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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Westfield student gets hands-on experience with K9 training

By AMY ADAMS
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As part of the robust internship program at Westfield High School (WHS), senior Bryanna Rohl has been spending her Saturdays this trimester working with Indiana K9 Search and Recovery.

"I've always had an interest in going into the detective field," Rohl said. "I've also worked at a couple of kennels before caring for dogs."

WHS Intern and Capstone Coordinator Michelle Goudy knew the opportunity would be the perfect fit for Rohl to be the first high school intern for Indiana K9 Search and Recovery.

Director Leah Snyder founded Indiana K9 in 1999 after having negative experiences trying to work with her dog in a more traditional search and rescue environment.

"I was at a seminar, and people laughed at me and my dog," Snyder said. "We wanted

a group of everyday people who could train their everyday pets in what some thought only law enforcement and fire departments could do."

And that's exactly what the organization does.

"It is proving that any dog can do this and any person can do this if they're willing to put the time into it," said Jordan Gray, who has been involved with the organization for more than nine years.

Indiana K9 Search and Recovery is an all-volunteer, insured nonprofit, and all the dogs receiving in-house and national certifications are pets.

Rohl took part in a presentation at WHS on Friday, Sept. 27, where volunteers from the organization brought four dogs into the auditorium to demonstrate search and recovery techniques.

Students from biology teacher Jon Majors' first and second period forensic science



Reporter photo by Amy Adams
Westfield High School Senior Bryanna Rohl, here with Denali, participated in an Indiana K9 Search and Recovery presentation at the high school.

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Photo provided by Megan Rathz

A few of my daylilies.

Daylily House

There is a couple in Lapel, Ind., named Pam and Randy who have a daylily farm.

It started many years ago when they were driving in Kentucky and saw a sign for a daylily sale. Pam had never heard of a daylily before as she was not from the Midwest. She and her husband decided to explore, and Pam says upon seeing her first daylily, "The rest is history." From there, they would get daylilies from all over the Midwest and began their own farm. Many years later, the fruits of their labor are still present on their property.

At their farm, you can walk rows and rows of different daylily varieties, ranging from early, mid, and late bloomers. I have gone to their farm many times over the years with my mom and selected daylilies from their property to add to my gardens. I have also been able to get many from my mom, so between the two of us, we have quite a few varieties. We have also added to our gardens a variety of other places. Every time we go on a trip, I always make sure to bring some special daylilies home to add to our collection. I also love to go to a variety of flower nurseries and look at their unique varieties. There are many Facebook groups that I belong to for Hemerocallis lovers.

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The Hyperion Players welcomes spooky season with *The Woman in Black*

The REPORTER

The Hyperion Players will present Stephen Mallatratt's *The Woman in Black* starting Thursday, Oct. 24 at The Switch Theatre in Fishers.

Susan Hill's acclaimed ghost story comes dramatically alive in Stephen Mallatratt's ingenious stage adaptation. Kipps is obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a *Woman in Black*. He hires a skeptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul. It all begins innocently enough, but then, as they reach further into his darkest memories, they find themselves caught up in a world of eerie marshes and moaning winds, accidentally bringing the audience along in the process.

The Woman in Black is the second play of Hyperion's third season, following September's *An Inspector Calls*. Coming soon are Patrick Barlow's *The 39 Steps* and Steven Dietz's *Rocket Man*.

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HYPERION

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program's Denim & Lace fundraiser brings in \$50K

The REPORTER

Thanks to generous sponsors and community support, the seventh Denim and Lace was a success for the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP), which raised \$50,000.

Held Sept. 21, the Denim and Lace fundraiser featured dinner, a program update, raffle prizes, and silent auction items. A sold-out event of 260 guests at West Fork Whiskey in Westfield enjoyed an evening to learn more about SYAP and celebrate the work that has been done in the community over the past year. The emcee for the evening was lifelong Sheridan resident and Indiana State Trooper Sergeant John Perrine.



Photo provided by SYAP

It takes a lot of dedicated people to plan and pull off a fundraiser like Denim and Lace!

