to move the meeting to Red Bridge Community Center.

Discussion of the transfer station zoning variance began at 7:33 p.m. Thursday evening.

The Board's vote took place at 12:21 a.m. Friday morning.

During that near five-



Reporter photo

Though the crowd dwindled after the recess, some stuck it out to the end.

hour timeframe, numerous emails from the public were read. The public comment section began at 8:32 p.m. with the reading of emails. That continued until 10 p.m. when the Board called for a recess. After the recess, the Board opened in-person comments, which continued from 10:15 p.m. for approximately an hour and a half. Then the remaining emails were read into the record.

Several emails were

identical with different signatures, and many contained concerns from citizens who said they feel Jackson Township has no voice.

Aside from the representative of the developer, there were zero comments in favor of the variance.

When the time to vote arrived 21 minutes after midnight, Board member Steve Zell said, "It is not a fit here in this community. It's simply not a fit."

The Board's verdict was clear.

The four Board members present at the meeting all voted against approval of the variance: Mike Berry, Scott Bockoski, Harrison Massonne, and Zell.

Also present were Aaron Culp, legal counsel, and Cicero/Jackson Township Planning Director Frank Zawadzki. Board member Dennis Schrupf was not present.

**OVER IT**

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I once heard a minister tell my mom, "Audrey, you are such a wonderful voice of reason on our church board. You offer your thoughts in such a way that people listen. You never make people feel 'less than' for their opinion. You refuse to argue yet aren't afraid to voice your opinion."

My mom knew how to get her point across yet be kind.

Honestly, I am so over listening to all the shouting on social media and television. I've "snoozed" people on Facebook for 30 days, but I may continue. Maybe 60? 90? Ugly rhetoric and not-so-funny memes clutter my social media, and I'm tired of it all. It's hard to ignore, but I'm getting better at it.

I refuse to argue politics, religion, or malarkey stuff. You can have a different opinion than I do and still be my friend, but don't try to cram your opinion down my throat or raise your voice to get your point across. I know the power of silence and am not afraid to use it.

The world is getting louder and meaner, and people are losing their sense of

respect and kindness. If children learn by example, what are we teaching our children?

My mother would say it's a pity that so many people have lost any sense of kindness.

Do people even think about what they post? Phooey on the facts. If "so and so" posted, it must be true. Seriously? Did they ever play the "telephone" game? The story changes when repeated by just a few people.

Why won't you post wisely and without malicious intent? Think ... will this bring divisiveness? Cheap digs only sling manure.

You can disagree without being bitter and hostile.

Those who demand their way will lose the respect of others. Could you read that again? Social media bullies are alive and well and cause more harm than good.

When you become so righteous that you cannot see that there might be something wrong with your way of thinking, your righteousness may harm others. Ponder that thought.

Our world is more divided, angrier, and loud than



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

The calm, cool, collected wisdom of Audrey Hart would serve all of us well in these modern times.

ever before. People hide behind their keyboards and create more division. When will it end? Enough is enough!

Audrey Hart isn't here to voice her opinion, but I am. I'll choose kindness over demanding my way is right any day. She taught me well.

Mom taught me that if you can't be kind, be quiet. Measure your words by the length of their kindness. Your words will reach farther, be listened to, and

make a difference.

We need more people like Audrey Hart.

Perhaps I sound like I'm preaching this week, but the world is so loud, and it hurts my heart. I just felt I needed to use my words. Okay ... sermon over.

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(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch listen intently during Thursday's mental health discussion held at Noblesville Fire Station 71. (ABOVE RIGHT) Prevail Inc. Executive Director Tami Wanninger explains the role her organization plays in helping victims of domestic violence with their mental health.

# State & local leaders work on mental health issues

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch & Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen host roundtable discussion

## The REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch joined Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen last Thursday at Noblesville Fire Station 71 for a mental health discussion with community leaders.

The attendees included Noblesville Common Council President Darren Peterson, Noblesville Common Council Vice President Megan Wiles, Noblesville Police Chief John Mann, Noblesville Fire Chief Matt Mitchell, and those who work in healthcare, at non-profits, and other local organizations.

Attendees discussed the critical work they are doing at the local level, underscoring the significant impact of their efforts. They emphasized the importance of partnerships between other community organizations to help fill the gaps in care and services and how collaboration at the state, county, and local levels is critical to proactively helping more individuals in a mental health crisis or before they are in a crisis.

Lt. Gov. Crouch spoke on the importance of the work the state is doing, including her work on the Indiana Mental Health Roundtable, as well as offering resources to attendees on grant opportunities for local organizations that the state



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(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton County Health Department Health Education Specialist Jim Ginder speaks to other attendees about the partnership the Health Department has with other agencies and organizations within Hamilton County. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch gets a smooch from Noblesville Police K9 Luna, as Noblesville Police Sgt. Ben Lugar smiles and looks on.

has to offer. Mayor Jensen highlighted the life-saving work of the NobleACT team, a proactive and sustainable mental health collaboration that strengthens community-based responses through partnerships with the police and fire departments and area service providers. The NobleACT team is leading the way in statewide and community paramedicine. This program is a blueprint for the Indiana Community Cares Grant Pilot Program, passed by the Indiana General Assembly in the 2024 legislative session.

Lt. Gov. Crouch met Luna and Sadie, two of the three therapy K9s for the City of Noblesville. Luna is part of the NobleACT team and responds to mental health calls with her handler, Sgt. Ben Lugar of Noblesville PD. Sadie is the city's officer wellness K9 therapy dog, working alongside her handler, Sgt. Brice Swart of Noblesville PD. The conversation was not only candid and productive but also impactful, leaving community leaders with valuable resources and ideas to consider as they continue their crucial work in helping those in need of mental

health care. Groups represented at the Mental Health Discussion included:

- Aspire Indiana
- City of Noblesville
- Frontline Counseling
- Good Samaritan Network
- Hamilton County Health Dept.
- Ignite Transform
- Noblesville Common Council
- Noblesville Diversity Coalition
- Noblesville Public Safety (Police, Fire, and NobleACT)
- Pathways to Healing Counseling
- Prevail
- Riverview Health Foundation
- Shepard Center of Hamilton County
- State of Indiana



Photos provided

Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County's Together Today program takes place daily around the county.

# Westfield Mayor discusses issues facing seniors at SCHC's 'Together Today'

## The REPORTER

Last Tuesday, Westfield Mayor Scott Willis joined a group of 25 seniors at Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County's Westfield Together Today program.

Mayor Willis shared upcoming plans for the City of Westfield and did

a Q&A with the seniors to discuss issues they are facing as they age. As a veteran of the Marines, Mayor Willis connected with several attendees who also served in the military and engaged in friendly banter with some very proud members of the Navy.

"Together Today is a really great program for our seniors," Mayor Willis said. "It is a great way for seniors to interact with others and be more social." Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County hosts a Together Today program every day of the week at a different location in the county. The program is

free for seniors aged 55 and over and includes social time with games and cards, lunch, and a structured activity like Bingo. For more information, contact Vicki Burdick at [vicki@scfhc.org](mailto:vicki@scfhc.org) or by calling (317) 908-7810. Learn more at [SCFHC.org](http://SCFHC.org).

# Beck's & Indiana AgriNews search for 2025 Indiana Farm Family of the Year

## The REPORTER

Beck's and Indiana AgriNews announced on July 15 the start of their search for the 28th Indiana Farm Family of the Year.

For nearly three decades, Beck's and Indiana AgriNews have celebrated the dedication and achievements of an outstanding Indiana farm family, spotlighting their exceptional contributions to agriculture

and their community. This prestigious award aims to highlight the pivotal role farm families play in shaping our agricultural landscape and enriching rural life.

"Family farms are the lifeblood of the agriculture industry and the backbone of rural communities," Beck's President Scott Beck said. "This award honors a family that exemplifies unwavering com-

mitment and service to both." "As a family-owned agricultural business, AgriNews deeply values the crucial role of farm families," Indiana AgriNews Executive Editor James Henry said. "We aim to shine a light on their remarkable contributions, both in agriculture and within their communities, while expressing our gratitude to one extraordinary family. It is our privilege to present this award and celebrate the 28th Indiana Farm Family of the Year." Nominate a family at [tinyurl.com/FarmFamily25](http://tinyurl.com/FarmFamily25). Nominations are now open. The deadline to submit nominations is Oct. 15. The family will be recognized at the Indiana Farm Bureau State Convention in December 2024 and the Purdue Fish Fry in February 2025.

# Noblesville Noon Kiwanis gearing up for Pickleball Extravaganza

## The REPORTER

The Noblesville Noon Kiwanis will play host to the second annual Pickleball Extravaganza on Saturday, Aug. 17. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. with the first round of play starting at 8:30 a.m. at Forest Park, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville.



round robin format. Teams can be mixed-doubles or single-sex. Winners of each pool will advance to a single-elimination tournament to determine an overall winner. Please bring your own chairs and beverages/snacks to enjoy during the event. Refreshments will be available for a freewill donation.

Teams of two can register for \$60. Each year, the funds raised will benefit a different local children's charity. This year, the Kiwanis will support the children at the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. Teams will start in a pool based on skill level with a

Come out to play, have fun, and make some new friends. Register your team today online at [tinyurl.com/KiwanisPickleball2024](http://tinyurl.com/KiwanisPickleball2024). For more information, contact TJ Houghtalen at (317) 373-1191 or email [tj\\_houghtalen@green-vistalandscape.com](mailto:tj_houghtalen@green-vistalandscape.com).

# Get to know your local nonprofits

## The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the August Luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 15 at The Bridgewater Club.

Attendees will come together and learn more about five local non-profits, how they impact the community,

and what you can do to get involved. Please plan to attend what is sure to be an inspirational afternoon learning about the dynamic organizations that serve Westfield and Hamilton County. Get your tickets at [tinyurl.com/WestfieldChamberAug24lunch](http://tinyurl.com/WestfieldChamberAug24lunch).

# Cicero Edward Jones branch office supports back-to-school supplies donation campaign

## The REPORTER

Corey Sylvester, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Cicero, is supporting the collection of back-to-school supplies by serving as a drop-off location for the school supplies campaign.

"As our world becomes more global, competition within our younger generations continues to rise, emphasizing the importance of a quality education," Sylvester said. "We're proud to support the academic development of young minds in this community through this summer's school supply donation program."



Sylvester

Local residents and businesses may help others in the community by bringing in items to the Edward Jones branch office during regular business hours now through Aug. 15. The branch address is 120 W. Jackson St., Cicero. Please note that monetary donations cannot be accepted. Contributing to a cause and participating in or volunteering for a charity or charitable event is a personal decision and completely voluntary. Edward Jones and its associates cannot accept monetary donations, including gift cards.

# Westfield YAP needs 16 tutors for upcoming school year

## The REPORTER

Westfield Youth Assistance Program is still seeking 16 tutors for the upcoming school year. Applicants must be either licensed K-6 educators or Westfield Washington Elementary or Intermediate School Instructional Assistants. Applications are due

by Thursday, Aug. 1. Interested individuals can submit their application at [tinyurl.com/4r5k2fh3](http://tinyurl.com/4r5k2fh3). Depending on the tutor's schedule and availability, they may choose to tutor more than one youth. Tutors meet with their students for one hour a week at the Westfield Washington Public Library.

# CCPR schedules Preschool Splash Bash at The Waterpark

## The REPORTER

The preschoolers are having a bash! Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will hold a morning of fun from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 5 at The Waterpark in Carmel, 1195 Central Park Drive West, Carmel. Preschool Splash Bash is for children ages six years and younger. Tickets are \$15 per

child; accompanying adults are free. Participants will have access to the kiddie pool, activity pool, and the lazy river. Concessions will not be available during the event. Guests are welcome to bring their own snacks or lunch, glass is prohibited. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Go to [tinyurl.com/3t8sam2b](http://tinyurl.com/3t8sam2b) for tickets.



# Latest information on State Road 37 & 141<sup>st</sup> Street project

**The REPORTER**  
Please note the continued lane restrictions on State Road 37 North and South when approaching the 141st Street interchange. Stripping and movement of the barrier wall will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, July 17, and Thursday, July 18.

On or after Monday, July 22, the west side of 141st Street at SR 37 will close for this phase of construction. Traffic will transition to the eastside, with

SR 37 north and southbound lanes remaining open. This closure will remain in place throughout 2024.

Please review detour routes at [37thrives.com/updates](http://37thrives.com/updates) to plan ahead during this time. Thank you for your continued patience and remember to drive cautiously and safely through construction areas.

Find construction updates at and project information at [37thrives.com](http://37thrives.com) and follow [DriveFishers on X](#) as work progresses.

# Noblesville Chamber seeks nominations for third annual Woman of Impact Award

**The REPORTER**  
The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce is calling for nominations for the third annual Women In Noblesville (WIN Network) Woman of Impact Award. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding women who demonstrate exceptional leadership, vision, and commitment to making a positive impact in the Noblesville community.

In its 10th anniversary year, the WIN Network celebrates a decade of empowering and honoring women who contribute significantly to the growth and success of our community.

we are thrilled to celebrate the significant impact WIN has made over the past 10 years," said Amanda Rubbeck, Vice President Senior Retail Sales Officer at STAR Bank. "Honoring women in our community means celebrating their diverse achievements, amplifying their voices, and recognizing the profound impact they have in shaping a better future for all. This is why the WIN Impact Award holds such significance each year."

Nominations are open to the public and can be submitted online through July 26 online at [tinyurl.com/WINAward2024](http://tinyurl.com/WINAward2024).



DuBois



Rubbeck

"WIN and the Woman of Impact Award underscores the chamber's dedication to highlighting the achievements of women leaders who inspire others and drive positive change," Noblesville Chamber of Commerce CEO Bob DuBois said. "We are pleased to announce the nomination process is open for this milestone year's Woman of Impact Award."

"STAR Bank has been a longstanding sponsor of Women In Noblesville, and

The award recipient will be announced at the WIN Network's 10th Anniversary Gala on Aug. 21 at Mustard Seed Gardens. For ticket information, visit [NoblesvilleChamber.com](http://NoblesvilleChamber.com).

For more information about the Women In Noblesville Woman of Impact Award, including eligibility criteria and nomination guidelines, please visit the nomination website or contact the Noblesville Chamber at [info@noblesvillechamber.com](mailto:info@noblesvillechamber.com).

# Hamilton County listed among best digital counties in U.S.

**The REPORTER**  
Hamilton County has been recognized as one of the best digital counties in the nation. The Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) ranks Hamilton County among the top 10 counties with a population of 250,000 to 499,999 in its 22nd annual Digital Counties Survey.

The survey identifies the best technology practices among United States counties, including initiatives that streamline delivery of government services; provide data analytics; enhance cybersecurity; and apply innovative and emerging technologies to county priorities.

"This year's survey results highlight how counties are responsibly embracing new technologies such as Artificial Intelligence in its various forms and other digital tools and platforms to respond to top priorities of their constituents and elected officials," CDG

Senior Vice-President Teri Takai said.

Chris Mertens, Hamilton County's Director of Information Technology, says this is the 22nd time Hamilton County has been honored with this recognition.

"We are incredibly honored to be recognized as a top digital county," Mertens said. "This accolade is a testament to the support provided by the County Commissioners and Council and the IT team's dedication to data-driven decision-making, strengthening our cybersecurity measures, and fostering an inclusive digital environment. This recognition motivates us to continue pushing the boundaries of what technology can achieve for our community."

The top 10 winners were honored at a special awards event during the National Association of Counties annual conference on July 12 in Hillsborough County, Fla.



Mertens

# INDOT: State Road 32/38 to reopen in early August

## Underground fuel tanks in downtown Noblesville deemed safe

**By GARRETT BERGQUIST**  
*WISH-TV | wishtv.com*

Indiana transportation officials on Wednesday said the discovery of underground fuel tanks along State Road 32/38 on the downtown Courthouse Square put a road reconstruction project about a week behind schedule.



INDOT said work underway now should finish during the first week of August.

Work was paused earlier this month while inspectors checked tanks that were once used to heat buildings in downtown Noblesville. Officials said work resumed on Wednesday after inspectors concluded the tanks were safe. One will be removed while the rest will be filled.

The delay means another week of significantly depressed foot traffic at Kari Clouse's boutique shop. She said the Indiana Department of Transportation and city construction projects have taken up space outside her store for the past three months. She said she estimates her foot traffic is about 10 percent of what it normally is.

"I would say, even during COVID, it wasn't this bad," she said. "I would have

to say maybe even 2007 or 2008 when the economy was so bad. I miss my customers. I miss faces."

Kyleigh Cramer, a spokesperson for the INDOT East Central District, said it's not unusual for projects to get put on hold because workers discover unexpected fuel tanks, power lines or utility lines.

"Sometimes, when you get down there, it's not exactly what you had planned it out to be," she said. "We did know about the gas tanks but we didn't know

exactly where they were, and some of them weren't exactly where they were supposed to be."

Cramer said State Road 32/38 – locally called Conner Street – should reopen downtown around the first week of August, assuming no further delays. She said the road closure along State Road 32/38 should be the last one associated with the project.

There is one more phase involving State Road 32/38 between Lakeview Drive and 19th Street, but Cramer

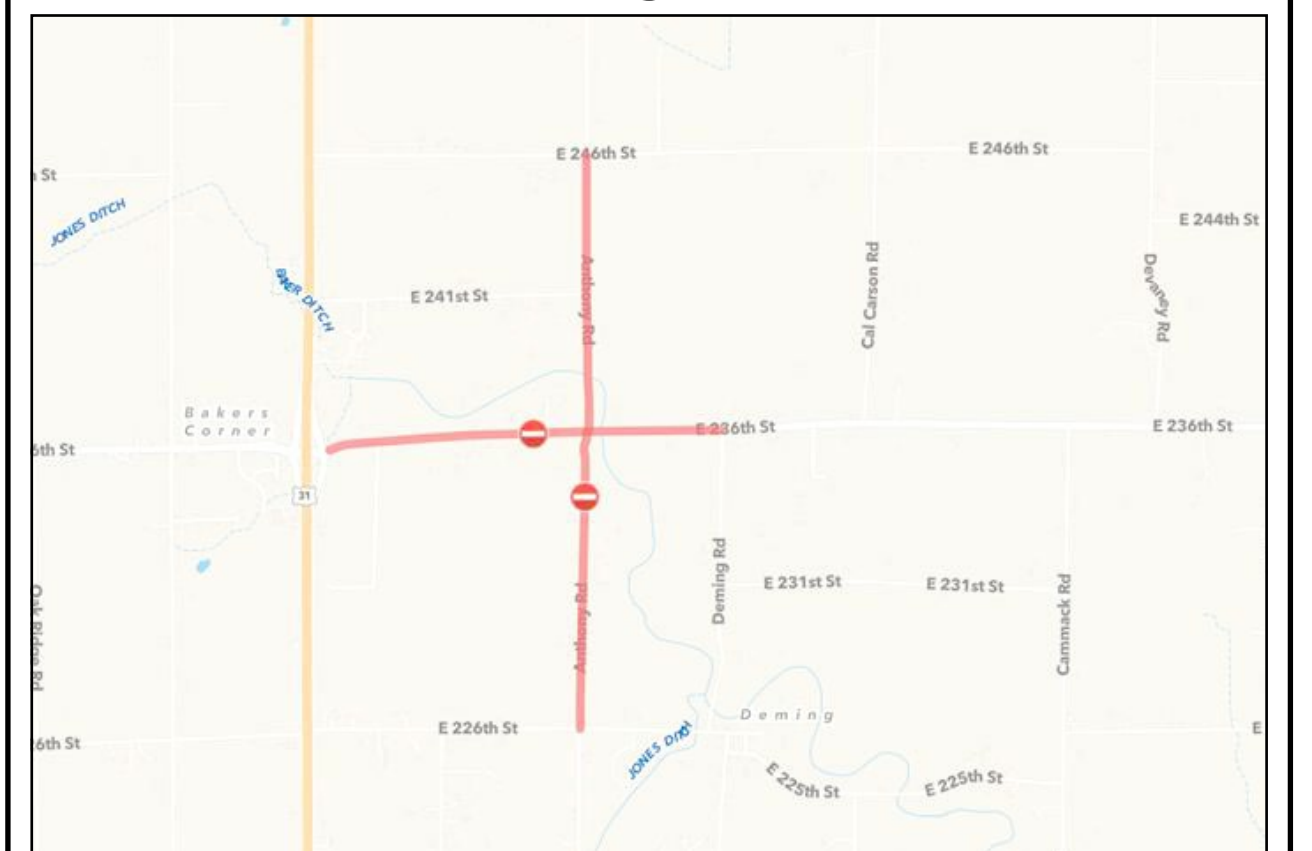
said that project primarily involves signal work.

Clouse said INDOT workers at the site have told her they will work as fast as they can. She said she hopes the weather cooperates so they can finish as planned.

Learn more about the project at [reconstructingsr32.com](http://reconstructingsr32.com).

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# 236<sup>th</sup> Street, Anthony Road closed through November



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Highway Department. 236th Street is now closed from U.S. 31 to Deming Road, and Anthony Road is closed from 226th Street to 246th Street. These closures are scheduled for 138 calendar days, tentatively opening back up to traffic Nov. 30, 2024. Please follow the signed detour routes for each road closure. All individual property owners within the project limits will continue to have access to their property.

# State Rep. Garcia Wilburn to hold public listening sessions on high school diploma redesign proposal

**The REPORTER**  
The Indiana Department of Education recently announced plans to significantly redesign Indiana's high school diplomas solely as the "GPS Diploma" and "GPS Diploma Plus" starting with the Class of 2029 (this upcoming academic year's eighth graders).

The proposed changes would reduce requirements for math, science, history, foreign language, and health coursework and would require job shadowing or internships and apprenticeships, thus entirely restructuring high school education. There is no academic honors diploma under this plan. ([in.gov/doe/diplomas](http://in.gov/doe/diplomas))

However, neither diploma's baseline requirements meet admissions

requirements for Indiana University and Purdue University, as well as other in-state universities.

Given the ongoing public comment period through July 30, State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) is holding two public listening sessions for district constituents to learn more about the details of this proposal from education leadership, ask questions and provide feedback. House District 32 parents are welcome to attend whichever session works best for their schedule, although the July 22 date will focus on Carmel Clay Schools and Washington Township Schools (Marion County) and the

July 29 date will focus on Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation.

The high school diploma redesign public listening sessions will take place at these times and locations:

- Carmel and Nora:** Monday, July 22, 5 to 6 p.m. at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel
- Fishers:** Monday, July 29, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hamilton East Public Library, 5 Municipal Drive, Fishers

"I have received an outpouring of concern from House District 32 parents and educators about the proposed diploma rede-

sign," Garcia Wilburn said. "People move to House District 32 for our great public schools that set students up for success in life, success in higher education and success in their careers. The focus of this plan on career training at the expense of rigorous academic coursework is threatening to derail our district public high schools' track record of success. I hope to see you at a public listening session so you can get your questions answered and share your thoughts on the proposal with stakeholders."

In addition to voicing concerns at this listening session, community members should fill out the Stakeholder Feedback Form by Tuesday, July 30 online at [tinyurl.com/INDiplomaComments](http://tinyurl.com/INDiplomaComments).



Garcia Wilburn



# Carmel to cut the ribbon on Police Department expansion



Photo provided by City of Carmel

This week, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam will play host to a ribbon cutting for the recently completed expansion of the Carmel Police Department (CPD). The renovation and expansion of the CPD headquarters will support the necessary growth in police department infrastructure that corresponds with the city's increase in population over the past few decades. The addition will also house the Carmel City Court and Clerk's Office, as well as their associated programs that will serve the community for generations to come. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 25 at the Police Department, 1000 S. Range Line Road.

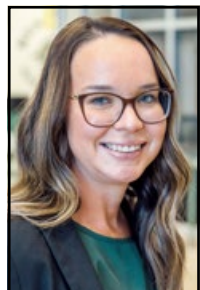
# Westfield Washington Schools makes key leadership appointments

District announces pair of internal hires after retirement of Dr. Stacey McGuire

**The REPORTER**  
Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) has announced the appointment of two members of its administrative team.



Stinson



Tomamichel

Dr. Chase Stinson, who served 19 years as the Director of Student Services, will transition to the role of Director of Human Resources. This move comes as Dr. Stacey McGuire retires from the position.  
Dr. Lindsay Tomamichel, previously the Director of College, Career & Strategic Initiatives, will step into Stinson's former role, overseeing the district's special

education programming, but with a new name: Director of Exceptional Learners. Stinson said he is looking forward to his new role.

"I am very excited about this new opportunity with the school district that I love," he said. "I remain committed to assisting district team members in multiple capacities with your staffing needs, developing staff, recruitment and retention."

Tomamichel brings a wealth of experience in special education to her new position. She joined WWS as Director of College, Career & Strategic Initiatives



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in 2023, after serving as Assistant Special Education Director at Mt. Vernon Community Schools. Prior to that, she was a District Behavior Consultant at Beech Grove City Schools, and she began her career as a special education teacher at Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation (2011-2014).

The role of Director of College, Career & Strategic Initiatives will not be backfilled. Instead, those duties will be shifted to the curriculum team.

"I am thrilled to return to my roots in special education," she said. "I am deeply passionate about

supporting our students with special needs and ensuring they receive the best possible education and resources. I look forward to working with our dedicated team to continue our tradition of excellence."

These strategic appointments reflect WWS' commitment to fostering leadership from within and ensuring continuous improvement in the school district's educational standards. WWS officials say they are confident Dr. Chase Stinson and Dr. Lindsay Tomamichel will excel in their new roles and contribute significantly to the district's ongoing success.

# Local jury convicts man of Dealing Resulting in Death

**The REPORTER**

On July 12, a Hamilton County jury convicted Benjamin Ingram on the charge of Dealing Resulting in Death, a Level 1 felony.

The weeklong jury trial took place in Hamilton County Superior Court 2. The conviction was a culmination of the hard work by local and federal law enforcement, spearheaded by the DEA and Westfield Police Department.

Ingram was convicted of selling a counterfeit substance purported to be Xanax to the victim. The substance Ingram sold was

placed with fentanyl and resulted in the victim's death. This case highlights the very real dangers faced by using illegal substances and the determination of law enforcement and the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office to hold those who sell illegal substances accountable.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Greg Garrison thanks Deputy Prosecutors Ashley Thompson and Lindsay Nichols and Westfield Detective Stubbs and DEA Agent Brandt for all the long hours and work they put in securing this conviction.

# Possible compromise on DORA in the works

Can there be compromise in the disagreement between Noblesville city officials and Hamilton County officials over the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area?

**COLUMNIST**



FRED SWIFT  
The County Line

uty Mayor Matt Light says he understands the county position and thinks compromise is possible and likely. He says the county will hear from the city on the matter "in the relatively near future."

DORA, as it is called, allows restaurant and tavern patrons to carry their alcoholic beverages outdoors to relax on benches or mingle with friends from one location to another in the downtown district. But, county officials don't want drinking on the Courthouse grounds, which is virtually in the center of the DORA district.

Carmel and Westfield are establishing DORA districts, but Noblesville is in a different situation. Other communities do not have county properties within their business districts. In Noblesville, nearly one third of the DORA area is county property including the Courthouse, Judicial Center, county parking garage and even the Logan Street bridge. Elsewhere in Noblesville is the Corrections Campus, the county fairgrounds, and county-owned Riverview Hospital.

So, the county has understandable interests in the city. And, cooperation between city and county would seem to be necessary. For the most part, relations over the years have been good.

County Commissioner Steve Dillinger says alcoholic beverages on the courthouse grounds except in very specific circumstances is "not going to happen." Noblesville Dep-

Perhaps Noblesville officials should have advised the county of plans for the DORA district which some business owners want and could draw more business to the downtown area. But, the county has generally never approved of liquor on county property and does not want to see the possible effects from folks drinking on the courthouse lawn which is a well maintained park-like green space in the center of town.

Probably no one wants to have sheriff's deputies posted on the square to keep away the drinking as has been suggested by some. Compromise would seem to be most likely if the city would exempt the Courthouse property from the designated district except for special events approved by the county.

The general idea has been proposed in private conversations, but to date no agreement has been reached. The DORA district has been created by city ordinance, and awaits approval from the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Commission before becoming effective.

Columnist Fred Swift has worked in newspapers for decades. He has been sharing his opinions in the pages of *The Reporter* since it began. Email him at [swiftfred19@gmail.com](mailto:swiftfred19@gmail.com).

# Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield Lions help Gleaners feed the hungry



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On July 2, the three local Lions Clubs assisted Gleaners Mobile Pantry in food distribution to the local needy. This happened at Grand Park in Westfield, with 145 families (600 people) being served. An enormous number of Lions participated in this event. (ABOVE LEFT) Joe Connerley registers cars for pickup at the pantry. (ABOVE RIGHT) Betty Yunker (Carmel), Bob Yunker (Carmel), Ron Eich, Vicki Neddenriep (Noblesville), Kathy Larrison (Westfield), Jerry Baker (Noblesville), Jack Waldroup (Westfield), Don Collins (Westfield), Gary Smith (Westfield), Jim Kahler (Westfield), Bill Nesbit (Westfield), unknown Lion, Cheryl Helton (Noblesville), Mark Bachar (Noblesville), Kathy Kahler (Westfield), Lana Buchman (Noblesville), Linda Hallett (Westfield), Duke Miller (Noblesville), Linda Williamson (Noblesville), Ron Williamson (Noblesville), Lane Sims (Carmel), Carol Miller (Noblesville), Tiny Eich, Norwin Hall (Carmel), Gary Hipes (Noblesville), Bill Ryan (Carmel), Matt Best (Carmel), Denise Jensen (Carmel), Judy Waldroup (Westfield), Steve Shaw (Noblesville), not pictured, Joe Connerly (Noblesville), Jeff Kozicki (Noblesville).

# County Election Board meeting recap

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Election Board took steps last Wednesday to put the question of the joining of Adams Township and Sheridan on the November ballot. The voter threshold is 50 percent plus one vote in the town and 50 percent plus one vote in the unincorporated

portions of the township, totaled separately.

The ballot question next goes to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance for approval.

New precincts will be set up after approval by the County Commissioners to have a seven-man board. The new board will start in January 2025 with

five elected officials from the town and two from the Township board until their terms expire.

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A complaint was filed regarding potential election law violation by Republican Lt. Governor candidate Michah Beckwith because of his affiliation with Life Church. The Election Board found

no violations of the law.

Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Jocelyn Vare requested that the Noblesville Life Church polling location move, claiming Beckwith would influence voters by being the pastor there. However, according to the Board, Vare was unable to offer an alternate site.

# You can't actually play pickleball IN the library, but Westfield Washington Library has you covered

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) will hold a Pickleball Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 22 at the Bridgewater Club in Westfield. Organizers hope to raise \$20,000 in support of the Westfield Washington Public Library.

"We are very excited to host our second annual event," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. "Pickleball is so popular we thought a fundraising event built around a tournament would be something new and fun for our community."

The tournament will be capped at 48 teams of two (96 individuals). There will be two morning and two afternoon sessions. Those interested in playing can



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register at [WestfieldLibraryFoundation.com](http://WestfieldLibraryFoundation.com).

Five sponsorship levels, ranging from \$5,000 to \$750, are also available. Anyone interested in sponsoring the tournament is encouraged to contact Erin Downey at [edowney@wvpl.lib.in.us](mailto:edowney@wvpl.lib.in.us).

About Westfield Library Foundation

The Westfield Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting innovative programs and services for the Westfield Washington Public Library and its patrons through major gifts, bequests, corporate sponsorships, naming rights and private donations.



# Derailed The BJ's vs. Costco debate

Chances are you've had something or sometime in your life when things didn't go the way you thought they would at all. You are suddenly left without a plan of what to do next.

For me, one of those times was in my senior year of college. Occasionally, I look back on this incident and wish I would have handled it differently. Mostly though, I now see it as something that had to happen to change the direction of my life to get me to exactly where I was meant to be, which is where I am now.

My senior year of college was going great. I had taken all the necessary requirements to apply to the school of social work which was the final step to officially becoming a social worker. Countless classes, projects, and many volunteer hours at different places all to get me to the point of getting into the school of social work where I would finish up my degree. My plans were to then move on to get my master's degree and become a licensed social worker with a private practice. I had dreamt of that for many years. My grades were the best they had ever been, and I felt completely confident when I sent in my application along

See *Derailed* . . . Page A8

## Losing my birth mother

Many readers may recall my series on the story of my adoption and reunion with my birthparents. I have a painful addition to that story to share today.

At the end of June, I was scrolling through my texts when I realized that I hadn't heard back from my birthmother, Linda, when I wished her a "Happy Birthday" back in May. I instantly feared the worst. I knew she often struggled with her health.

Linda had never found the courage to tell anyone about me, other than her husband who had passed away in 2006. She was worried that it would get back to her daughter, who apparently had a bad temper.

I had always told Linda that I understood where she was coming from, but it made me fearful that if anything would happen to her, I'd never know. She and I hadn't talked much on the phone in recent years, and she would only text me occasionally.

With trepidation, I looked her up on Google that morning. I was stunned to see her obituary from last April. Linda passed away just six days before my father-in-law, and her friends and family had held her celebration of life in early May.

Tears sprang to my eyes, and I could barely function before I headed home – unfortunately, I was in a public place when I found the information on my phone. I quickly texted Jack, my birth father, to see if he had heard the news and if he could talk to me soon. He and a small group of friends from college still kept in touch with Linda.

Jack called me a half hour later as I sat crying on our back deck. He told me that I wasn't the only one who hadn't heard much from her in recent years – neither he nor his friends had known about Linda. That brought me a bit of comfort.

I felt more comfort as the days went on. At first, I was torn wondering if I could have gone out to Boston to be with her or to at least attend her celebration of life. But I quickly realized how difficult that would have been for me, as we were caring for my father-in-law in our home during his last days at that time.

And how would I have handled not one, but two people I cared about dying at the same time? I think God did me a favor by allowing me to face things one at a time. And even if I had gone to the celebration of life, what would I have said to people when they asked how I knew Linda?

As the days went on, I took steps to heal. I donated to her hospice organization. I wrote on the funeral home's website expressing how much I loved her. I was vague, yet the message was heartfelt.

I found the courage to listen to her first voicemail on my phone from 2015. I will hold on to it for the rest of my life.

And, finally, I realized how blessed I was to have gotten to know and even meet her years ago. She helped me learn so much about myself and opened my eyes to new things. I had nine years with her, which is more than many adopted people have with their birthmother.

I loved Linda before I even met her and got the chance to tell her that. She sacrificed so much to give me a good life.

Rest in peace, dear friend. I look forward to seeing you again someday in Heaven.

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AMY SHINNEMAN  
Disability in the City

Is it just me or does it seem like there is an unusual allegiance and pride that is invoked in folks when it comes to their choice in wholesale club?

You know how they say nothing unites people quite like love and hate? I have found that perhaps one of the most unifying, and quite frankly, obnoxious things is how people favor their own love of their wholesale club. There are few things in life that I have seen people get more passionate about than their love of their big box wholesale member club. And for whatever reason, it seems like the more alcohol that is consumed at a party, the more passions about these clubs become comical. It becomes a quest to get others to come to their side and abandon ship at their current club. It also becomes a time where people gang up on those non-members to settle the debate that their club is superior.

Shortly after moving to Fishers, we decided to join BJ's. It was just built and close to our house. It has the dog food we like, fantastic prices on water, cheaper gas, and I love a \$4.99 rotisserie chicken. I mean, where else can you go and get a giant cookie and a hot dog for \$2? Oh, and have you seen the prices on baby wipes there?

All our other friends and my mom are members of Costco. I find myself constantly defending BJ's and pleading the case that BJ's is just as good as Costco and was always outnumbered. Deep down, even though I would defend BJ's and lay down my life that it was just as good as Costco, I would always wonder what is going on at Costco that everyone is always so excited about. I would mention it to my husband, maybe we should check it out sometime

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MEGAN RATHZ  
When Nature Speaks

just to get a feel for the temperature of the water and if he was open. Of course, this was met with, "Have you seen the gas prices at BJ's?? We aren't jumping ship. They've got everything we need."

A few days ago, I was talking to my mom, and she's headed to Costco. She asks if I want to join. Casually, I say that I could meet her over there. Inside, I was anxious with anticipation and excitement to see what Costco has to offer, but I know I've got to play it cool. As I'm walking into the store, I'm met with a blast of air from fans overhead after coming in off the blacktop parking lot on an extremely sweltering day and was immediately put in a good mood as my body temperature decreased.

A few paces later, I'm met with the most luxurious bath towels for \$4.99. Are you serious? I just paid twice that amount on Amazon for the world's crappiest towels that you can barely wrap and cover your whole body because after one wash they shrunk. We keep walking and then I see appliances. I mean, you can get a fridge or an oven if you want. "BJ's doesn't have appliances," I think as I'm walking the aisles.

At this point, my kids were getting fussy, and I offered to get them a snack. As I walk to the snack area, I see that they have giant cookies and you can even get an ice cream sundae. Are you kidding me? They've also got pizza!?! As I hand my children their ice cream, my daughter makes sure to announce that BJ's doesn't have any ice cream in their snack area. In fairness to BJ's, they do have cookies, but they are not served warm like they are at Costco.