Denim and Lace would not be possible without the support of the generous sponsors who share the mission of the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program. Thank you to title sponsor,

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bi Erb, Dr. Trenton and Emily Schmale, Drayer Family Charitable Foundation, First Farmers Bank and Trust, Gaylor Electric,

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Prevail invites you to #GoPurple

"Day of Giving" will raise money for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The REPORTER

Prevail, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to supporting survivors of crime and abuse on their path to healing, is inviting you to #GoPurpleWithPrevail this month and participate in the "Day of Giving" Campaign taking place on Thursday, Oct. 17 as a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a time to educate communities about the signs of abuse, promote resources for those affected, and advocate for change surrounding this critical issue. Prevail needs your help in breaking the silence. You're invited to stand in solidarity with survivors

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Photo provided by Prevail, Inc.

The staff of Prevail have gone purple, and you can, too. Have your group or organization wear purple, snap a photo, and share it on social media, tagging Prevail (@prevail.inc) with the hashtag #GoPurpleWithPrevail.



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DAYLILIES

I have always had this dream of going to their farm and getting one of every single variety and having my own farm – except I wouldn't sell mine. I would just keep them and divide them when the time comes after a few years, I would just give them to those I love. Mine wouldn't be a farm; it would be a house, which is why I've named our house Daylily House.

This past summer, we went back to Lapel to the daylily farm and as I walked the rows of daylilies, I realized just how many varieties that I already own. Between the daylilies from my old house that I moved to our current house and the ones my mom and I have shared; I realize that I just about have my own little farm at my house. There were few varieties they had that I did not already own.

You might wonder why I'm writing about a flower that blooms in the summer in October, but this is a great time to split any varieties of daylilies you may have. Fall is a great time to divide and plant a new flower bed. This

is also a great time to plant flower bulbs. Just because the summer is over and it will be months before we see any blooms, this is the time to plan a flower bed for next spring.

My husband and I have many lilies that we are dividing and creating an extension of our flower bed, which will stimulate growth and promote future blooms. If you noticed any of your flowers not producing blooms this year that still had healthy foliage, it might be time to split them.

To divide a daylily, you can either disturb the roots by inserting a spade into the soil and loosening the daylily itself and placing back in the same hole or you can dig up the lily and split with a knife at the ball of the root and now you have two plants. This will promote future blooms and cause the plant to flourish.

Now is the time to walk in your yard and see what flowers need to be split. Even though you might be tempted to cut back dead foliage, make sure you don't. This will protect your plant as we head into win-

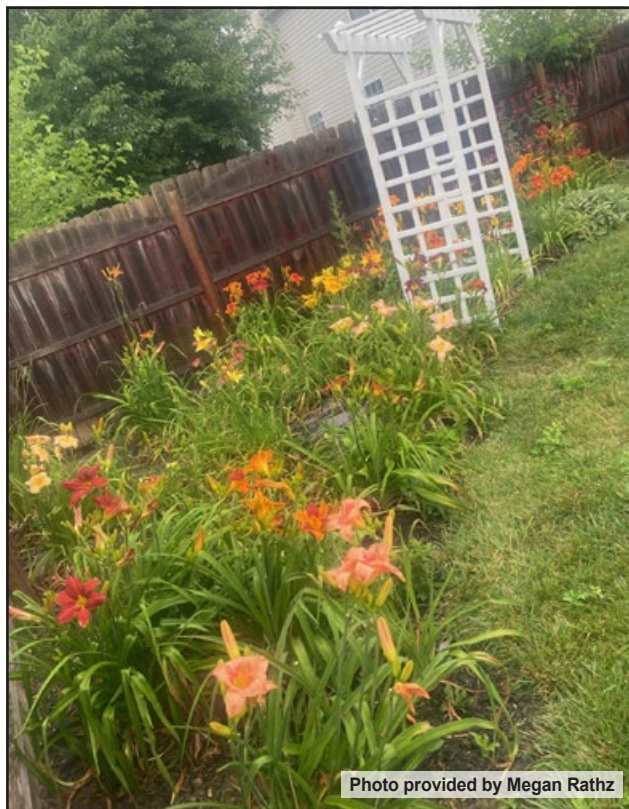


Photo provided by Megan Rathz

ter. Spring is the best time to clean up your flower beds even though you might be tempted to do so now.

Walk your yard, split some lilies, plant some bulbs, and maybe even make a new flower bed while you still have time. Fall is the time to do it.

And while my daylily

house isn't quite a farm yet, one day my husband and I might just be like Pam and Randy where we have our own rows of daylilies to walk up and down.

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

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WOMAN IN BLACK

The *Woman in Black* is scheduled for six perfor-

mances:

• Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

- Friday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.

All performances will be at The Switch Theatre, 10029 E. 126th St., Fishers (located inside Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy).

The show will run 2 hours with one 15-minute intermission. Tickets cost \$15 and can be pur-

chased at [HyperionPlayers.com/tickets](https://hyperionplayers.com/tickets) or at the door.

Mission statement

Hyperion will be a collaborative, welcoming theatre that constantly strives for artistic excellence; we will deliver authentic stories that engage, inspire, challenge, and delight; and we will raise up our community through the power of the performing arts.

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and help work toward a future free from violence in every home across the community.

In efforts to make an impactful difference this month, Prevail will hold its first-ever “Day of Giving” with a goal of raising \$10,000. These funds will directly impact the survivors of crime and abuse that Prevail is devoted to serving.

“This month is dedicated to rallying our community around the root causes of domestic violence, amplifying the voices of survivors, and raising essential funds to support our program and services,” Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger said. “In conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we are excited to announce our upcoming Day of Giving on Oct. 17, 2024. Consider making a gift to help us reach our goal of \$10,000.”

The following are recommended giving levels:

• **\$25:** Provides supplies for survivor to engage in a healing arts program

• **\$50:** Ensures child impacted by family violence has education on healthy relationships

• **\$100:** Enables a survivor to develop a comprehensive safety plan for their family

• **\$250:** Supports crisis response services for a sur-

vivor who is at high risk for murder

• **\$500:** Helps a family become safely housed after fleeing an abusive relationship

You can make a donation online at prevailinc.org/donate. Your gift, big or small, creates safer and brighter futures for survivors of domestic abuse and their children.

Another easy way to show your support is to #GoPurpleWithPrevail. Have your group or organization wear purple, snap a photo, and share it on social media, tagging Prevail (@prevailinc) to raise awareness for the issue at hand.

“Together, we can create a community where safety and dignity are not privileges but rights for everyone,” Wanninger said. “This Domestic Violence Awareness Month let's stand united, not just in awareness, but in action. Your involvement can make all the difference.”

About Prevail

Prevail is a non-profit organization based in Noblesville dedicated to offering crisis intervention and restorative support services for those who have experienced crime and abuse, free of charge, in a confidential, supportive, non-judgmental environment that is meant to empower those we serve. For more information, visit prevailinc.org.



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K9

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classes were able to attend the demonstration to learn about how the dogs are trained and how they work. And, of course, they were able to meet and greet the dogs afterwards.

“We learned that you have to listen to the dog’s behavior,” junior Alyssa Staggs said.

Gray said some dogs are motivated by balls or frisbees and some are motivated by treats.

“It’s all about finding that drive and using that to train them,” he said.

Up to this point, Rohl has been acting as a spotter for handlers and their dogs, watching for possible distractions and helping out as needed.

“It takes about two to six months to train a dog and about two years to train a handler,” volunteer Miranda DeLongchamp said.

Snyder said volunteers and their dogs must attend 50 percent of trainings over three months to be able to participate in searches.

“We want to know they are committed,” Snyder said.

Rohl just reached that point. She will be able to go on future searches, including an upcoming search of the Herb Baumeister property in Westfield where remains of his victims continue to be found year after year. Indiana K9 Search and Recovery has been involved in at least three of those discoveries.

The organization doesn’t keep track of exactly how many searches they’ve participated in or how many recoveries they’ve aided in.

“We don’t count because counting is an ego thing, and we want to keep ego out of it,” Snyder said. “But, we do know that it’s in the hundreds.”