We continue walking through the store, and I see that they have the same deal on wa-



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**My husband's smoked brisket courtesy of Costco. NOTE: A few days prior to scoring a great deal on a brisket, Megan accidentally did not make sure the garage fridge was closed and had to go back and buy ANOTHER brisket. The price was still amazing though.**

ter. The entire time, I'm thinking of all the selling points for my husband because I know he's going to bring up that case of 40 bottles of water for only \$3.99.

Speaking of my husband, all he's been wanting is a whole beef brisket to smoke on Father's Day. We've kept our eyes out and checked the circulars, but for the most part, no sales. Most that we've seen were around \$90. As we head to the meat department, I think to myself, "If I can find a brisket at a reasonable price, he may just jump ship." I see the case filled to the brim with briskets. As I approach the case, I see the perfect brisket for \$59.

My husband has complained about our beach chairs for around three years. Every time we go to the beach, he looks at everyone else and their beach chairs and then the ones we are sitting in and says, "We've got to get new chairs before next year." As I'm walking towards the checkout, I see Tommy Bahama chairs. I don't get too excited because I've priced these exact chairs before, and they are nearly \$60 each. As I get closer, I see that these chairs are \$30. These aren't just any beach chairs; these chairs become a backpack, have a head rest, can fully re-

cline, have a pocket to put your cell phone and book, and yes, they even have a cooler attached to the back to keep your beverage of choice cold on the beach. As I load these two chairs into the cart, I see the beach towels for \$10.99. These are the exact types of towels that we've been saying we need to get before our summer vacation. I add those to the cart, too.

I also happen to notice while I'm there that they have a pharmacy, which BJ's does not have.

Oh, and the gas that my husband claims is a sticking point . . . Well, guess what? Gas was \$3.05 at both places that very day.

As I walk to the membership desk, I look around and realize that I have come to the other side. I now understand the obnoxious debates and get why people are so passionate about joining Costco because it is better. There really are two types of people. I'm not talking about liberals and conservatives or believers and non-believers. I'm talking about Costco members and non-members.

If push comes to shove and I had to pick, I vote for Costco.

*Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.*

## Discover the beauty of native gardens: an open house yard tour

### The REPORTER

Join the Hamilton County Invasive Partnership (HIP) for an evening tour showcasing the elegance and benefits of using native plants in a suburban yard.

Learn how the homeowner has used natives, nativars, well-behaved non-natives, and annuals to create a sustainable and beautiful garden that supports local wildlife and enhances outdoor space while being HOA friendly. Explore a variety of native species, connect with the property owner, and gain expert tips on native gardening and invasive management from Hamilton County Invasive Partnership & Westfield Green Together volunteers. See firsthand how you can transform your yard into a vibrant, eco-friendly haven.

"Interest in landscaping with natives is sky high but some people are reluctant to get start-

ed without seeing what is possible," said Claire Lane, Urban Conservationist with the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). "This yard tour is a great way to see how functional and beautiful natives can be in a formal HOA style home landscape."

This free garden tour will take place Tuesday, July 30. Guests are welcome to stop by between 7 and 9 p.m. The exact location will be shared with registered participants days before the event, but it is in the area of 161st Street and U.S. 31 in Westfield. Cold drinks will be provided by Hamilton County Tourism Inc.

This yard tour coincides with the SWCD's release of example native landscaping plans that provide a template for getting started with natives in your own home landscape. The landscape templates can be found at [hamilton-swcd.org/landscape](http://hamilton-swcd.org/landscape).



Photo provided by Soil & Water Conservation District

**Native landscaping featured at home in Westfield.**

[swcd.org/landscape](http://swcd.org/landscape).

Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore the potential of native plants in your own garden and learn how to create a sustainable, wildlife-friendly outdoor space. Register for the

yard tour online at [hamilton-swcd.org/events](http://hamilton-swcd.org/events).

For more information and to register, please contact Claire Lane at (317) 773-2181 or [claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov).

## Songbook Foundation welcomes Madelyn Steurer as new communications strategist

### The REPORTER

The Great American Songbook Foundation has added a staff position to focus on communications around its mission, programs and initiatives.

Carmel resident Madelyn Steurer has begun work as the Foundation's first Communications Strategist, managing and creating content for a comprehensive communications strategy that includes newsletters, social media, event publicity, web updates, marketing materials and other digital and print communications.

A native of Jeffersonville, Steurer began her branding and marketing career in the fashion industry as marketing coordinator for Mac Duggal in Chica-

go. She served most recently as brand coordinator for Simkhai in Los Angeles. She also is a professional performer who participated in the 2015 Songbook Academy, the Foundation's flagship education program.

"Madelyn brings such great experience and knowledge in marketing communications as well as the performing arts," said Christopher Lewis, Executive Director of the Songbook Foundation. "She was the ideal candidate for this new position, which is vital to the organization as we continue to elevate our national profile."

Steurer holds a Master of French as well as a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and a Bachelor of Arts in Romance Languages and Lit-



**The Great American Songbook Foundation**  
Michael Feinstein, Founder

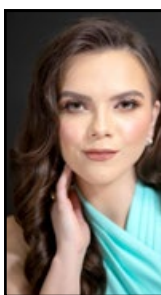
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eratures from the University of Notre Dame. She also studied music at Notre Dame and studied Italian through the Dante Alighieri School in Siena, Italy.

**About the Great American Songbook Foundation**

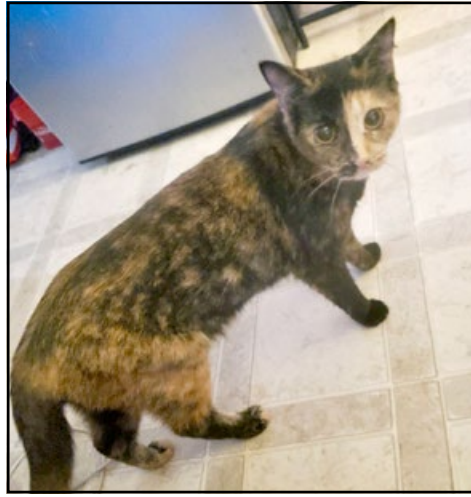
The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating the timeless standards of pop, jazz, Broadway and Hollywood. Headquartered at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel the Foundation advances this

rich legacy by curating physical artifacts of its creators, performers and publishers in the Songbook Library & Archives; operating a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy summer intensive. The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum. More information is available at [TheSongbook.org](http://TheSongbook.org).



Steurer





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It's been nearly a month, but Kris Stise is still looking for her cat Octavia.

# She's determined to find her kitty

Kris Stise, 32, is looking for her calico, Octavia.

Heartbroken, she has been searching for her cat in the Fishers neighborhood, Brooks Chase, for three weeks, caught in that heart-wrenching holding pattern between having a cat in a lap and a cat that's gone missing.

I first saw her hoofing it down a 131st Street sidewalk. A rust-colored newsboy hat covered her head. Strapped to her was an oversized backpack. An olive-colored jacket covered her skinny frame, despite the punishing July heat. Her head oscillated, as if at Wimbledon. Just another pedestrian getting from point A to point B, with no real story to tell, I thought.

A couple days later, she walked by my house. The backpack was actually a netted cat carrier. No cat inside. I'm a cat guy. I notice such things.

The empty carrier made me realize she had a story to tell.

"I still do not know how she got out. We have theories like maybe she got into the garage because we had to take the trash cans in," she says.

Posters are taped to light posts and mailboxes, sun-faded and ripped by the rain. Think Wild West wanted posters.

**Missing Cat**  
**Have you seen Me?**  
**Octavia**

*Small cat with tortoiseshell coloring (black, brown and orange), yellow-orange eyes, a split down her face one side black, one side orange.*  
**Reward: \$100**

"I raised her ever since she was really tiny. I love her to bits," says Kris. "She's my baby."

I tell her my wife and I will add \$100 to the reward. We are cat people. \$200 now. How can we not fatten the kitty?



She dwells on the missing state of her cat almost nonstop.

"I think about how she's so affectionate, how she loves being held, and how she likes climbing on shoulders," she says. "I think about how silly she is and how she runs around and how she comes every morning and meows at me while

I'm in bed, as if to say, 'Hey, good morning, wake up.'"

She diligently scans the subdivision's yards, grassy banks along strips of water, playgrounds, and cul-de-sacs. She navigates narrow streets with names plucked from American history textbooks: Freedom Drive, Old Glory Drive, Patriotic Way, Allegiance Drive, Republic Drive, Courage Crossing, All American Road. Passersby, aware of her plight, inquire of her luck. Neighborhood kids greet her, share their concern. She's touched by their sincerity.

"Originally, I was out at all times," she says. "Now I do it mostly in the morning and evening. They say that the peak times to look for lost cats are between midnight and two in the morning, and four in the morning to six. It's really hard to get up during those times, but I've consistently been pretty good at it. I have a flashlight at night. I try to look for her face shine."

Kris' phone number appears on the posters. She's received some calls. She has contacted animal shelters and resorted to social media. Strangers have tweeted helpful tips. Put the smelliest cat food outside. Put her litter box outside. Her blankets, too. A motion sensor light has been installed in her front yard.

"I've gotten a couple neighbor cats that come in the garage now," she laughs. "I don't mind if they eat her food. There's this old wives' tale: if you're

nice to the strays and you've lost your cat, they might bring it back to you."

Several scammers have spread their slime, claiming to be "animal control." We have your cat, she's told. To get Octavia back, just enter a verification code and send gift cards, she's instructed. Kris is too tech savvy to fall for such grifts.

Research tells that escaped house cats tend to stay close to home, but Kris worries about the unfortunate timing of Octavia's initial disappearance. She went missing June 26. Fourth of July begins a week or so early in patriotic Brooks Chase. Fireworks and firecrackers can play havoc on a cat's otherwise strong homing instincts. The offal is reportedly toxic to animals.

She regrets knowing Octavia doesn't have a collar or ID tag and isn't microchipped.

Three weeks now. Octavia remains a gone cat. Kris remains undeterred.

"For the first two weeks, I basically cried every day. I cried yesterday too, so it's not done. It's not like I've given up. I'm just more determined than ever to find her, but I also know that I can't live like that," she says. "I think about it all the time and I want to, like, always keep her in my memory because, say, I never find her. I never want to forget her. She's that important. But I'm going to find her. Yeah, I'm determined. I'm determined to find my cat. If you see my sweet girl, please let me know. If you can find her and bring her back to me, it will mean the world to me."

Since we last talked, I still see Kris Stise on the sidewalks, like a tightrope walker trying to sustain balance, still wearing her newsboy cap, her jacket, her empty cat carrier. I hope to stop seeing her. Well, except to hand over \$100 as a cat rides her shoulders.

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# No laughing matter

Here are more thoughts from my mother.

The old man waited and waited in the doctor's office. Then he waited some more. At great length his patience gave out. Leaning heavily on his cane, he approached the receptionist. "Tell the doctor," he said, "I can't wait any longer. I'm going home to die a natural death."

Actually, life is no laughing matter, but doctors are prescribing laughter if you want to live longer. I know it works. When I was born all the womenfolk were cooing and oooing and aahing. Then my granddad walked in. He took one good look and started laughing. He laughed all the way to 97 years, two months, 24 days, and 36 minutes.

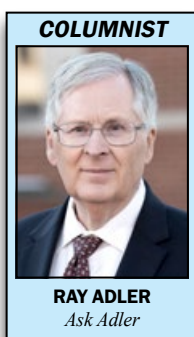
If my husband ever learns to tell a joke, I'll laugh more, too. He's been working on this one for two weeks. I'm still trying to figure out the punch line. Let's see what it does for you:

It seems two priests were debating whether it was proper to smoke while praying. They couldn't come to a decision. Finally they decided to write to the Pope. The first priest asked, "Is it permissible to smoke while I am praying?" The inevitable answer came back, "No, that would be unseemingly." So the second priest sent his question to the Holy Father. "Would it be permissible to pray while I am smoking?" "My son," came the reply, "we are admonished to pray without ceasing." Well, praying is no laughing matter and neither is smoking.

Did you ever see anyone die with lung cancer? I saw my friend go that way. It's a long, slow, agonizing process. He didn't think it was a laughing matter. When I was a kid, I could hardly wait to read the Sunday comics. Now there was a laughing matter!

I could split my sides over Mutt and Jeff or Elmer Tuggle. Have you tried to read a comic lately? I did just last week. Believe me — half of them are no longer a laughing matter. Take "Doonesbury" — well, yes, you take it. It's too much for my stomach. Then "Shoe." Are those dogs or what? I can't even identify the characters. "BC" in this day of women's lib? Where are the feminists? What a put down! Comic? No way. Of course, the men get it, too. Just take a look at "Crock." Men can't really be that dumb. Can they?

Maybe things are worse than I thought. If I read one half dozen more, I'm thoroughly depressed for the day. Not even "Dennis" and "Marvin" can get me to cheer up. And I only read that stuff hoping for a good belly laugh to get my day off to a good start. After all, if laughter makes the vital juices run better, I'd rather laugh than pop pills. Pills



can work wonders for some, but my friend has had two trips to the hospital because of overdoses.

Now he wasn't just "popping pills." He was just following his doctor's orders. Something in his

system just refused to cooperate. Believe me, it was no laughing matter. He's fine now and laughing like you wouldn't believe. He feels so good laughter just rolls. He's happy, his wife is happy, his coworkers think the change is wonderful. That makes them happy, too.

It's the old chain reaction. Drop a pebble in the water. What do you get? One ripple? Two ripples? Maybe it depends on the amount of water. As long as there's water, filter ripples just keep forming and growing and getting bigger.

What would happen if you smiled — really smiled — at your kid and said, "Hey, son, when I was your age, I had a crazy haircut, too. Flattop. Boy, did it bug my mom." Would that be better than, "Listen, I've seen that shaggy hair for the last time. Get it cut today if you want to use the car tonight." Wouldn't your day start better? His, too? How about the husband/wife or other kids that might be listening? Is there anything you could laugh about with him before you dash off to work? Remember his day at school isn't exactly easy.

Hold on a minute. School is no laughing matter. They could be deadly serious if you are pressuring him to be valedictorian plus star athlete and really good on his saxophone.

Give the kid a break. He's good just because he's your son. Let him know it. Admire the C or B or even a D if that's what he is capable of making. After all, most of us didn't make straight A's either. And how many stars can be on one team?

You are a good citizen. You make worthy contributions to society. And that is no laughing matter either. So just teach the kids to do the same. If they spill the milk, say "oops" and wipe it up. If you can't laugh, at least keep quiet without acting like a martyr. Then maybe — just maybe — when you spill your milk, he'll do the same for you. Then that WILL be a laughing matter. Oh, you'll still have problems, but you won't treat the little ones like life-or-death matters.

You'll be able to relax more. That makes solutions easier. The more you solve, the more you can laugh. When you get that good belly laugh down to perfection, do you know what you'll be? That's right: a Number 1 Optimist. Just what your club needs. So practice now. You know practice makes perfect.

(The first part of this is jokes. Not original. Can you tell where that changes?)

# Celebrate decade of 'Dancing with Our Stars'

Annual event benefits Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County

## The REPORTER

Get ready to watch local celebrities "cut the rug" performing dances from past decades as the 10th annual Dancing with Our Stars returns to the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Noblesville. Set for Thursday, Sept. 5 from 6 to 9:30 p.m., Community Health Network is the presenting sponsor for the fourth consecutive year.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary, this year's event will have a "decades" theme in which dancers will showcase styles from the 1930s through the 2010s. Guests are encouraged to dress according to their favorite decade.

"I am excited for our 10th annual Dancing with Our Stars event," said Beth Gehlhansen, executive director of Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County. "Every year just keeps getting better and better! The level of commitment along with the 'wow factor' demonstrated by our dancing couples is always 'off the charts' and will completely mesmerize the crowd."

The annual event is the largest fundraiser for the organization that delivers more than 200 meals daily including breakfasts, freezer meals, cold lunches and hot meals to those who are elderly, disabled, or homebound. Recently Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County launched a visiting volunteers program; in addition to delivering food, volunteers visit with homebound Hamilton County residents twice a month.

"We have some special tricks up our sleeves for our 10th-year event," Gehlhansen said. "The professional dancers are working hard to bring out the very best in each of our celebrity dancers.

This is an experience you will not want to miss!"

This event features local professional dancers paired with some of Hamilton County's most-recognizable residents competing for the ultimate prize of being titled "Dancing with Our Stars Champions 2024." Audience members can also get into the action and vote for their favorite dancer or dancers to win the night's People's Choice Award. Each vote assists in bringing dancers closer to that title.

Professional dancers include: Rob Jenkins, Scott Shook, Adam Trogden, Ed Godby-Schwab, Xavier Medina, Natasha Cox, Yulia Shook, Diana Miller, Olga Cansino, and Kristen Motz.

Hamilton County "celebrities" include:

- Marti Brown — Mortgage Lender at Fairway Independent Mortgage
  - Melissa Carter — Owner of Balanced Health Clinic
  - Linda Mylin — Certified Health Coach
  - Kate Adams — Owner of Lash & Brow Design Co.
  - Kim Kerchval — Co-owner of Village Pizza
  - Doug Pileri — Retired VP and Chairman of the Board of Music for All
  - Trevor Pike — Controls Analyst for Freedom Mortgage
  - Benji Lewis — Physical Education Teacher at Monon Trail Elementary
  - Matt Rapp — Facilities Director for Hamilton Southeastern
  - Eddie Rivers — Co-founder and President of Esource Resources
- To register, purchase tickets, donate or vote visit [mealsonwheels.org/dancing-with-our-stars](http://mealsonwheels.org/dancing-with-our-stars).



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For more information contact Meals on Wheels at (317) 776-7159.

## About Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County

Established in 1975, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County supports individuals who are elderly, disabled and homebound by delivering nutritious meals, reducing hunger, improving health and promoting independence. Meals are prepared in state-approved healthcare fa-

cilities and designed by a certified registered dietitian under a physician's prescribed supervision according to the client's specific dietary needs. Nearly 200 meals are delivered daily by volunteers to enable our clients to remain independently living within the community in their own homes for as long as possible. For more information on receiving services or to volunteer, contact Meals on Wheels at (317) 776-7159.

## DERAILED

with all my references that I would be accepted with flying colors. All my ducks were in a row.

A few weeks went by, and I hadn't heard anything. I started to become concerned, so my parents suggested I call the department.

I did as they suggested, and it was requested that we meet with the Dean. We met with him, and we were told that they had, unfortunately, "lost" my application (the days of the fax machine haha!). They had since found it, and I was told it was an "excellent application" and I would have gotten in, but that (again, unfortunately) all the available spots had been filled. I was told to wait and

reapply the following year.

You can imagine my heartbreak, which was quickly followed by anger and frustration. I ended up graduating with a different degree. My dreams were derailed.

What I couldn't foresee was that in a few short months I would reconnect with my high school sweetheart who was living in Memphis, Tenn., at the time. Seven months later, I was packing up all my belongings to take a leap of faith. I moved nine hours from home to a place I'd only visited a couple of times and knew only one person.

My life took a hard turn that I never saw coming. If

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Derailements, while hard to handle, can often be just the thing we need. I now have a beautiful family and am still involved with helping others. If you have recently been derailed from how you hoped things would go, don't forget to be on the lookout and wait in excited anticipation of what may come next (I know, easier said than done). The best could just be yet to come.

Until next time ...  
My *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.





Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com  
Elle (Olivia Broadwater) upgrades her friend Emmett's (Jacob Butler) wardrobe.

# OMG, this musical is totally top-level!

*Legally Blonde* originated as a 2001 novel by Amanda Brown, based on Ms. Brown's experiences as a law student at Stanford University. Miraculously, a film version also came out in 2001, with Reese Witherspoon playing the lead role of Elle Woods – a fashion-minded sorority girl who fights low expectations and stereotypes about her hair color and style – and follows her drifting boyfriend to Harvard Law School.

The book and film have been reimagined forward into subsequent films and television programs including the stage version, *Legally Blonde – The Musical*, which premiered on Broadway in 2007. The story is an engaging one, and the added score by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin lifts every scene.

Director Elizabeth Payne has brought together a top-to-bottom, multi-talented cast for the Beef & Boards edition of the show which opened earlier this week. The results are a nearly perfect, well-polished production filled with great songs and sharp, lively choreography by Sally Scharbrough and Deb Wims.

Local performer Olivia Broadwater takes the leading role and runs with it in her B&B (and professional) debut. Well-versed as a singer, dancer and actress, this recent Ball State grad shows remarkable promise with a superior turn. Joining her is Jacob Butler as Emmett Forest. His talents shine equally and Butler is well-matched with Ms. Broadwater as Elle's hopeful friend.

Other principals include Meagan Lewis-Michelson in an impressive portrayal as hairdresser Paulette; Grif-



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fin Cole as Elle's ex-boyfriend, Warner; and Dani Kucera as Elle's rival Vivienne. Jaddy Ciucci adds much as fiercely political law student, Enid Hoopes, and Logan Moore is memorable in dual roles as Harvard's Mr. Winthrop and the UPS man, Dewey. Deb Wims is a very fitting Brooke Wyndham and Jeff Stockberger delivers as a cagey Professor Callahan.

The large supporting cast also impresses with a treasury of dance numbers and characterizations. Highlights for me were the opening number – "Omgod You Guys," "Chip on My Shoulder," and the hilarious "Gay or European." Musical director Kristi Templet leads the B&B Orchestra with her usual expertise.

Technical aspects of the show are all solid and well-designed – projections are becoming more widely used at B&B and they augment the production's fine set design. Costumes by Kathy Henry are the finishing touch to a beautiful show.

**Bottom line:** Surprisingly, no one at our table had seen the film version, so we were all very pleased to see such a completely wonderful job of storytelling. This is a great show full of top-level performances – highly recommended!

*Legally Blonde* continues through Aug. 25. Show times and reservation availability can be viewed at [beefandboards.com](http://beefandboards.com) or by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664. And don't forget – *Million Dollar Quartet* is up next beginning Aug. 29.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

# On top of the world



Photos courtesy David S. Grove

David S. Grove was on top of the world, looking down on creation, and the only explanation he could find was the love that he found when Carmel's Midtown sun went down. It just put him on the top of the world.



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# Selah's Grace Ministries raises \$18K

**The REPORTER**  
Selah's Grace Ministries has announced the success of its recent 5K run/walk event, which raised an impressive \$18,000.

The funds will be directed toward supporting families who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss, providing them with much needed resources and comfort during their times of grief.

The event saw an outpouring of support from the community, with participants of all ages coming together to run, walk,

and share in a day of unity and compassion. The funds raised will be used to support hospital bereavement programs, educate nursing students in perinatal bereavement care, and provide cherished keepsakes for families enduring the loss of a child.

"We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated, donated, and volunteered to make this event a success," Selah's Grace Ministries Co-Founder Emma Ping said. "The generosity and solidarity of your community are truly

heartwarming, and these funds will make a significant difference in the lives of many families."

Selah's Grace Ministries extends heartfelt thanks to all sponsors, participants, and volunteers who contributed to the event. Your support is vital in continuing the mission of offering solace and assistance to those who need it most.

In celebrating the achievement, Selah's Grace Ministries kindly asks for ongoing support. Donations are crucial in sustaining programs and expanding the reach to help more families in need. Contributions can be made at [Selah-Grace.org](http://Selah-Grace.org) or by mailing checks to 12702 E. 256th St., Cicero, IN 46034.

For more information

about Selah's Grace Ministries and how you can help, please contact Emma Ping at [selahgraceministries@gmail.com](mailto:selahgraceministries@gmail.com) or visit [Selah-Grace.org](http://Selah-Grace.org).

### About Selah's Grace Ministries

Selah's Grace Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support and resources to families who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss. The organization's mission is to ensure that no family walks through their grief journey alone. Selah's Grace was founded and was founded by Robbie and Emma Ping after their daughter Selah Grace was stillborn August 6, 2018, in order to support families and provide a lasting legacy for their daughter they didn't get to bring home.

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**John Alton Hoard**

June 9, 1934 – July 17, 2024

John Alton "Al" Hoard, 90, Westfield, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. He was born on June 9, 1934, to John Milton and Delores Emma (Shirey) Hoard in Westfield.



Al was a 1952 graduate of Westfield High School where he quarterbacked the high school football team. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1961 and enjoyed flying small aircraft for several years.



Al married Nedra Anne White on September 2, 1961. For over 40 years, Al had his own construction company and enjoyed woodworking and making stained glass. He loved fishing, especially in Canada, Florida, and at Brookville Lake. An avid sports fan, Al followed the Colts, Pacers, and Purdue. He also enjoyed watching TV westerns and reading Louis L'Amour books. Most of all, he loved his family. We looked forward to our family get-togethers, and especially loved Al's homemade noodles, dinner rolls, and pies.



He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nedra Hoard; children, Neal (Beth) Hoard, Craig (Cindy) Hoard, April (Bill) Frye, and Todd (Beth) Hoard; grandchildren, Amanda Frye (Will Stock), Marcella (Charles) Scheller, Elliott Hoard, Mattie Hoard, Henry Hoard, and John Hoard; and his great-grandchildren, Jackson Stock, CoraRose Stock, and William Grant Scheller.

In addition to his parents, Al was preceded in death by his brother, Clifton Lee Hoard; and his sisters, Norma Jean Mondragon and Linda Lou Messick.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Westfield Friends Church, 324 S. Union St., Westfield. A memorial service with military honors will follow at 6 p.m. at the church, with Pastor Joshua Cortez and Pastor Nancy Lafferty officiating.

At Al's request, his body was donated to the IU School of Medicine. He will be interred at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Quaker Haven Camp, 111 EMS D16C Ln., Syracuse, IN 46567 (quakerhaven.com/giving-back); or to your favorite charity.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

**Paul Albert McLaughlin**

August 29, 1936 – July 17, 2024

Paul Albert McLaughlin, 87, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at his home. He was born on August 29, 1936, to James Albert and Nemo (Thompson) McLaughlin in Long Beach, Calif.



Paul worked for RCA in the warehouse division. He enjoyed going to garage sales. Paul liked cars, going to car shows, and proudly owned several Miatas over the years. He liked watching sports; his favorites were IU sports, Purdue sports, and boxing.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce McLaughlin; and children, Scott McLaughlin, Greta Gill, Lonnie Donathan, and Randall Donathan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Paul Bruce McLaughlin; first wife, Sandra McLaughlin; and siblings, Wayne, Virginia, Shirley, and Bob.

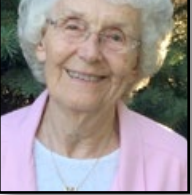
The McLaughlin Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Paul's care. No services will be held at this time.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

**Martha Tyson**

February 1, 1929 – July 12, 2024

Martha Tyson, 95, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, July 12, 2024, at her home. She was born on February 1, 1929, to the late Kenneth and Frieda (Shaw) Hair in Hamilton County.



Martha was a homemaker and attended Ford Street United Methodist Church in Lapel. Ellis and Martha were able to celebrate their 73rd wedding anniversary on June 5 of this year.

She is survived by her husband, Ellis Tyson; daughters, Anne Tyson Laycock and Donna Tyson McConnell (Chuck McConnell); grandchildren, Jason Laycock, Eric McConnell (Emily Holcomb McConnell), and Laura McConnell; great-grandsons, Jaydon Laycock, Rylan Laycock, and Wyatt Dwiggin; and her great-granddaughters, Lyla Laycock, Ava Laycock, and Emery McConnell.

Visitation took place Friday, July 19, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. An additional visitation and services were held Saturday, July 20, 2024, at the funeral home, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Burial was at Brookside Cemetery in Lapel.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

**Mike Pearson**

April 4, 1959 – July 19, 2024

Mike Pearson, 65, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, July 19, 2024, at his home. He was born on April 4, 1959, in Hamilton County.



For 40 years, Mike was a warehouse worker. He met Sandy in 1979 and began dating before marrying in 1990. Mike enjoyed hunting, fishing, and racing motorcycles. He was very artistic and enjoyed drawing. Mike was a NASCAR model collector and loved to travel and camp. Most of all, he loved the memories he made with his family.

Mike is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sondra "Sandy" Pearson; brother, Allen (Jennie) Woods; brother-in-law, Robert Dally (Krista Pratt); sister-in-law, Mary Dally; as well as other extended family.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Dale Pearson; mother, Betty Woods; in-laws, Gary & Ruth Dally; and his brother-in-law and very good friend, Don Dally.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Friday, July 26, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Jennie Woods will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

**Esther Louise Kronenberg**

August 3, 1932 – July 14, 2024

Esther Louise Kronenberg, 91, Cicero, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 14, 2024.



Esther was born in Cicero on August 3, 1932, to the late Edgar and Terri (Hunt) Dick. On September 20, 1949, she married Edward "Jim" James Kronenberg and shared 51 years of marriage.

Esther attended Cicero Schools until her marriage to Jim. She was a homemaker and loved nothing more than caring for her family. She was known for her orderly housekeeping and was an excellent seamstress. In her free time, Esther enjoyed crafting, pottery, and making ornaments. She was active in a bowling league, was an aerobics instructor at a health spa, and enjoyed playing piano by ear. She was a long-time member of Cicero Christian Church but had more recently started attending Omega Christian Church.

Esther is survived by her son, Timothy Edward (Jenny) Kronenberg of Noblesville; daughters, Leisa Kay Heinzman of Fishers, and Marsha Ann (Donald) Chance of Noblesville; seven grandchildren, Dawnelle (Craig) Bryant of Cicero, D. "Mike" Michael Heinzman, Jr. of Noblesville, Chad Chance of Westfield, Tisha Wright of Indiana, Kyle (Ashley) Heinzman of Noblesville, Brandon Chance of Westfield, and Felicia (Ray) Ehlers of Madison, Ind.; 16 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; brother, Keith William (Carol) Dick of Cicero; sisters, Carol Lee Hartsock of Noblesville and Virginia "Ginny" Mae Harrison of Crawfordsville; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Along with her husband and parents, Esther was preceded in death by her daughters, Anita Mae Kronenberg and Melanie Sharon Wright; brothers, Edgar Dick, Jr., Henry Dick, Joe Dick, Charley Dick, and Carl Dick; and sisters, Marjorie Roudebush and Mary Ellen Lockwood.

Visitation and services were held Friday, July 19, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastor Neal Brown officiating. Burial followed in Cicero Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

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

**Frank J. Whicker**

March 12, 1963 – July 9, 2024

Frank J. Whicker, 61, Sheridan, passed away on Tuesday evening, July 9, 2024, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Born March 12, 1963, in Hamilton County, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Irma (Campbell) Whicker.



For 12 years Frank worked as a fabricator for Westfield Steel before taking a position with the Town of Sheridan, where he worked until retirement. He saw a little bit of everything during his time with the town. Beginning with the Street Department, and later moving over to the Water and Waste Water Departments, there wasn't much about the infrastructure of Sheridan that Frank couldn't tell you. One of the biggest perks of the job (most days) was getting to work with his brother Mark. When you live in a small town you get to know people's routines after a while, and Frank cruising around town in his truck was one of those routines. No matter where he was heading, he was never in so big a hurry that he couldn't stop (usually in the middle of the road) and talk for a little bit.

Frank was as easy going as they come. He enjoyed playing cards, watching Westerns (and *The Flintstones*), and keeping tabs on how the Colts were doing this year, but the thing he loved the most was his family. Family gatherings and days spent with the grandkids were the best days on Earth. Frank was always a Blackhawk fan, but he became a super-fan when his sons were in school; he never missed a game. Frank was always able to find the humor in a situation, especially when it came to his brother Mark during the Christmas season. Mark was the town Santa for many, many years, and Frank always made sure that he got to sit on Santa's lap EVERY chance he could. Somehow Frank seemed to have a way of finding out where Santa was going to be throughout the season, and the next thing you knew, boom ... on Santa's lap. When the holiday season was over and the Santa suit was done for the year, Frank wasn't. He would still tease Mark, because that's what brothers do.

His sense of humor and his love for his family and friends will never be forgotten by those who knew him best.

Frank is survived by his wife (and partner in crime), Deborah Ann "Debbie" Whicker. She and Frank were married on June 21, 1991. Also surviving are two sons, Bradley J. Whicker of Indianapolis and Robert Favors (Tiffany) of Walton; two daughters, Christina Favors (Will Smith) of Sheridan, and Nicole Menard (Angela) of Texas; 12 grandchildren, Parker, Damian, Kaysia, Caitlin, Alexis, Alex, Morgan, Spencer, Rylan, Nate, Harli, and Colton; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Tammy Cummins (Niles) of Sheridan; and his canine BFF, Baby, who is missing him terribly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Irma (Campbell) Whicker; six brothers, Donald Gene Whicker, Jack Whicker, Lawrence Whicker, Lamar Whicker, Jerry Whicker, and Mark Whicker; seven sisters, Fern Keesling, Betty Parks, Mary Wallace, Serena Thomas, Sylvia Doty, Alice Smith, and Sandy Thomas; and two infant siblings, Michael Leon Whicker and Nelie Mae Whicker.

Visitation and services were held Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with Pastor George Cooper officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Kercheval Funeral Home, P.O. Box 42, Sheridan, IN 46069, to help with funeral expenses.

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

**Beth Whisman**

May 8, 1964 – July 14, 2024

Beth Whisman of Atlanta was called home by her Lord and Savior on July 14, 2024.



Beth was born in Indianapolis on May 8, 1964, to Alan and Barbara (Boffo) Myers, who survive. She grew up on a farm in Carmel and was a lifetime member of Gray Friends Church. As a child she loved being outside and getting into some mischief around the farm. She enjoyed spending countless hours on her favorite pony, Dawn, playing pass the bucket on horseback, driving cattle, and leading one of her 4-H steers onto the porch so she could sit in the swing. Beth was a 10-year Hamilton County 4-H member and participated in several projects including swine, beef and Jr. Leaders. She was also a past co-director of the 4-H Queen Pageant. Beth was a 1982 graduate of Carmel High School and a 1986 graduate of Purdue University.

Beth married Tim Whisman on September 16, 1989. Together they had two children, Nathan and Ellen. Beth instilled the importance of faith, kindness, positivity, honesty, and many other traits into her children. She loved her family and friends dearly and spending time with them were some of her most important moments.

Beth spread her kindness and positive outlook to everyone she came into contact with. She always found the positive in every situation. She would offer her opinion or advice when asked and would follow with "whatever makes your heart happy."

Along with her parents, Beth is survived by her husband, Tim; son, Nathan; daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Tyler Anderson; her favorite granddaughter, Alyce; brother, Mark Myers; sister, Tana Crampton; nephews, Andrew (Alex) Crampton and Cole (Samantha) Whisman; nieces, Jill Crampton and Susan Crampton; mother-in-law, Shirley Whisman; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim and Beth M. Whisman; and many cousins who she loved dearly and had extremely close bonds with.

Beth was preceded in death by her grandparents; infant sister; father-in-law; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Gray Friends Church, 4810 E. 146th St., Noblesville. Her celebration of life and graveside services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Beth's honor to Gray Friends Church, 4810 E. 146th St., Noblesville, IN 46062; and Hamilton County 4-H, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

In honor of Beth, always be kind and do whatever makes your heart happy.

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

**John Allen Campbell**

December 30, 1951 – July 12, 2024

John Allen Campbell, 72, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, July 12, 2024, at IU North Hospital.

John was born in Paragould, Ark., on December 30, 1951, to the late Sylvester and Dorothy (Carter) Campbell.

John grew up in Cicero and attended Hamilton Heights High School. After graduation, John attended Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to pursue his engineering degree. In 1980, John earned his land surveyor license and spent his career as a business owner specializing in land surveying. Throughout the years he was a member of the Maryland Society of Surveyors (M.S.S.) and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. Although running his business took up most of his time, John's favorite was to go camping. He traveled much of the United States in his camper and never missed the Covered Bridge Festival at Raccoon Lake. He also liked fishing, spending time at Ocean City, Md., and working around the house and on the camper.

John is survived by his sons, Peter Campbell of Noblesville, Michael Shawn (Amy) Campbell of Elwood, and Steven Campbell of Charleston, S.C.; daughter, Tyler (Tzviel) Blankchtein of Deale, Md.; seven grandchildren, Logan Campbell of Noblesville, Gal Blankchtein of Deale, Md., Nathan Campbell of Charleston, S.C., Ashley (Alan) Godbey of Kirklintown, Alan (Hana) Campbell of Greenfield, Ind., Bethany (Anthony) Ferguson of Noblesville, and Whitney (Anthony) McPhearson of Elwood; 12 great-grandchildren, Jasmine, Chloe, Shyann, Brantley, Robin, Mariah, Harmony, Naomi, Aiden, Oliver, Jackson, and Everly; brothers, Michael Campbell of Anderson, Steve (Margaret) Campbell of Thorntown, Ind., Dave (Cindy) Campbell of Arcadia; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, John was preceded in death by his brother, Kevin Campbell.

John's wish was to be cremated and have a celebration of life at a later date. The family has entrusted John's care to Hartley Funeral Home in Cicero.

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

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# Remembering Steffanie Pickett, Hamilton County dispatcher killed in motorcycle crash

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY  
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The Hamilton County Public Safety Communications team suffered a significant loss in June when a dispatcher was killed in a motorcycle crash shortly after leaving a training session.

Steffanie Pickett was only 31 years old when she died in the crash on June 12. Her colleagues say she had her entire life ahead of her and was dedicating it to helping others each day as a 911 dispatcher.