In addition to her internship, Rohl is taking a fire rescue class at WHS and will soon be getting her CPR certification. She has gotten the opportunity to shadow a fire captain who also works as a police officer, and she is hoping to be able to do ride-alongs with him in the future.

Rohl said she plans to continue her internship into the second trimester and may even stick with Indiana K9 Search and Recovery beyond that in hopes of training a dog of her own some day.

“The biggest lesson I’ve learned so far is to trust your dog,” Rohl said. “You have to shut off all your senses and let your dog work.”

Snyder said that if the group had a motto, that would be it: Trust your dog.

“Leah created this with a vision for dogs that might get overlooked,” Gray said. “We want to help people who might want to learn, and be productive and give back a little bit.”

To learn more about Indiana K9 Search and Rescue, visit Indianak9s.org.



(TOP, from left) Miranda DeLongchamp, Jordan Gray, Emma the German Shepherd, Judy Morgan, Ziva the Rottweiler, Leah Snyder, Dwane Myers, and Denali the Husky all participated in the WHS presentation. (ABOVE LEFT) Leah Snyder and Jordan Gray talk about how bones and other human remains can be used to train dogs in search and recovery. (ABOVE CENTER) Jordan Gray and 10-year-old German Shepherd Emma have been involved with Indiana K9 Search and Recovery for more than nine years. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) WHS seniors Emma McGregory and Haleigh McDole and junior Alyssa Staggs give one of the dogs some love after the presentation to their forensic science class.

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SYAP

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In Memory of Walter Cornell, Mark Heirbrandt, Norman and Miller Eyecare, Paul and Patty Nicholas, Gary Reynolds, Riverview Health, The Farmers Bank, Town of Sheridan, and United Animal Health.

Directors announced the creation of the Lisa Samuels Scholarship Fund, set to launch in the spring of 2025. This scholarship will support graduating students who have benefited from SYAP services, helping them pursue secondary education.

The fund honors Lisa Samuels for her dedication as the Sheridan Early Intervention Advocate.

SYAP was founded in 2015 to serve as an early intervention advocate for youth ages 3 to 17 in the Sheridan community who

face challenging life circumstances. Since its inception, SYAP has served over 800 children in Sheridan. SYAP is one of six organizations under the umbrella of Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program, which was founded in 2009.

Each YAP has the same mission to serve its community around the county. The early intervention advocates work with local schools, police, fire, and other community leaders to accept referrals of youth and families in need. Advocates identify community resources available to these families such as food and clothing assistance, camp and recreational opportunities, mentoring, tutoring and counseling services.

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The Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank Board of Directors invites you to come celebrate another successful year of serving local food pantries.

Last chance to get tickets for HCHFB's Late Harvest Dinner

The REPORTER

This is your final opportunity to attend the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank's **Late Harvest Dinner**.

The dinner is set for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at Late Harvest Kitchen, 8605 River Crossing Blvd., Indianapolis.

Hosted by the award-winning Chef Ryan Nelson and Laurie Nelson,

this evening promises an unforgettable experience featuring gourmet cuisine, locally sourced ingredients, and a chance to make a real difference.

Seats are filling up fast. Whether you're savoring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the terrace or indulging in the VIP bourbon and wine tasting, every moment of the night will be a celebration of

great food and a great cause.

Don't wait! Tickets are \$125, with an additional \$25 for the VIP experience. Proceeds benefit Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, helping to serve the more than 30 pantries and meal programs supported by HCHFB.

Click here to reserve your spot now before it's too late.

TONIGHT: Fishers Twilight Town Hall with Mayor Fadness on citywide trash services contract

The REPORTER

Join Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness for a virtual Twilight Town Hall at 8 p.m. this evening, Oct. 2 to discuss the citywide trash services contract and learn more about the contract, transition process, billing, and other details directly from city leadership.

Residents will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the session. Click here to register for the webinar.

Can't attend the webinar? Register to receive

a recap of the presentation and submit any questions you'd like addressed during the webinar.

About the contract

The City of Fishers is pursuing a citywide

contract with Republic Services for residential trash service to go into effect in early 2025. Benefits of a citywide contract include:

- the ability for the city to assist residents with trash



Fadness

concerns and issues

- reduced wear on neighborhood roadways
- a leveraged economies of scale to secure services not currently offered to the majority of residents, such as leaf and landscaping pickup

• a locked-in rate for 10 years

For proposed pricing, services, and to learn more, visit FishersIN.gov/Trash.