Michael Hubbs, the director of Hamilton County Public Safety Communications and Pickett's boss, says

taking these calls is extremely stressful but Steffanie, or Steff, was drawn to the career to make a difference.

"Steff should be remembered as a homegrown young lady from Hamilton County, who was born and raised here, went to school here, has true roots in the community of Hamilton County," Hubbs said. "And she served her county. She served with honor."

She was the passenger on a motorcycle her fiancé was driving on June 12. Pickett was killed when an SUV turned into oncoming traffic on Cumberland Road. Her fiancé survived but was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

"It was very hard for the dispatchers working because they had to handle the incident. They had to take the call and they had to dispatch," Hubbs said. "The dispatchers were very quick to realize Steffanie was the victim in the fatal accident."

Pickett was a rising star in the dispatch center, having earned a "Life Saving Award" after working there for just under five years.

"In this particular incident, Steff answered a 911 call and helped a citizen administer CPR," Hubbs said. "It was a cardiac arrest."

Hubbs says everyone is still mourning this loss.

"There was a bond, naturally, by being in the

same profession, and Steff was no exception. She had amazing friends in there," Hubbs said.

"They're still grieving today and we're moving through with it because that's what they are, they're tough and Steff was tough. And there's one thing we all agree on here in the department. Steff didn't want us to stop."

The crash is still under review by law enforcement.

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Feeding Team pantry No. 66 (above left) now sits at Mystic Images Tattoo Company, 164 N. 10th St., Noblesville, while No. 67 (above right) is at the old Westfield Playhouse in Eagletown (1836 W. State Road 32, Westfield). Both were fully stocked when they were installed on July 12. Thanks go out to Mystic Images and to Main Street Productions, which manages Basile Westfield Playhouse, for being kind enough to offer a little space for these self-service food pantries.

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### Wrestling



Hamilton Heights' Kendall Moe earned her third All American honor by placing fourth in the Junior Women's Freestyle 100-pound division at the USMC/USA Wrestling 16U and Junior Nationals at Fargo, N.D.

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# Hamilton County wrestlers represent Indiana well at Junior Nationals

### The REPORTER

Hamilton County had a large contingent of wrestlers representing Indiana at the USMC/USA Wrestling 16U and Junior Nationals, which took place last week in Fargo, N.D.

Two county wrestlers placed in the top eight of their weight divisions, beginning with Hamilton Heights' Kendall Moe. The multiple Indiana girls wrestling state champion finished fourth at 100 pounds in the Junior Women Freestyle division, making her a three-time All American.

Moe was seeded fifth and received a first-round bye in the Round of 64. That advanced Moe to the Round of 32, where she won her first match easily by beating Washington's Olivia Griffin 10-0.

In the Round of 16, Moe got another first-period tech fall, taking care of Virginia's Sarina Gunn 10-0 to move into the quarterfinals. Moe dropped her first match of the tournament to Ohio's Makennah Craft 7-4, which sent her into the consolation bracket.

Moe began her consolation journey in the round of eight, where she pinned North Carolina's Anna Ockerman in the first period. In the next round, Moe won a wild match with Ohio's Brienne Graves, earning a tech fall in the second period with a 21-10 score. That sent her to the third-place match, where Moe lost to Utah state champion Kristina Kent by a 10-0 tech fall.

### Smith places fifth in Freestyle

Fishers' Xavier Smith also earned All American status by placing fifth in the 16U Men's Freestyle 175-pound class.

Smith was seeded 11th and began the meet with a 10-0 Round of 128 win over Minnesota's Uriah-Gabriel Cole. In the Round of 64, Smith took care of New Jersey's Chad McConnell 11-0, then beat Nevada's Santiago Cabrera 12-2 in the Round of 32.

Smith kept rolling in the Round of 16, beating Iowa's Broedy Hendricks 9-1, then swept past Illinois' Isaac Barrientos 10-0 in the quarterfinals. Smith's run came to an end in the semifinals, where Iowa's Brayden Koester beat him 6-4.

In the consolations, Smith was placed directly in the semifinals, where he lost to Pennsylvania's Nicholas Singer 16-9. Smith beat California's Isai Fernandez to claim fifth place.



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Fishers' Xavier Smith placed fifth in the 16U Men's Freestyle 175-pound division. Smith is also competing in the Greco-Roman 175-pound division, where he is in the quarterfinals and will continue wrestling this week. Pictured with Smith in the right photo is Fishers High School coach Cameron Diep.

### Other county wrestlers

Two other Hamilton County girls wrestlers competed at Fargo. Noblesville's Kyra Tomlinson wrestled in the Junior Women's 130-pound division. She began the meet by beating Illinois' Viola Pianetto 10-0 in the Round of 128, then took care of Minnesota's Alivia Szydel 10-0 in the Round of 64.

Tomlinson won a tough match over Mia Collins 12-8 in the Round of 32. Tomlinson led 8-2 after the first period, but Collins came back to tie the match at 8-8 with 49 seconds left in the second period (tournament matches consist of two three-minute periods). But Tomlinson scored four points with seven seconds left to get the win.

In the Round of 16, Tomlinson lost a 10-0 match to Florida's Christina Borgmann. That moved her to the consolations, where she dropped her first match by pin to Washington's Mary Rush.

Hamilton Southeastern's Fanta Sall competed in the 16U Women's 235-pound class. Sall was pinned by the fourth seed, Pennsylvania's Mackenna Atkinson, in the first round, then lost in the consolation round to Colorado's Larissa Espinosa.

Meanwhile, five county boys were also among the wrestlers in the 16U Men's division. Here's how they performed:

- Westfield's Connor Maddox competed in the 100-pound class. He won three main draw matches, beating Wisconsin's Joan Tellez by fall, Massachusetts' Aiden Morris 11-5 and Texas' Oliver Pulliam 5-3 to reach the Round of 16.

Maddox lost to Minnesota's Turner Ross 10-0 in the 16s. That sent him to the consolation bracket, where



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Noblesville's Kyra Tomlinson competed in the Junior Women's 130-pound division.

he beat Pennsylvania's Van Ward 9-4 before falling to another Pennsylvania wrestler, third seed Max Dinges, 9-2.

- Noblesville's Aiden Kincaide also made it to the Round of 16 at 165 pounds. He got wins over Idaho's Skyler Crow by fall, Florida's James Shaw Garrett 11-2 and Pennsylvania's Michael Schmit 10-0.

Kincaide dropped his Round of 16 match to the top

seed, Illinois' Aaron Stewart 10-0. In the consols, Kincaide lost to Michigan's Don Beaufait 5-0.

- Noblesville's Jackson Apple won a match at the 285-pound division, which began in the Round of 64. Apple beat Missouri's Matthew Kelley 18-10 to reach the Round of 32, where he lost to Arizona's Eric Bucietez by fall.

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# Noblesville welcomes Jess Preston as new head swim coach

### The REPORTER

Noblesville Swim Club and Noblesville High School jointly announce the hiring of Jess Preston as their new Head Coach.

Coach Preston comes to Noblesville from Penn High School in Mishawaka and Irish Aquatics. As head coach of the Kingsman girls and boys swim teams since 2008, he has racked up an impressive 18 top 10, six top 5, and three state runner-up finishes. His girls teams have an overall dual meet record of 204-11-1 and his boys teams have gone 194-22. In addition, Preston has led his teams to a combined 29 Northern Indiana conference championships, 26 sectional championships, 15 IHSAA event state champions, been named Conference Coach of the year 13 times and IHSAA State Coach of the Year twice. Just this past February, Preston and Penn were state runner-up to Carmel at both the girls and boys IHSAA State Swimming Championships.

"The hiring of Coach Preston is a big-time commitment to Noblesville Swimming and the future vision of this program," said Lisa Conner, President of the Board of Directors, Noblesville Swim Club. "We are so excited about what he will do for our program at all levels. We feel so fortunate that Coach Preston has chosen to continue his career leading our program."

In addition to high school swimming, Coach Preston has an impressive background in USA Swimming. From 1999-2020 he served as Head Senior and Assistant Age Group Coach at PRO Swimming in Mishawaka. While at PRO he guided multiple athletes to

Indiana Age Group State Championships and record-setting performances. In 2020, PRO Swimming merged with Irish Aquatics. In 2021, Irish Aquatics won the Indiana Swimming Long Course Senior State Championships.

Prior to beginning his coaching career, he swam and played baseball at Elkhart Central High School. In swimming, he broke the school records in the 500 freestyle and 400 free relays. He went on to swim at Ball State University where he was a four-year letter winner, scored individually all four years in the Mid-American Conference championships, and served as team captain his senior year.

"I'm beyond excited to become the next Head Coach of the Noblesville Swim Club and Noblesville High School girls and boys swim teams," said Preston. "This program and the Noblesville community are so welcoming. I absolutely love that their leaders are committed to accomplishing the highest level of success. With the continued growth and great sense of community Noblesville has to offer, the possibilities are endless. I can't wait to get started!"

"Swimming is an important part of our community and I am excited that Coach Jess Preston and his family have chosen Noblesville as their next home. Jess not only has a strong passion for swimming but uses it as a tool to teach student athletes skills around leadership, discipline and ownership that they can utilize throughout their life. The future of Noblesville swimming looks bright" said Noblesville High School athletic director, Leah Wooldridge.



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— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Noblesville Plan Commission  
City of Noblesville, Indiana

The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Application No. LEGP 0139-2024 on Monday, August 19, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The application submitted by Midland Pointe, LLC is for the adoption of a text amendment to adopted Ordinance No. 04-02-23 for "Midland Pointe Planned Development" relating to the allowance of a veterinarian clinic within the 12 acres of commercial property and located south of State Road No. 32 and East of Hazel Dell Road, all within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the applications above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the 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 Plan Commission.

Copies of the proposals are on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 S. 10th Street for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the staff report will appear on the web page at www.cityofnoblesville.org, agendas, Plan Commission – August 19, 2024 prior to the meeting date.

NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION  
Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary  
R4687 7/22/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Noblesville Plan Commission  
City of Noblesville, Indiana

The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Application No. LEGP 0138-2024 on Monday, August 19, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The application submitted by East River Partners, LLC/C Hart Company, Inc. (Owners/Applicants) and Sign Solutions (sign company) is for the adoption of a "Program of Signs" for a mixed-use development known as the "East Bank" and located at 490 Maple Avenue, all within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

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 Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Plan Commission.

Copies of the proposals are on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 S. 10th Street for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page at www.cityofnoblesville.org, agendas, Plan Commission – August 19, 2024 prior to the meeting date.

NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION  
Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary  
R4688 7/22/24

— COURT NOTICES —

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF INDIANA IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3  
CASE NO. 29D03-2404-EU-000177

IN RE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF )  
PAUL D. CHRISTENBERRY )  
DECEASED )

The State of Indiana to Tyler Lee Christenberry and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named court. The named Personal Representative is represented by Adler Attorneys 136 S. 9th Street, Suite 400, Noblesville, IN 46060. The nature of this suit against you is to prevent intermeddling in the above captioned estate. The Personal Representative claims that you have no interest in any asset under the last will & testament of decedent. If you have a claim for relief against the Personal Representative or the estate arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the petition in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit is published, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the personal representative has demanded.

Kathy Kreag Williams  
Clerk of Hamilton County  
7/22/24, 7/29/24, 8/5/24

R4684

29D01-2406-EU-000249  
STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON  
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT I

In the Matter of the Estate of:  
ALBERT GEORGE, JR.,  
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
Notice is hereby given that Eric Nathaniel George was, on June 19, 2024, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Albert George, Jr. (the Estate), who died on January 13, 2024.

All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file their claim(s) in the office of the clerk of this court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the death of Albert George, Jr., whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, June 19, 2024.

Kathy Kreag Williams  
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court I  
G. Max Rettig, 6349-49  
Attorney for Eric Nathaniel George  
9101 Wesleyan Road, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46268  
Telephone (317) 216-7464  
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R4640 7/15/24, 7/22/24

29D03-2406-EU-000261  
Hamilton Superior Court 3  
Webster & Garino, LLC  
209 E. 175th Street, Suite A  
Westfield, IN 46074

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
Cause Number: 29D03-2403-EU-000115

In the Hamilton County Superior Court, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Charlene Gaard was on the 27th day of June, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles Lester Martin, deceased, who died on June 4, 2024.

All persons who have claims against the 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 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 this 27th day of June, 2024.

Kathy Kreag Williams  
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court  
R4668 7/22/24, 7/29/24

29D03-2407-EU-000290  
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

Notice is hereby given that Sandra J. Creek, was, on July 11th, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Anita C. Harden, deceased, who died on May 25, 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 July 11, 2024.

Kathy Kreag Williams  
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Courts  
Hamilton County, Indiana  
R4676 7/22/24, 7/29/24

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON )  
CIRCUIT COURT )

Cause No. 29C01-2406-MI-006601  
IN RE THE MATTER OF:  
Mursal Mikael Malik

Petitioner  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Mursal Mikael Malik, whose mailing address is: 14254 Mourning Dove Ln. Apt #106, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Mursal Mikael Malik has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Mursal Rizwan.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: November 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Mursal Mikael Malik  
Petitioner  
Date: July 5, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams  
Judicial Officer  
R4678 7/22/24, 7/29/24, 8/5/24

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON )  
CIRCUIT COURT )

Cause No. 29C01-2407-MI-007398  
IN RE THE MATTER OF:  
Herschell Travis Smith

Petitioner  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Herschell Travis Smith, whose mailing address is: 11483 Lucky Dan Dr., Noblesville, IN 46060, in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Herschell Travis Smith has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Travis Herschell Smith.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: November 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Herschell Travis Smith  
Petitioner  
Date: July 8, 2024

Kathy Kreag Williams  
Judicial Officer  
R4689 7/22/24, 7/29/24, 8/5/24

Swimming

# Hamilton County dominates at SwimFest, with Yan Zheng winning six events in 10 & Under

The REPORTER

Hamilton County swimmers were their usual dominants selves during the Indiana Swimming SwimFest.

The SwimFest combined the annual Age Group State and Senior State Meets and took place July 11 to 14. The Age Group State events were conducted at the IU Natatorium, while Center Grove hosted the Senior State events.

10 & Under

In the 10 & Under division, Carmel Swim Club's Yan Zheng was dominant, winning six events. Zheng won the Girls' 50 breaststroke and 50 backstroke on Day 2 of the meet (the first day of 10 & Under competition), followed by the 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley races on Day 3. Zheng finished the tournament with Day 4 victories in the 100 backstroke and 50 butterfly.

Gabriel Brown was a winner for Fishers Area Swimming Tigers, placing

first in the Boys 200 IM.

Day 1

On the first day of the SwimFest, Fishers Area Swimming Tigers' Julie Mishler picked up two wins at Senior State, triumphing in the Women's 200 backstroke and 50 freestyle races. In the Age Group swims, Carmel Swim Club got three victories: Ellie Clarke won the Girls 13-14 200 backstroke, Kate Allen was first in the Girls 11-12 50 freestyle and Linrui An won the Boys 11-12 200 butterfly.

Westfield Aquatics' Haley Morris was the winner of the Girls 13-14 1500 freestyle. Southeastern Swim Club picked up a victory in the Girls 13-14 400 freestyle relay.

Day 2

There were more Hamilton County winners during Day 2 of the SwimFest.

Winners from the county included several from Carmel Swim Club. Allen was first in the Girls 11-12 200

freestyle, with An winning the Boys 11-12 200 free race. Clarke placed first in the Girls 13-14 100 butterfly, and Carmel swept both the Girls and Boys 200 medley relays.

Fishers Area Swimming Tigers picked up two victories. Emily Wolf won the Women's 100 butterfly, and the FAST club also was first in the Women's 200 medley relay.

Day 3

Carmel Swim Club continued to pick up victories on Day 3.

In the 11-12 age group, Carmel Swim Club got victories from Allen in the Girls 400 freestyle, An in the Boys 400 freestyle, Sydney Ermel in the Girls 50 breaststroke and Blake Hadley in the Boys 100 butterfly. Carmel also swept the Girls and Boys 200 freestyle relay.

Clarke led the way for the Girls 13-14 division. She was a double winner in the 100 backstroke and 400 free. Carmel also was first in the Girls 200 free relay. An

drew Shackell delivered a win for Carmel in the Men's 400 free, while Fishers won the Women's 200 free relay.

Grace Gannon picked up a win for Fishers Area Swimming Tigers in the Girls 100 butterfly, her second of the SwimFest.

Day 4

The SwimFest wrapped up on July 14, with several more county winners.

In the 11-12 division, Allen finished first in the Girls 200 IM and the 100 freestyle. An also got a win for Carmel in the Boys 200 IM. Allen picked up five victories at the SwimFest, while An had four wins.

Clarke also represented Carmel well in the 13-14 division, placing first in that age group's Girls 200 IM to collect her fifth win at the SwimFest. Carmel also swept the Girls and Boys 400 medley relays. Westfield Aquatics' Haley Morris placed first in the Girls 800 freestyle for her second win of the event.

## Following crash, Robb cleared to race at Toronto

WISH-TV & The REPORTER

After a scary crash in Iowa, Sting Ray Robb was able to get back on the race track in Toronto.

Robb was injured in a four-car crash during the last lap of the NTT INDYCAR Series race July 14 at Iowa Speedway. After a trip to the hospital and a final evaluation by INDYCAR Medical, Robb was cleared to compete in the Ontario Honda Dealers Indy Toronto race last Sunday (July 21).

The crash also involved drivers Alexander Rossi, Ed Carpenter and Kyle Kirkwood. Robb went airborne after hitting the back of Rossi's car out of turn number two. He then slid down the backstretch upside down.

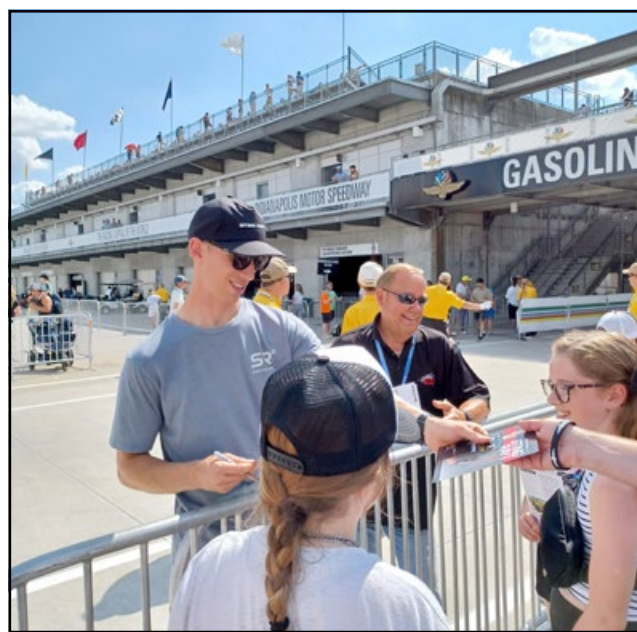
Kirkwood and Carpenter each lost control their cars in

an effort to avoid Robb and Rossi. They would each hit the inside wall. Carpenter's left rear tire actually ended up on top of Kirkwood's aeroscreen.