TODAY: McDonald's to donate 10% of digital sales to local student athletics

The REPORTER

McDonald's owner/operators throughout Indiana will be raising funds for 177 local high school athletic programs – including Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Hamilton Heights, Fishers, Lawrence North, and Westfield high schools – today, Oct. 2.

All day long, 10 percent of all sales made on the McDonald's mobile app will be given to local high school athletic programs.

Each locally-owned McDonald's restaurant has chosen a high school in their community to donate 10 percent of all digital

sales on Oct. 2. Each identified high school will receive a minimum of \$250.

This year marks the first time Indiana operators are hosting a High School Sports Digital Fundraiser. McDonald's owner/operators in Ohio were the first to launch this type of fundraiser last year as a way to support high school athletics in the communities they serve.

"This is the first-time owner/operators throughout the state have come together on one day to show our support for athletics in the communities we serve," McDonald's Owner/Operator Eric Moore said. "Our

hope is that the local communities will come out to support their high schools and help us make the High School Sports Digital Fundraiser Day a success throughout the state."

The **McDonald's app** is available for download in the Apple App Store and the Android Google Play Store. With the McDonald's app, customers get access to exclusive deals, they can order ahead and pass the line with **Mobile Order & Pay**, plus they can join **MyMcDonald's Rewards** to earn points on every order to redeem for free McDonald's.

Letter to the Editor

Cook criticizes coverage of Sheridan reorganization meeting

Dear Editor:
After reading WISH-TV contributors, Adam Pinsker and Ashley Fowler's, article titled "**Sheridan prepares for vote about town's future**," on the front page of the Sept. 21 edition of the Hamilton County Reporter, I found myself disappointed, confused, and even a little angry.

I attended the meeting. The content of the article is accurate. However, much more information came out of that evening at Sheridan Middle School than was reported.

You see, Sheridan and Adams Township leadership held a public meeting immediately following the forum of County officials. This meeting was well advertised and everyone in attendance knew it was scheduled. I am disappointed that the Sheridan/Adams Township meeting was neither covered by the Reporter, nor their WISH-TV contributors, nor attended by County Officials, but for one standing at the back of the room.

During the County meeting Commissioner Christine Altman stated that the Sheridan/Adams Township Reorganization budget included current cash balances from both entities and that the reorganized community would be out of money by 2026.

County Officials informed those present that the budget for police services was underfunded by approximately five hundred thousand dollars and that the plan for street and road maintenance was underfunded, understaffed, and ill-equipped.

Commissioner Altman repeated several times that she was using cursory numbers submitted through The Indiana Gateway for Government Units and has not seen all the numbers that were used for the proposed budget.

During the Sheridan/Adams Township meeting the Committee's financial advisor, Jim Higgins, London Witte Group, informed the community that the Commissioner's statements regarding the budget were inaccurate. He gave a high-level overview of the budget that was submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance and explained and proved that cash balances were not used to support it.

He added that the County estimates for police and road services did not consider that Sheridan already has these departments therefore, in the event of reorganization, they would just be added to, not built from the ground up.

Commissioner Dillinger stated that if

the community reorganized, they would lose federal grant money intended for Township road improvements. Someone asked if the County uses federal funding in any of the other cities or towns in Hamilton County for roads and streets. The panel sidestepped this answer by stating that there have been occasions where local County funds have been used to partner with other communities but the question regarding federal funds went unanswered. During the Town/Township meeting officials reported that the Town reached out to the Indiana Department of Transportation and was advised that Hamilton County is contracted and is *expected* to fulfill their contracted obligations.

It is true that Westfield Mayor, Scott Willis stated that he has no intention of annexing into Adams Township. Someone asked what he meant when, on Sept. 13, 2023, he publicly stated that Westfield "will not be confined by borders but will grow to the North until "Sheridan gets their act together, all the way to the Boone County line." He replied that he cannot recall everything he said a year ago, but he fully expects the City of Westfield to expand to all borders of Westfield Washington Township and he did not know why he would comment about Sheridan.

Several members of the community expressed frustration saying that the Commissioners do not listen to them, treat them like they are unintelligent, and talk down to them. All three Commissioners expressed that this was not their intention. Moments later Commissioner Heirbrandt commented, "I'll tell you all just like I tell my children. I can't help you if you don't tell me what you want." Hmmn?

It seemed to me that the community was *trying* to tell the Commissioners what they want. I'm confused. If the Commissioners genuinely wanted to hear them and receive all the facts and the "numbers," why didn't they stay for the Sheridan/Adams Township meeting? Furthermore, why didn't the Reporter(s) cover it?

I do not live in the Sheridan/Adams community but as a resident of northern Hamilton County I share the same concerns, and I have been paying attention.

This meeting seemed like nothing more than another attempt on the part of the County to drop their propaganda and agenda on the residents and then get out of town. Yes, another.

Robyn Cook
Arcadia

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Rescheduled Event Date is Saturday, October 5th

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New Earth Festival takes Atlanta by storm

Friday night before the New Earth Festival, the Town of Atlanta usually blocks off the streets to let vendors set everything up for a weekend that packs tens of thousands of people into that tiny town. This year, the remnants of Hurricane Helene made Friday night far too windy for most vendors. More than 70,000 people were without power Friday night when winds whipped across the state. In Atlanta, with a bit of patience as everyone set up Saturday morning, Friday wind and weekend rain was not nearly enough to dampen the spirits of New Earth fans from far and wide. (Photos provided)



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Blocking & tackling: the working food-challenged

Mark your calendars for Global Music, United World Festival

This month I want to tell you Martha's story. She lives in Northern Hamilton County, works full-time, and is a single mom trying to provide for her kids and herself. The problem is when Martha has



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

“Gap Families,” who, just like Martha, have very little experience getting help when the need arises. They need a few meals to get by before their next payday.

Martha's situation is not unique.

any unplanned sizable expense, she becomes part of the working poor in Hamilton County.

According to the Census, the ACS-1 survey reports that the median household income for Hamilton County in 2022 was \$114,866, \$56,943 in per capita income and 4.5 percent of our neighbors live in poverty. By most standards Hamilton County doesn't have a large population living in poverty. In addition to an increasing number of people in our transient and homeless populations, we see more neighbors that float in and then out of pantry use. These are likely our neighbors, like Martha, who float in and out of being considered working poor. They may have stretched things too thin and often don't know where to turn when food is scarce. These families traditionally earn too much income to qualify for public assistance and don't know where to go to get help either.

Feeding Team targets pantry locations accessible

She walks a monthly financial tightrope and when something goes wrong, she needs help to get by. Martha is like most people; she so desperately wants to do things on her own. Martha hid her food insecurity from coworkers, family, and friends until she couldn't hide it anymore. Once her parents found out that she was feeding her family from the pantries, they immediately jumped in to help, but Martha refused. That's how we learned her story and it's how we usually hear about pantry use, from a friend, a volunteer or from a family member.

Feeding Team's mission is to have food available for hungry neighbors whenever they might need a meal. Admittedly, it's a difficult lofty goal to achieve. But then you hear about the Marthas of the world, the impact that a few meals have had on her and her kids' lives, and we are filled with the feeling of quiet satisfaction. We can never meet the entirety of the needs, but, like the kid throwing the starfish back

in the ocean, we helped one.

If you find yourself in need – maybe occasionally you are, like I was, a member of the working poor – then Feeding Team Pantry's are especially for you. They are here for you, 24/7/365. They are completely anonymous – no shame and no guilt. We take no information and have no expectations of you other than you merely take only what you need please. Leave food for others who are also in need.

Some future day, we hope that you consider giving what food you can and sharing your blessings with others that could use some help.

The Feeding Team launched pantry 71 in Whitestown recently, and with locations 72, 73, and 74 already secured, these pantries will be deployed in the coming weeks. We are grateful for the support of our community, volunteers, sponsors, and donors. Thank you.

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

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday.