Rossi, Kirkwood, and Carpenter were okay. Rossi, Kirkwood, and Carpenter were okay. Robb was injured in the crash, the Associated Press said last Monday.

Robb, a driver for A.J. Foyt Racing, was airlifted to a local hospital "out of abundance of caution for further evaluation." He would soon be released after "further assessment at Mercy One Des Moines Medical Center."

A post from A.J. Foyt Racing on X, formerly known as Twitter, added that "Sting Ray's family and AJ Foyt Racing would like to extend our gratitude



Richie Hall / File photo

Sting Ray Robb competed in the July 21 INDYCAR race in Toronto. Robb was injured during the last lap of the July 14 race in Iowa but was cleared to race last Tuesday.

to the AMR Safety team for their quick response, to INDYCAR medical staff for their thorough care and INDYCAR for the high safety standards of our race cars that allowed Sting Ray to walk away from a horrific accident today. Thank you to everyone for your well wishes. We appreciate your support!"

Right before 4 p.m. last Tuesday, A.J. Foyt Racing posted another statement on X. It said, "After a final evaluation by INDYCAR Medical, we are happy to share that Sting Ray has been cleared to compete this weekend in Toronto. He's looking forward to getting back behind the wheel of the No. 41 Goodheart Vet / Pray, com Chevrolet. Thank you to everyone who's reached out and showed their support."

Ninety minutes later, Robb followed that up by posting the following on X: "My family and I are so appreciative of the outpouring of well wishes, support and prayers received. I'm also thankful that no other drivers were injured in that wreck and we've all been cleared to race in the @honda-indy."

## WRESTLE

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In the consolation round, Apple took care of Virginia's Jake James 9-4, then cruised past Oklahoma's Isaiah Fragua 11-0. Apple dropped his third consolation match to Pennsylvania's Bradyn McConaha by fall.

- Fishers' Julian Burgett wrestled in the 190-pound division. After a first-round bye, the unseeded Burgett fell to the 10th seed, Missou-

ri's Jace Renfro 8-2. Burgett won his first consolation match 6-1 over Massachusetts' Adam Loeb 6-1 but lost his next match to Minnesota's Blake McMullen 3-1.

After the Freestyle finished, five county wrestlers competed in the Greco-Roman portion of the tournament. Results from that event will be published this week in the Reporter.





COURT NOTICES

29D06-2406-EV-006320 Hamilton Superior Court 6 SMALL CLAIMS EVICTION COMPLAINT HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 6 One Hamilton County Square, Suite 215 Noblesville, Indiana 46060-2231 Telephone: (317) 770-4450 Plaintiff I Carla V. Garino Defendant I Michael LeSueur 209 E. 175th Street, Suite A 112482 Brookline Court Westfield, IN 46074 Carmel, IN 46032 (317) 765-1818 Attorney Kristin N. Korbacher Attorney number 37982-29 309 E. 175th Street, Suite A Westfield, IN 46074 (317) 656-1818 kkorbacher@websterlegal.com

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): You have been sued by the Plaintiff as set out below. You must appear in the Hamilton Superior Court No. 6 in person or with your attorney on July 18, 2024 @ 10 AM to contest the claim for eviction, past-due rent, and damages.

NOTICE OF CLAIM FOR POSSESSION AND RENT DUE On or about \_\_\_\_\_, the Plaintiff rented to the said Defendant(s) property at 12482 Brookline Ct., Carmel, IN 46032 for a term of month to month. The Defendant(s) agreed to pay rent at \$1200 per Month payable in advance on the 1st day of each Month. Rent is now past due in the amount of \$2,400 and the Defendant(s) remain in possession. Defendant(s) have otherwise violated the lease as follows: Failure to pay utilities WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment for the immediate possession of said premises and \$To be Determined and court costs of this action. Date: 06/07/2024 Kristin N. Korbacher (#37982-29) (Plaintiff) NOTICE

This claim is a demand for the possession of the above property. If any past-due rent remains unpaid 10 days after your receipt of this claim, you will be subject to immediate eviction. Payment of all past-due rent within this period may be a defense to eviction in some cases. IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CLAIM 1. The Plaintiff or the Defendant may represent themselves individually or be represented by an attorney. A Small Claims Litigant's Handbook is available at the offices of the Clerk or Court (or at the website at www.state.in.us/hcc/) for each party's benefit. The Plaintiff and Defendant should bring to trial all documents in their possession or under their control concerning this claim. Time does not permit trials in every case set for first hearing. However, trials will be held on possession issues in eviction cases and in such other cases where both parties are prepared for trial and time allows. 2. A default judgment may be entered against the Defendant if he or she fails to appear for a first hearing or any trial date, and if the Plaintiff fails to appear, the case will be dismissed (but may be refiled once more). A "damages hearing" is a trial on the issue of damages. 3. If the Defendant does not wish to dispute the Plaintiff's claim, the Defendant still may wish to appear to allow the Court to establish the method for paying the judgment. 4. Any request for a continuance of a trial date by either party should be filed with the Court at least five days before the hearing date. Forms requesting a continuance are available at the Court's office or on the website. The party requesting a continuance must contact the other party regarding the request. 5. Any counterclaim against the Plaintiff must be filed with the Clerk in time to be mailed to and received by the Plaintiff at least seven calendar days before the trial. Forms are available for this purpose. 6. If a settlement of this claim is made out of Court, it should be in writing and signed by the Plaintiff and Defendant. Settlement forms may be obtained from the Court or from the website. The settlement shall be filed with the Court and will be entered in the Small Claims Docket and shall have the same effect as a judgment of the Court. 7. The filing of a Small Claim waives the Plaintiff's right to trial by jury. The Defendant may, no later than 10 days following service of the Notice of Claim, make a demand for a trial by jury in writing, in accordance with Indiana Code 33-29-2-7. If a jury trial request has been granted, it may not be withdrawn without consent of both parties. Both parties should then obtain attorneys. The Defendant must pay a \$70 fee at the Clerk's Office within 10 days after the jury request has been granted; otherwise, the Defendant gives up the right to a jury trial. 8. Any exhibits you may offer at trial will be retained by the court for no less than 45 days and no more than four months after any hearing that results in a judgment. You may make arrangements to pick up your evidence with the court reporter any time beyond the 45 days after judgment has been entered. If an appeal is filed, those exhibits will permanently remain with the court. You will receive no further notices regarding your evidence. 7/8/24, 7/15/24, 7/22/24 R4604

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-2541 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR: MALELL MINTON NOTICE OF HEARING Notice is hereby given that Petitioner TANIA SLATER, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change his name from MALELL MINTON to MYLEN DION MINTON. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on November 8, 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 7, 2024 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of Hamilton County 7/8/24, 7/15/24, 7/22/24 R4606

29D01-2407-EU-000281 Andrew N. Vento, #22564-49 Sarah A. Sweet, #34023-45 ICE MILLER LLP One American Square Suite 2900 Indianapolis, Indiana 46282-0200 Telephone: (317) 236-2100 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Hamilton Superior Court, No. 1 Probate Division In the Matter of the Estate of Eleanor Maurer, deceased. Estate Docket 29D01-2407-EU-000281 Notice is hereby given that Janis Maurer and The National Bank of Indianapolis were on July 3, 2024, appointed personal representatives of the estate of Eleanor Maurer, deceased, who died on May 16, 2024. All persons who have claims against the 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, this July 3, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court No. 1 7/15/24, 7/22/24 R4623

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2406-MI-6647 IN RE NAME CHANGE OF: KAYTE ROSE JANUSIEWICZ NOTICE OF HEARING Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, KAYTE ROSE JANUSIEWICZ, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from KAYTE ROSE JANUSIEWICZ to KAYTE ROSE DOLAK. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on November 8, 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 27, 2024 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court 7/15/24, 7/22/24, 7/29/24 R4626

29D02-2407-EU-000284 Webster & Garino, LLC 209 E. 175th Street, Suite A Westfield, IN 46074 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Hamilton County Superior Court, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Andrew McClain was on the 8 day of July, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Suzanne Marie McClain, deceased, who died on June 11, 2024. All persons who have claims against the 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 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 this 8 day of July, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court 7/15/24, 7/22/24 R4634

29D01-2406-EU-280 Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29 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 Anita D. Dell was, on July 3, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of PHYLLIS J. YOUNG, deceased, who died June 10, 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 July 3, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana 7/15/24, 7/22/24 R4635

ARCADIA

NOTICE The Arcadia Town Council will meet in a special meeting on Monday, July 22nd at 6:30 p.m. located at 208 W. Main Street, Arcadia, IN 46030 to award the contract for CCMG 2024. 7/17/24, 7/22/24 R4654

SHERIDAN

Public Notice This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals on July 30, 2024, 5:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss the following: \* 24-SE-01: Special Exception from the Sheridan Unified Development Ordinance to allow for an Accessory Dwelling Unit in the R2 zoning district. Application by Mark Brimmer pertains to the real estate generally located at 100 S. Georgia St., Sheridan. Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by the or by Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals. Persons interested in presenting their views in person written or verbally shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place. Hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during the regular office hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That file may also be viewed online at www.Sheridan.in.gov by clicking on the Town Hall button, Selecting Meeting Minutes and the searching the appropriate Board's Agendas and Minutes. Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals Jennifer Miller, Secretary 7/18/24, 7/22/24 R4657

CICERO

NOTICE Bullseye Towing Ilc 22271 US-31 N suite 100, Cicero, IN 46034 (317)-979-8446 1GDKP37W7K3500752 1989 Regatta Hi-Rise \$2750 1NXBR12E9YZ364575 2000 Corolla \$2750 JHMC65792C016207 Accord \$2750 1GNET165336226166 2003 Trailblazer \$2750 4T1BE32K23U70249 2003 Camry \$2750 1GNEK13Z34R234125 2004 Tahoe \$2750 1FMYU03164DA10392 2004 Escape \$2750 1HGCM66504A095006 2004 Accord \$2750 1D7HU18277S196645 2007 Ram \$2750 2G1WV58K781347431 2008 Impala \$2750 5GTEN33E088231146 2008 H3 \$2750 1GCJTCDE4A8146438 2010 Colorado \$2750 1HGPCP3F82AA005785 2010 Accord \$2750 2G1WFE5K3B1293280 2011 Impala \$2750 1C4HJWEG3C1282369 2012 Wrangler \$2750 Hunter Ford 1430 N Baldwin Ave, Marion, IN 46952 (765)-733-7528 3FA6P0K93KR269930 2019 Fusion \$3889.48 Tom Obrien Toyota 2550 N Shadeland Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219 (317)-351-7000 4T1BF1FK0CU103014 2012 Camry \$8627.32 7/22/24 R4666

Legal Notice Board of zoning appeals The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on August 8th, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petition: Docket No. BZA-0824-37-NC A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted seeking relief from Article 7.8 Buffer Yard Standards (BY-01) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance which states that an additional five (5) feet of setback shall be required in addition to the normal setback in the "NC" district. Docket No. BZA-0824-38-NC A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted seeking relief from Article 5.9 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance which states; a roof shall be a gable design with slopes between fifteen (15) and forty-five (45) degrees. Docket No. BZA-0824-39-NC A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted concerning Article 7.13 Parking Standards (PK-04) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to allow (5) free parking spaces. Whereas Article 7.13 states that fourteen (14) parking spaces for general or professional office use are required in the "NC" District. Docket No. BZA-0824-40-NC A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted seeking relief from Article 7.13 Parking Standards (PK-03) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance which states: The interior of all parking lots shall be landscaped with one (1) deciduous shade tree per any part of ten (10) parking spaces. Project Address: 740 S Peru Street, Cicero, IN 46034 Legal Description: Acreage: 00 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4 Parcel number: 05-06-01-02-08-011,000 The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner: Entrust Group Inc./Paul Vondersaar Date: July 15th, 2024 7/22/24 R4672

Legal Notice Board of zoning appeals The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on August 8th, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petition: Docket No. BZA-0724-36-AG A Development Standards Variance Application has been submitted regarding the property located at 9410 E 256th Street, Cicero IN, 46030 to: allow an accessory structure in the front of the primary structure. Whereas Article 7.5 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that an accessory structure shall only be placed to the rear or side of the primary structure in the "AG" district. Project Address: 9410 E 256th Street, Cicero, IN 46030 Legal Description: Acreage 2.83 Section 19, Township 20, Range 5 Parcel number: 03-03-19-00-01-001,000 The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner: James & Karen Olson Date: June 25th, 2024 7/22/24 R4673

NOTICE TO BIDDERS City of Carmel, Indiana Department: Carmel Street Department 3400 W. 131st Street Carmel, IN 46074 Project: 24-STR-05 CRACK SEAL Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, will receive sealed bids for the above-described "Project" at the office of the Clerk, 1000 S Rangeline Road, Carmel, Indiana (2nd Floor) until 4:00 p.m. EST on August 6th, 2024, or at City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, Indiana (Front Desk) until 9:45 a.m. EST on August 7th, 2024, or in the Council Chambers between the hours of 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. EST on August 7th, 2024, and commencing as soon as practicable thereafter on the same date such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers of City Hall. No late bids will be accepted. All bids and proposals shall be properly and completely executed on the proposal forms provided with the plans and specifications, and shall include the non-collusion affidavit required by the State of Indiana. The bid envelope must be sealed and have the following words only written in ink on the outside of the envelope: Bid: 24-STR-05 CRACK SEAL. Project manuals may be obtained from Reprographix. Bid packets will be available after July 22nd. All bids are to be sealed with the words "BPW - 24-STR-05 CRACK SEAL BID" on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m. on August 7th, 2024 at the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on the 2nd floor of Carmel City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, IN. All persons interested in bidding shall register a contact name and address with the Street Department to ensure that all changes or questions and answers are available for review by all interested parties. No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of thirty (30) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety reserves the right to hold any or all bids and proposals for a period of not more than thirty (30) days, such bids and proposals to remain in full force and effect during said time period. The City of Carmel reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation for bids when, in the City's sole discretion, it believes that it is in the best interests of the City to do so, as determined by the purchasing agency in accordance with IC 5-22-18-2. There will be a mandatory virtual pre-bid meeting at 10:00 A.M. EST on Wednesday, July 31st, 2024. For those interested in a virtual link to this pre-bid meeting, please email your request to Ryan Murt at Rmurt@carmel.in.gov by July 31st, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. EST. Matt Higginbotham Street Commissioner 7/22/24, 7/29/24 R4671

CARMEL

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2403-MF-002671, wherein Planet Home Lending, LLC was Plaintiff, and Dylan Espey, American Express National Bank and Brooks Farm Homeowners' Association, Inc. were the 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 22nd day of August, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. local time, of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana: LOT NUMBERED 125, IN THE BROOKS FARM SECTION 2 SECONDARY PLAT, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED JANUARY 28, 2022 IN PLAT CABINET 6, SLIDE 227, INSTRUMENT NO. 2022-4898, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. More Commonly known as: 11468 Plough Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 Property ID Number: 29-11-09-028-030.000-013 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana Noblesville Township Township of Property Location 11468 Plough Street Noblesville, IN 46060 Street Address Andrew Kraemer, Plaintiff Attorney Attorney No. 14872-71 Johnson, Blumberg and Associates, LLC 500 West Lincoln Highway, Suite J Merrillville, IN 46410 312-541-9710 July 1, 2024 Date The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. 7/8/24, 7/15/24, 7/22/24 R4610

SHERIFF SALES

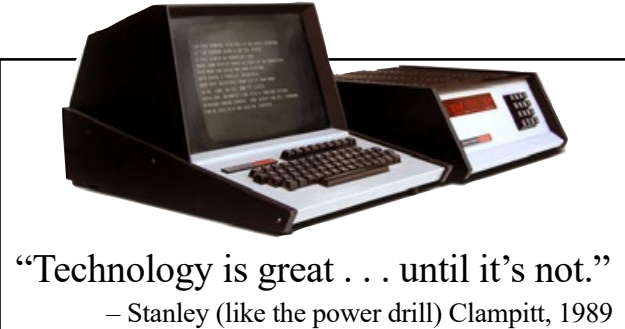
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2401-MF-000273, wherein Regions Bank DBA Regions Mortgage, N.A. was plaintiff and Unknown Heirs and Devises of Ronald A. Vaughn, Jr., et al., were the 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 August 22, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Place Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of real estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. Lot 254 in Secondary Plat for Sandstone Meadows - Section V, an Addition of the Town of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded on October 2, 2003 as Instrument No. 200300102826 in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 264, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. More Commonly known as: 12178 Weathered Edge Drive, Fishers, IN 46037 Parcel No. 29-11-34-026-034.000-020 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County Elyssa M. Meade Attorney No. #25352-64 Padgett Law Group 10475 Crosspoint Blvd, Suite 250 Indianapolis, IN 46256 (850)422-2520 Fall Creek Township The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. 7/8/24, 7/15/24, 7/22/24 R4607

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. 29D03-2403-MF-002497 wherein Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2020-RPL6 Trust was Plaintiff, and Chad Miller, City of Noblesville, First Financial Bank FKA Irwin Union Bank and Trust Company and Morse Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc. 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 August 22, 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 Number 73 in Morse Point, Section 2, an Addition to the City of Noblesville, in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded October 12, 1998 as Instrument No. 98-57613, amended by Certificate of Correction recorded November 5, 1998 as Instrument No. 980982671, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Commonly known address: 6551 Rushing River, Noblesville, IN 46062 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County Township: Noblesville Parcel No./ Tax ID #: 29-06-27-206-035.000-013 J. Dustin Smith Manley Deas Kochalski LLC P.O. Box 165028 Columbus OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Attorney for Plaintiff The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein 7/8/24, 7/15/24, 7/22/24 R4608

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) SS: HAMILTON COUNTY NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA ) CAUSE NO. 29D04-2403-MF-002664 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. ) PLAINTIFF ) vs ) JOSEPH L. PONTEK A/K/A JOSEPH L. PONTEK SR.; BEVERLY K. PONTEK, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF BEVERLY K. PONTEK, DECEASED; ESTATE OF BEVERLY K. PONTEK, DECEASED ) DEFENDANTS ) NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 05/23/2024, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Hamilton County, in Hamilton County, Indiana, located at 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 on August 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, to-wit: Part of the Northwest Quarter, Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 4 East, Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter; thence South along the West line of said Quarter 954.5 feet to the point of beginning, thence south along said line 151.09 feet; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds East 326.53 feet; thence North 151.09 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West 326.53 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 26441 Devaney Road, Arcadia, IN 46030 State Parcel Number: 29-02-22-000-001.001-008 This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code). It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Hamilton County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate. Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisalment laws. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County Attorney for Plaintiff Coditis Law, LLC 8050 Cleveland Place Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 736-5579 15-24-00366 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. 7/8/24, 7/15/24, 7/22/24 R4609

WESTFIELD

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the Cities of Carmel and Westfield, and the Unincorporated Areas of Hamilton County, Indiana, and Case No. 22-05-2053P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\_Status/bfe\_main.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). 7/22/24, 7/29/24 R4669





COUNTY

Request for Proposals for Public Transportation Services
Hamilton County
33 N. 9th St., #21, Noblesville, IN

- Date of First Publication/Issue RFQ: July 15 & 17, 2024
Date of Second Publication/Issue RFQ: July 22 & 24, 2024
Final Date to submit questions for Q&A Period: July 30, 2024
Deadline to submit proposal packages: August 7, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.
Proposals read into Record: August 12, 2024
Issue recommendation for qualified vendor with price to Board of Commissioners: August 26, 2024
Initiation of services date: January 2025

All attachments must be filed out completely. Federal and state regulations mandate that all attachments be submitted. Question and Answer Period/Opportunity: Any interested vendor shall be permitted to send inquiries concerning the RFP to the Director of Administration, Lee Buckingham at lee.buckingham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov. If the vendor's inquiry is considered to be a "material" question, then the question and subsequent response shall be shared with all vendors who have expressed an interest in the project to the County. Further, on July 30, 2024, there will be a live Question and Answer period from 4:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. The Question and Answer period shall be an in-person meeting. If vendors desire to participate in the Question and Answer period, the Director of Administration shall inform the interested vendor(s) of the physical location; which, will be in the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners' Courtroom in Noblesville, Indiana. That information shall be shared upon the vendor's request.

INTRODUCTION
Hamilton County seeks responses to this Request for Proposals (RFP) from vendors involved in/able to provide advanced reservation, demand responsive public transportation services. The purpose of the RFP is to identify a Vendor to provide adequate County-wide transportation services. The assessment is to be performed in accordance with the provisions included in this RFP.

- The County is looking for a qualified vendor in the business of providing county-wide transportation services, responsive curb-to-curb delivery, and origin to destination shared-ride transportation services for all residents of Hamilton County.
Responding firms must submit a digital and hard copy of their responses no later than August 7th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) as described below.
Estimated fee proposals shall be requested, negotiated, and determined only after the County has reviewed the proposals based upon the vendor's qualifications. The County shall only request, negotiate, and determine a cost/fee with the vendor chosen by the County based upon their qualifications. To determine a reasonable fee for the services, the County shall compare the negotiated amount to an Independent Cost Estimate.
The estimated physical scope of this project should include the transportation services to the entire County. If a vendor is only able to provide services to a particular area of the County or certain specific locations, then that must be noted by the vendor in their response. A vendor that is able to provide their services to the entire County is a clear advantage.
The Vendor should base their qualifications and/or responses on being able to provide their transportation services daily. The ideal time frame would be Monday-Friday 6 A.M. through 6 P.M. and an abbreviated service scope for Saturday and Sunday. If a vendor can provide services for a greater period of time, then the vendor should make clear note of that. If vendor is not able to provide services in that time frame, that will not be a disqualifying factor.
The County reserves the right to select a firm based upon the County's review of the qualifications and merit. Vendors selected for interview may participate in person or by phone. The County reserves the right to not hold interviews, change the date, time, or deadlines as deemed necessary.
The County reserves the right to reject any or all RFPs, to waive any informality or irregularity in any RFP receive, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective RFPs received.
The County reserves the right to disregard the criteria set forth below in the RFP when assessing the proposals for the transportation contract.
The County reserves the right to make its decision in the best interest of the County in its consideration of submitted proposals.

ANTICIPATED SCOPE OBJECTIVES
The Hamilton County Council and Board of Commissioners seeks a vendor to provide public transportation in Hamilton County. The County is seeking responsive countywide curb-to-curb transportation, shared-ride transportation, and connection services to five IndyGo bus stop locations located along the 82nd/86th Street corridor in northern Marion County. We are searching for a vendor to provide reliable public transportation, using a fleet of county-owned vehicles, that is in compliance with all state and Federal regulations.

BASIS OF EVALUATION AND AWARD
Proposals will be checked for compliance with and adherence to all submittal requirements requested in this document for material conformity. Proposals which are incomplete and missing key components necessary to fully evaluate the Proposal may be rejected from further consideration due to non-responsiveness. All offers must be responsible and responsive. Definition of responsive for submitting parties to this solicitation: (i) All certifications and forms blanks must be filled in (ii) all offered goods and/or services must conform with the Statement of Work requested, unless an alternate but equal request has been submitted for approval; and, (iii) all information required in the request for submissions documents must have been completed and submitted in a sealed envelope to conform with the definition of the term, responsiveness.

Any alteration, erasure, or interlineations of the document may cause the submission to be determined as non-responsive. However, The County reserves the right to accept any offer or to reject any and all offers, or to waive any defect or irregularity found in any offer.
Definition of responsible for the submitting parties to this solicitation: (i) The County may consider among other factors, the Contractors record of integrity, experience, and past performance, its financial status; (ii) the capability to perform the project as stated, or whether the vendor is in default of any contract or other obligation to The County, the Federal, State or Local Government(s).

In arriving at a determination, The County may institute a pre-award survey on any or all vendors. Vendors will be required to cooperate with the pre-award survey team. Failure to cooperate may result in a finding of non-responsibility.
The Vendor will be selected through a qualification-based selection process. Any vendor interested in providing services must submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) and Proposal Response that addresses the following evaluation criteria. Applicants are encouraged to organize their submissions in such a way as to fulfill the evaluation criteria listed below:

- Quality of the proposal
Experience of the firm in providing comparable services
Driver qualifications, training and on-going monitoring

COVER LETTER (1-page), indicating your interest and any unique qualifications that should be taken into consideration.

PROPOSAL CONTENT REQUIREMENTS
At a minimum, the submission should include the following items:

- Cover Letter
Statement of Qualifications
Resumes
References
Company Background and Information
Project Understanding and Approach
Please provide evidence or documentation of the following items in your proposal:
Legal vendor organization name; organization chart with names;
List of applicable licenses and/or certifications;

Over ten (10) years of experience providing transportation services;
Over ten (10) years of experience providing demand-responsive public transportation services to high volumes of riders;
Transportation to connection points in Marion County, specifically Indy Go Buses at minimum;

Maintenance manager on staff to ensure bus repair and maintenance are performed in a timely manner and assist in keeping overall repair and maintenance cost down
Strategic partnerships with private companies to ensure prices for parts are kept reasonable (i.e., a relationship with Michelin for tire repair).

On-site inventory of parts and supplies in stock at all times.
Excellent reputation for public transit according to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

Experience with FTA regulations including drug and alcohol compliance.
Experience with Federal grants and the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200).

Vendor must have adequate reservationists and dispatchers that are experienced in dealing with all types of transportation issues.
Vendor must provide their estimated average boarding per vehicle, per day, based upon their current inventory of vehicles and their drivers' experience. If vendor has this information for per vehicle, per hour, then the vendor should provide that data, also.

Vendor must provide their percent of shared rides. The County's goal is twenty-five percent (25%) or higher.
Vendor must provide data concerning the amount of missed trips, based on their error or omission, they have experienced in the past five (5) years.

Vendor must provide estimated average wait time as measured from ride-request to pick-up time and estimated average wait time measured from pick-up time until drop-off time at destination. The vendor should use their experience or data from providing transportation services in the County or in a similar environment.

Vendor must provide their estimated average trip duration, distance, and speed based upon their experience or data from providing transportation services in the County or in a similar environment.
Vendor must possess or have the ability to procure scheduling software and devices for communication with drivers, reservationists, and dispatchers - all of these employees should have experience with these types of software and devices.

Vendor and vendor's drivers must have a safety record with none to few accidents/incidents and no major injuries or fatalities within the last five (5) years.
Vendor must have experience transporting individuals with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities.

A record of service continuity including during COVID-19.
Vendor must demonstrate excellent on-time performance for demand response transportation
Experience and a proven system with secure handling of transportation fare payments. Payments should be accepted from any of the following, but not solely limited to: cash payments, debit/credit card payments, and/or payments via smart-devices.

Evidence of ability to obtain adequate insurance on vehicles to be leased from the county.
REFERENCES
Please supply a minimum of two referrals and references from clients, other agencies, and owners. The referenced projects should be comparable to the project referenced herein.

PROJECT UNDERSTANDING AND APPROACH
Describe your understanding of the project and provide a business proposal that describes your approach. Identify and discuss any potential problems. Identify and discuss methods to mitigate those problems. Selected vendors shall be required to provide waivers of indemnification in favor of the County concerning any cause of action arising from the vendor's services provided/described herein.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
Hamilton County ensures that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's), as outlined in 49 CFR Part 26, as amended, have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts. Therefore, it is imperative that you read the DBE Section and complete the necessary paperwork in its entirety. This procurement is subject to the requirements of 49 CFR part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 5%. DBE participation will likely be required on each task. The DBE participation goal will be determined on a task-by-task basis. The County encourages certified DBE vendors to participate in this solicitation as primary vendors for each discipline. Bidders are required to document sufficient DBE participation to meet this goal or, alternatively, document good faith efforts to do so pursuant to the DBE Participation and DBE Good Faith Efforts Documentation Forms provided in this solicitation. The successful bidder will be required to submit monthly reports documenting progress towards meeting its DBE goal. The report must be an accurate reflection of the committed amount and the actual amount paid to the DBE firm(s). Federal Procurement Regulations establish certain submissions be required from any third-party contract The County enters into with any vendor. In order that The County may be compliant with the Federal Requirements of FTA Circular 4220.1F, each vendor is required to complete and submit as a part of the offer package, completed certifications as defined in this section. The following pages of certifications must be completed and returned with your offer; or vendors must provide affidavits/letters of commitment stating that the vendor understands these requirements and can appropriately meet these requirements when the time comes. If the vendor provides affidavits/letters of commitment stating they understand these requirements, they shall also state their plan of action to become compliant and stay compliant with these requirements. Some portion of these required certifications may/will not be applicable to the contents of the statement of work that is attached to and made a part of this solicitation. However, the offer submitted must contain completed, signed, and sealed (if required) documents. If the document is not applicable, write "N/A" on the face of the document and sign in the appropriate area.

Protest Policy: Any unsuccessful vendor that chooses to challenge the County's selection of a qualified vendor may do so by providing their objection in writing to the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners within five (5) days of the Commissioners entering the contract with the selected qualified vendor. Only unsuccessful vendors that inquired to the County, in writing, and submitted an unsuccessful proposal shall be permitted to object to the Commissioners' selection. Any vendor who did not inquire to the County, in writing, and did not submit a proposal shall not be permitted to object to the Commissioners' selection.

Federal Funding Clauses: The Federal government has certain federal regulations and requirements when a vendor is either funded by federal money for public transportation, is applying for Federal funding for public transportation, or is using Federal funds for operating public transportation. Please see the "Federal Funding Addendum" at the end of this document to ensure your organization is in compliance with the Federal requirements or to determine if your organization could become compliant with the Federal requirements.

RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS
Firms shall submit a sealed hard copy to the Hamilton County Auditor's office, 33 N. 9th St. #2, Noblesville, IN 46060 before August 7th, 2024 4:00 PM EDT.
Firms shall, also, submit a sealed electronic copy to kim.rauch@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.
All digital files should be in a PDF format. All proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00 PM EDT on August 7th, 2021. In the email subject line of the email, the digital responses shall state: "Hamilton County Public Transportation Response."

Federal Funding Addendum
The following requirements apply to contracts utilizing federal funds for operating public transportation services:

FEDERAL FUNDING COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. Government Access to Records and Reports. In accordance with 49 CFR §18.36(i), Contractor agrees to provide Hamilton County, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of Contractor which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 CFR §633.17, to provide the FTA Administrator or his/her authorized representatives, including any Project Management Oversight Provider ("PMOC"), access to Contractor's records and work sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S.C. §5302(a)1, which is receiving Federal financial assistance through the programs defined at 49 U.S.C. §5307, 5309 or 5339.

1) Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
2) Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Agreement for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Agreement, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Agreement, in which case the Contractor agrees to maintain same until Hamilton County, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

2. Government-Wide Debarment and Suspension. In accordance with Executive Order 12549, as implemented by 49 CFR Part 29, a person (as defined in 49 CFR Part 49.105) who is debarred or suspended shall be excluded from Federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits under Federal programs and activities. As a participant in a federally assisted primary covered transaction (grant recipient), the IPTC is required to obtain a certification entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions" from all lower tier participants including Hamilton County on this Agreement whose Agreement or agreement will exceed \$25,000. Contractor will submit for itself and obtain and submit from all consultants and subcontractors whose Agreements will exceed \$25,000 the certification entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions" Any Agreement or sub-Agreement executed without such certification will be voidable by Hamilton County.

1) In the event that Contractor has certified prior to award that it is not debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal Department or agency and such certification is found to be false, this Agreement may be cancelled, terminated or suspended by Hamilton County and Contractor will be liable for any and all damages incurred by Hamilton County as a result of such cancellation, termination or suspension because of such false certification.
2) Contractor will ensure that certifications completed by subcontractors, lower tier subcontractors or suppliers are attached to and incorporated into their subcontracts or agreements.

3. Civil Rights. The following requirements apply to this Agreement:
1) Nondiscrimination. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U. S. C. 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §6102, section 202 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12132, and the Federal law at 49 U.S.C. §5332, Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

2) Equal Employment Opportunity. The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to this Agreement:
i. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Agreement Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

ii. Age. In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

iii. Disabilities. In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

4. Subcontracts. Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each consultant contract or subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

5. Clean Air Requirements. Contractor and its subcontractors and consultants shall be required to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq. To the extent that Contractor discovers or becomes aware of a violation of these requirements during the course of performing this Agreement, Contractor agrees to report such violation to Hamilton County and understands and agrees that Hamilton County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. Contractor also agrees to include the requirements of the above clause in each subcontract issued pursuant to this Agreement exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA.

6. Clean Water Requirements. Contractor and its subcontractors and consultants shall be required to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U. S. C. 1251 etseq. To the extent that Contractor discovers or becomes aware of a violation of these requirements during the course of performing this Agreement, Contractor agrees to report such violation to Hamilton County and understands and agrees that Hamilton County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. Contractor also agrees to include the requirements of the above clause in each subcontract issued pursuant to this Agreement exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA.

7. Changes to Federal Requirements. Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Agreement between the IPTC and the FTA, and the Agreement between Hamilton County and the IPTC, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this Agreement. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

8. Anti-Lobbying. In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. §1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, P.L. 104-65 [to be codified at 2 U.S.C. §1601, et seq.], Contractors who apply or propose for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal Agreement, grant or other award covered by 31 U.S.C. §1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal Agreement, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. §1352. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

1) Contractor will submit for itself the form entitled "Certification of Restrictions on Lobbying" and if applicable, the form entitled "Disclosure of Lobbying", and obtain and retain from all consultants and subcontractors whose Agreements will exceed \$100,000 the certification entitled "Certification of Restrictions on Lobbying", and obtain from all consultants and subcontractors, at any tier, whose agreements will exceed \$100,000, and submit to Hamilton County, if applicable, the form entitled "Disclosure of Lobbying".

2) Contractor and its consultants and subcontractors shall file a disclosure form at the end of each calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affects the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure form previously filed by such Contractor, consultants and subcontractors under ¶7.1. An event that materially affects the accuracy of the information reported includes:

- 3) A cumulative increase of \$25,000 or more in the amount paid or expected to be paid for influencing or attempting to influence a covered Federal action; or
4) A change in the person(s) or individual(s) influencing or attempting to influence a covered Federal action; or
5) A change in the officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) contacted to influence or attempt to influence a covered Federal action.

6) Contractor will ensure that certifications completed by lower tier consultants and subcontractors are attached to and incorporated into their Agreements or agreements.

9. False Statements or Claims. Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §3801 etseq and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Agreement. Upon execution of the underlying Agreement, Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying Agreement or the FTA-assisted project for which this Agreement work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

1) Contractor acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under an agreement connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under authority of 49 U.S.C. §5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. §1001 and 49 U.S.C. §5307(n)(1) on Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate. Contractor also agrees to include the terms of ¶8 and ¶8.1 in each consultant agreement and subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the consultants and subcontractors who will be subject to the provisions.

10. Fly America. Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. §40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 CFR Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and sub-recipients of Federal funds and their Contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in each consultant agreement and subcontract that may involve international air transportation.

11. Energy Conservation. Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. To the extent that Contractor discovers or becomes aware of a violation of these requirements during the course of performing this Agreement, Contractor agrees to report immediately such violation Hamilton County. Contractor also agrees to ensure that its Services performed under the Agreement, including all portions of the Services performed by subcontractors or consultants, shall be in compliance with the energy efficient standards required in the Contract Documents.

12. No Federal Government Obligation to Third Parties. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the Agreement, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to Hamilton County, IPTC, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to the Agreement) pertaining to any matter resulting from the Agreement. Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

13. Agreements Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements. The following requirements apply to Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under the Agreement: (1) Contractor agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, Contractor agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before Contractor or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. Contractor understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying Agreement. (2) Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

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14. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation
1) DBE Program. This Agreement is subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is ten percent (10%). The DBE commitment for this Agreement is as stated on the DBE Commitment Form executed by Contractor and on file with Hamilton County. If the total Agreement price is increased as a result of change orders (modifications), the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to achieve a commensurate increase in DBE participation.
2) DBE Obligation. Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted Agreements. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Agreement, which may result in the termination of this Agreement or such other remedy as Hamilton County deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to, (1) withholding monthly progress payments, (2) assessing sanctions, (3) liquidated damages, and/or (4) disqualifying the Contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. Each subcontract the Contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph.
3) DBE Modifications or Substitutions. In the event that Contractor wishes to modify its DBE subcontractor commitments, the Contractor must notify Hamilton County in writing and request approval for the modification. Contractor may not, without Hamilton County's prior written consent, terminate for convenience any DBE subcontractor approved by Hamilton County under this Agreement and then perform the work of the subcontract with its own forces. This includes any changes to items of work, material, services or DBE firms which differ from those identified on the DBE Commitment Form on file with Hamilton County. When a DBE subcontractor is terminated or fails to complete its work for any reason, Contractor must make good faith efforts to find another DBE subcontractor to substitute for the original DBE firm. These good faith efforts must be directed at finding another DBE firm to perform at least the same amount of work under this Agreement as the DBE firm that was terminated or failed to complete its work. Contractor must provide Hamilton County with any and all documents and information as may be requested with respect to the requested substitution. If Hamilton County determines that Contractor failed to make good faith efforts, IPTC will provide the opportunity for administrative reconsideration pursuant to 49 CFR 26.53. As part of this reconsideration, Contractor will have the opportunity to provide written documentation or argument and to meet with a designated Hamilton County official concerning the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. A written decision will be sent to Contractor explaining the basis for finding that Contractor did or did not meet the goal or make adequate good faith efforts to do so.
4) Reporting and Recordkeeping. Contractor shall submit documentation concerning Contractor's performance in meeting the DBE commitment during the period of the Agreement. Contractor shall enter into written agreements with the DBEs listed in its DBE Commitment Form or with substitutes which have been approved by Hamilton County. Contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which it is listed unless the Contractor obtains written consent from Hamilton County as provided in paragraph (c) above. Unless consent is provided, Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE. Copies of all executed DBE agreements shall be provided to Hamilton County by Contractor immediately upon execution with a duplicate copy furnished to Hamilton County. In addition, thereto, Contractor shall meet the following requirements:
i. Submit a work schedule outlining when the DBE subcontractors and material suppliers will commence and complete their services or work under the Agreement within 30 days of Agreement execution.
ii. Submit monthly reports in a format approved by Hamilton County detailing progress toward meeting the DBE commitment for this project and proofs of payment to Hamilton County. Monthly claims for payment from Contractor will not be processed without submission of these reports and documentation.
iii. Promptly notify Hamilton County of any situation in which any regularly scheduled progress payment is not made to a DBE.
iv. Not willfully make any false statements or provide incorrect information as part of its reporting and recordkeeping duties and obligations hereunder. The willful making of false statements or providing of incorrect information is considered a material breach of Agreement and shall entitle IPTC to all remedies and relief as otherwise provided in the case of a contractual breach in accordance with Article XI of the Agreement.
15. Prompt Payment and Retainage. Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors, suppliers and consultants performing services related to this Agreement for satisfactory performance of those services no later than fifteen (15) days following Contractor's receipt of payment for that work from Hamilton County. Contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors, suppliers and consultants. Failure to carry out prompt payment is considered a breach of the Agreement. Hamilton County will not reimburse Contractor for work performed by subcontractors, suppliers and consultants unless and until Contractor ensures that all subcontractors, suppliers and consultants are promptly paid. Hamilton County may not award future contracts to Contractors who refuse to pay promptly in accordance with this provision.
16. Incorporation of FTA Terms. All contractual provisions set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any Hamilton County requests which would cause Hamilton County to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.
17. Default and Termination. If Contractor fails, neglects or is unable to carry out the Work in accordance with the strict requirements of the Contract Documents, Hamilton County may declare Contractor in default and, in addition to any other right or remedy afforded by the Contract Documents, stop, correct and/or carry out the Work after prior written notice to Contractor.
i. If Contractor fails to cure any defaults within seven (7) days after receipt of written notice, Hamilton County may, and without prejudice to any other remedy Hamilton County may have, terminate the Contract and finish the Work by whatever method Hamilton County may deem expedient. All claims costs, losses and damages incurred or sustained by Hamilton County in exercising such rights and remedies, including but not limited to delay damages, attorney fees and costs of administration, will be charged against Contractor and Hamilton County shall be entitled to a corresponding decrease in the Contract Price. If payments then or thereafter due Contractor are not sufficient to cover such amounts, Contractor shall pay the difference to Hamilton County.
18. Dispute Resolution. Hamilton County and Contractor are fully committed to working with each other throughout the Project and agree to communicate regularly with each other at all times so as to avoid or minimize disputes or disagreements. If disputes or disagreements do arise, Hamilton County and Contractor each commit to resolving such disputes or disagreements in an amicable, professional and expeditious manner so as to avoid unnecessary losses, delays and disruptions to the Work. Hamilton County and Contractor will first attempt to resolve disputes or disagreements through discussions between their Authorized Representatives, and if not successful, then through discussions between the party principals. Disputes or disagreements that are not resolved shall, at Hamilton County's sole option, be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to binding dispute resolution. All disputes not resolved by mediation shall be subject to binding arbitration (administered by the American Arbitration Association) or litigation. Hamilton County shall have the sole option of selecting arbitration over litigation as means for binding dispute resolution. All binding dispute resolution proceedings shall be venued in Hamilton County, Indiana.
19. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act
1) Applicability: This requirement applies to all FTA grant and cooperative agreement programs.
2) Where applicable (see 40 U.S.C. § 3701), all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II.
3) Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.
4) The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
5) The regulation at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b) provides the required contract clause concerning compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:
i. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
ii. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
iii. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.
iv. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section."
20. Public Transportation Employee Protective Arrangements. The Contractor agrees to comply with the following employee protective arrangements of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b):
1) U.S. DOL Certification. Under this Contract or any Amendments thereto that involve public transportation operations that are supported with federal assistance, a certification issued by U.S. DOL is a condition of the Contract.
2) Special Warranty. When the Contract involves public transportation operations and is supported with federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. § 5311, U.S. DOL will provide a Special Warranty for its Award, including its Award of federal assistance under the Tribal Transit Program. The U.S. DOL Special Warranty is a condition of the Contract.
3) Special Arrangements. The conditions of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) do not apply to Contractors providing public transportation operations pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5310. FTA reserves the right to make case-by-case determinations of the applicability of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) for all transfers of funding authorized under title 23, United States Code (flex funds), and make other exceptions as it deems appropriate, and, in those instances, any special arrangements required by FTA will be incorporated herein as required.
21. Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles
1) Seat Belt Use. The Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles. The terms "company-owned" and "company-leased" refer to vehicles owned or leased either by the Contractor or Agency.
2) Distracted Driving. The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this Contract.
22. School Bus Operations. The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f), and 49 C.F.R. part 604, and not engage in school bus operations using federally funded equipment or facilities in competition with private operators of school buses, except as permitted under:
1) Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f);
2) FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 C.F.R. part 605;
3) Any other Federal School Bus regulations; or
4) Federal guidance, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.
If Contractor violates this School Bus Agreement, FTA may:
a. Bar the Contractor from receiving Federal assistance for public transportation; or
b. Require the contractor to take such remedial measures as FTA considers appropriate.
When operating exclusive school bus service under an allowable exemption, the contractor may not use federally funded equipment, vehicles, or facilities. The Contractor should include the substance of this clause in each subcontract or purchase under this contract that may operate public transportation services.
23. Charter Service. The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(d), 5323(r), and 49 C.F.R. part 604, which provides that Recipients and subrecipients of FTA assistance are prohibited from providing charter service using federally funded equipment or facilities if there is at least one private charter operator willing and able to provide the service, except as permitted under:
1) Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(d);
2) FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 C.F.R. part 604;
3) Any other federal Charter Service regulations; or
4) Federal guidance, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.
The contractor agrees that if it engages in a pattern of violations of FTA's Charter Service regulations, FTA may require corrective measures or impose remedies on it. These corrective measures and remedies may include:
a. Barring it or any subcontractor operating public transportation under its Award that has provided prohibited charter service from receiving federal assistance from FTA;
b. Withholding an amount of federal assistance as provided by Appendix D to part 604 of FTA's Charter Service regulations; or
c. Any other appropriate remedy that may apply.
The contractor should also include the substance of this clause in each subcontract that may involve operating public transit services.
24. Procurement of Recovered Materials. In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA- designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—
a. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
b. Meeting contract performance requirements; or
c. At a reasonable price
Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program."
25. Notice of Legal Matters. The Contractor must give notice to Hamilton County and FTA of any current or prospective legal matters that may affect the Federal government. This requirement is applicable to all procurement transactions expected to equal or exceed \$25,000.
26. Substance Abuse Requirements. The Contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 655, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with part 655, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency, or Agency, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 C.F.R. part 655 and review the testing process. The Contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with part 655 and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports to the Agency.
27. No Government Obligation To Third Parties. The Recipient and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying Contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Recipient, Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.
28. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.
a) Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:
1) Procure or obtain;
2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
i. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
ii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.
b) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.
c) See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.
d) See also § 200.471.
29. Trafficking In Persons. The contractor agrees that it and its employees that participate in the Recipient's Award, may not:
(a) Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the Recipient's Award is in effect;
(b) Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the Recipient's Award is in effect; or
(c) Use forced labor in the performance of the Recipient's Award or subagreements thereunder.
30. Federal Tax Liability and Recent Felony Convictions.
(1) By submitting its proposal, the contractor certifies that it:
(a) Does not have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and
(b) Was not convicted of the felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months. If the contractor cannot so certify, the Recipient will refer the matter to FTA and not enter into any Third Party Agreement with the Third Party Participant without FTA's written approval.
(2) Flow-Down. The Recipient agrees to require the contractor to flow this requirement down to participants at all lower tiers, without regard to the value of any subagreement.
Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) safety language of 49 CFR § 673
The Contractor agrees to establish a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) program that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 673 as amended. This plan is to reflect the specific safety objectives, standards, and priorities of each transit agency. Each Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan will incorporate SMS principles and methods tailored to the size, complexity, and scope of the public transportation system and the environment in which it operates. The Contracted provider agrees to self-certify annually its compliance with part 673 and to submit the provider's yearly PTASP plan with documented revisions that are signed by the county's governing board of directors or equivalent by March 1st of each year. Plans shall be submitted to the State Oversight Agency, or Agencies in Lieu of a State Safety Oversight (SSO), and the Agency providing 5307 Federal Transit Fund distributions.
This part applies to any State, local governmental authority, and any other operator of a public transportation system that receives Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, and permits any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency, or Agencies, to inspect the facilities and records associated with its implementation.
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SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
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. 29D05-2401-MF-001041 wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation was Plaintiff, and David Phondo-Chilemba, Elizabeth Phondo-Chilemba and Scofield Farms Homeowners Association, Inc. were Defendants, required 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 5th day of September, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 209 in Scofield Farms, Section 5, Secondary Plat, an Addition to the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, according to the plat thereof recorded February 12, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021011571 in Plat Cabinet 6, Slide 56, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More commonly known as 19470 Donelson Lane, Westfield, IN 46062-0021 Parcel No. 29-06-29-012-005.000-015
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff
/s/ MATTHEW S. LOVE
MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 18762-29
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Washington Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2402-PL-001515, wherein The Bristol's Homeowners Association, Inc. was Plaintiff, and David E. Heady and Dawn M. Heady, et al. were the Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose a public sale to the highest bidder, on the 5th day of September, 2024 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot Numbered 236 in The Bristol's, Section 1 A, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded as Instrument Number 200100082794, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
NOTE: This sale is subject to the Mortgage to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, its successors and assigns, dated August 12, 2004 and filed with the Hamilton County Recorder's Office on August 17, 2004 as Instrument No. 200400057962.
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Kimberly M. Sutter, #33898-29
EADS MURRAY & PUGH P.C.
Date: June 8, 2024
Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County
Fall Creek Township
Street Address: 12633 Champions Boulevard Fishers, IN 46037
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address herein.
This is a communication from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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WESTFIELD

Westfield City Council
Notice is hereby given that the Westfield City Council, being the governing body of the City of Westfield, will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, and in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed 100% voluntary annexations.
• Ord. 24-28; Winterburg: The proposed voluntary annexation consists of seven (7) parcels approximately 206 acres +/- . The area to be annexed is generally located on the south side of 193rd Street, west of Casey Road, north of W. 186th Street, and adjacent to the existing corporate limits along north, west, and south boundaries of the parcels. The Hamilton County tax identification numbers are Parcel Nos. 08-05-27-00-00-018.000, 08-05-28-00-00-010.000, 08-05-28-00-00-011.000, 08-05-28-00-00-013.002, 08-05-28-00-00-013.000, and portions of 08-05-27-00-00-013.000 and 08-05-27-00-00-014.000.
The properties will be annexed into the City of Westfield Corporate limits.
Written remonstrances against the proposed annexations may be filed at any time before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2024, at the offices of the Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana.
At the public hearing, the City Council will hear any person who has filed a written remonstrance during this filing period, and receive and hear any remonstrances or objections from persons interested in or affected by the voluntary annexations.
At the public hearing, the City Council will also determine whether the proposed voluntary annexations are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Ordinance and whether the Ordinance, as amended, conforms to the Westfield-Washington Comprehensive Plan.
A more detailed description of the areas under consideration for 100% voluntary annexation may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, or by calling (317) 804-3170.
Dated this 17th day of July, 2024.
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NOBLESVILLE

Public Auction Notice
Harbour Storage
20236 Hauge Rd.
Noblesville, IN 46062
Auction to be held on Monday August 5, 2024, at 9am. This is for one storage unit. Lessee Jill Kister unit R383. The personal property stored in and outside of this space will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien in accordance with IC 26-3-8-11. This sale will be located at 20236 Hauge Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062.
R4677 7/22/24



Boys Golf

# Four county golfers place in Top 10 at Indiana Junior PGA Championship

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County golfers made an impact at the Boys Indiana Junior PGA Championship, which took place July 11 and 12 at Rock Hollow Golf Club in Peru.

Westfield senior-to-be Will Harvey finished third at the event. He tied for second with Whitestown's Mac Myers at the end of the two-day, 36-hole tournament. Both golfers scored two under par 142s; Myers won a playoff for second place. Harvey's highlights included an eagle on hole No. 6 during his first round; he also drained four birdies total for both of his rounds.

Thomas Klinker, an incoming junior at Fishers, tied for eighth place with 145. Klinker zoomed into the top 10 with a second-round score of three under par 68. He made five birdies in his second round and seven overall.

Two more county golfers tied for 10th place with scores of 146. Westfield incoming senior Jake Cesare made seven birdies in the second round to clinch a top-10 place; he scored two under 69 in that round. Mattingly Upchurch, an incoming Hamilton Southeastern junior, totaled six birdies in his two rounds.

Scores now follow. **T2.** Will Harvey, Westfield 71-71=142, **T8.** Thomas Klinker, Fishers 77-68=145, **T10.** Jake Cesare, Westfield 77-69=146;

Mattingly Upchurch, Fishers, 73-73=146, **T14.** Tyler Marucci, Noblesville 73-74=147, **T18.** Kai Warner, Fishers 74-74=148, **T29.** Ryan Cesare, Westfield 76-75=151; Drew Werkley, Noblesville 76-75=151; Owen Schuitema, Carmel 75-76=151, **T41.** Mitchell Keene, Westfield 75-78=153; Lance Decker, Noblesville 75-78=153, **T44.** Alex Peck, Noblesville 75-79=154, **T51.** Gabe Berglund, Carmel 79-76=155, **T58.** Jackson Umthum, Noblesville 77-81=158; Noah Johnson, Carmel 78-80=158, **T60.** Zane Corley, Noblesville 77-82=159; Cooper Bohn, Westfield 79-80=159, **T65.** Max O'Neil, Carmel 79-81=160; Johnny Quinn, Westfield 79-81=160; Preston Roberts, Carmel 79-81=160, **T70.** Carson McCulloch 78-84=162, **T71.** Brody Eureste, Westfield 77-86=163, **T73.** Brayden Worthington 78-87=165, **T75.** Jack Harris 78-88=166, **T77.** Trey Kremer, Westfield 79-94=173.

Missed cut: Ethan Hoagland 80, Brigham Horal 80, Dillon Walworth 81, Will Parenteau 81, Griffin Havelly 82, Ben Wilson 82, Benjamin Kauffman 82, Noah Husk 83, Blake Huffman 83, Patrick Wolf 84, Connor Trice 84, Jaxon Henegar 84, Owen Medley 85, Alex Gardner 86, Jack Armstrong 86, Mason Price 87, Schaefer Doane, Noblesville 87, Chase Buente, Fishers 88, Alex Dunham,

Noblesville 90, Nathan Daugherty, Carmel 91, Liam Mullins, Carmel 92, Wyatt Leonard, Carmel 92, Luke Decker, Noblesville 93, J.T. Kelley, Noblesville 94, Benjamin Meece, Carmel 99, A.J. Cooney, Westfield 104.

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Several county golfers competed in the Northern Junior Masters, which took place July 14 and 15 at Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame.

Two Hamilton Southeastern golfers finished in the top three of the Masters Boys division. Incoming senior Kai Warner placed second with a 144, including a one under par 70 for his second round. Warner made four birdies in the second round and five overall. Incoming Royals sophomore Dane Starnes took third with 147, totaling nine birdies across the 36-hole tournament.

Two Noblesville golfers placed in the top 10. Junior-to-be Tyler Marucci tied for fourth with 148, draining five birdies, while incoming senior Lance Decker tied for eighth with 149, making five birdies.

Noblesville also made an impact in the Masters Girls division. Junior-to-be Josie Kelley was the top county finisher, placing fifth by scoring 148. She made six birdies. Another incoming Noblesville junior, Olivia Fowler, took seventh. She scored 152 and drained five

birdies, improving her score by 10 strokes from the first round to the second round.

Janelle Garcia, an incoming Hamilton Southeastern junior, placed ninth with 154. She made six birdies for the tournament. Scores now follow.

**MASTERS BOYS**  
**2.** Kai Warner, Fishers 74-70=144, **3.** Dane Starnes, Fishers 73-74=147, **T4.** Tyler Marucci, Noblesville 71-77=148, **T8.** Lance Decker, Noblesville 78-71=149, **T12.** Thomas Klinker, Fishers 75-76=151, **T14.** Mattingly Upchurch, Fishers 77-75=152, **T17.** Mitchell Keene, Westfield 79-74=153; Ryan Cesare, Westfield 79-74=153, **T22.** Johnny Quinn, Westfield 81-74=155, **T24.** Jackson Umthum, Noblesville 81-75=156, **T28.** Cooper Bohn, Westfield 79-79=158, **T37.** Gabe Berglund, Carmel 81-79=160; Brody Eureste, Westfield 81-79=160, **43.** Jack Harris, Westfield 83-80=163, **T44.** Owen Schuitema, Carmel 84-80=164; Blake Huffman, Carmel 84-80=164.

**MASTERS GIRLS**  
**5.** Josie Kelley, Noblesville 76-72=148, **7.** Olivia Fowler, Noblesville 81-71=152, **T9.** Janelle Garcia, Fishers 74-80=154, **11.** Kelsey Haverluck, Westfield 76-79=155, **17.** Ali Scott, Carmel 81-83=164, **T23.** Presley White, Noblesville 83-86=169, **T25.** Kamryn Williams, Carmel 85-85=170.



Photo provided  
Westfield's Will Harvey, shown here at an earlier event, finished tied for second at the Boys Indiana Junior PGA Championship, which took place July 11 and 12 at Rock Hollow Golf Club in Peru.



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