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

The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

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

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

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

Submitted

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Global Music, United World Festival. This festival, presented by Hand in Hand Music Foundation, will spread awareness about the rich and diverse musical cultures present within the Carmel and greater Indianapolis communities.

Get ready to enjoy diverse musical performances as well as family-oriented hands-on workshops and food from all over the world. The festival will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 at Midtown Plaza in Carmel.

Global Music, United World hopes to spread awareness about the rich and diverse musical cultures present within our Carmel and greater Indianapolis communities. This festival will do so with diverse musical performances, family-oriented hands-on workshops, and food from all over the world.

Hand in Hand Music Foundation, which will play host to the festival, seeks to empower children impacted by war, displacement, genocide, and systemic inequity with intentionally-designed



music education to instill creativity, freedom dreaming, imagination, and hope for a brighter future.

Their music schools are places designed for children to engage their musical passions, celebrate their musical-cultural identities and become agents of their own musical futures.

Music and singing have the potential to reach the deepest parts of our being. Music – a connector and healer – has the potential to uplift, empower and instill hope. The Global Music, United World Festival is a way for Hand in Hand Music Foundation to share this vision with the community as a whole.

Plan to come out and help them celebrate the power of music from 2 to 5 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 5. Midtown Carmel Plaza is located at 365 Monon Blvd., Carmel.

To learn more about Hand in Hand Music Foundation, visit handinhand-music.world.

Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

Stony Creek church of Christ



We are a group of Christians doing our best to follow the Bible and nothing more. No outside organization(s). No man-made traditions. No additions or subtractions. Just hearts fully set on Jesus, His church, His word, and living His ways. We would LOVE for you to come join us or let us know if you are interested in having a personal Bible study.

- 40 Different Writers
- 66 Books
- 1,500 Year Span
- 3 Different Languages
- 3 Different Continents
- 0 Historical Errors or Contradictions

WHY THE BIBLE?



1 God Who Inspired It All And Fully Equips Us With It (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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speakingtruthinlove4.15@gmail.com

Our Assembly times:

Sunday Bible Study | 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM

Weather is unpredictable ... Paul Poteet isn't. Your Hometown Weatherman!



Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p, W 7p
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St
Fishers, in 46038 Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060 Sunday Football Menu
317-773-9985 Trivia Wednesdays 7pm

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th St
Sheridan, In 46069
317-758-5007

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau
12863 Old Meridian St
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends
654 S 9th St
Noblesville, In 46060
317-773-9956

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the
Fishers American Legion. Our website
<https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/>
has 40 pages of resources for our Military
Veteran community

Navy Club Ship 29
Noblesville, In
president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804
Conner St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610
CVSO – Tom Logan
Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz
caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis
christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Resources You Might Need

Grants for Disabled
<https://grantsfordisabled.org/> is a
website that lists many useful benefits,
programs and options for our whole
community and our Veteran population
[https://grantsfordisabled.org/grants-for-
disabled-veterans-in-the-united-states/](https://grantsfordisabled.org/grants-for-disabled-veterans-in-the-united-states/)

GoodSamaritan of Hamilton County

Our mission is to demonstrate the
unconditional love of Christ by serving the
physical, financial and emotional needs of
at-risk individuals and families in
Hamilton County. GSN can only
accomplish these acts of service through
the volunteer contributions, extreme
engagement and deliberate participation of
numerous organizations and individuals.
Please go to <https://www.gsnlive.org/> and
help! Holiday season and winter is coming
so donate now to help your neighbors....

Hamilton County Military Veteran

Indy Vet to Vet Daily Group Locations
Mondays 10am-11am – Volunteers of America
611 North Capitol Ave
Tuesdays 6pm-7pm – NeighborCare of Chapel Hill
230 Welcome Way Blvd
Wednesdays 6pm-7pm – Veterans Villa
3731 Station St
Thursdays 6pm-7pm – Lincoln Apartments
530 North Holmes Ave
Fridays – 8am-9am – Assessment & Intervention Ctr
2979 E Pleasant Run Parkway North Drive
Meetings are run with group facilitators who are
Veterans just like you and are here building
camaraderie and relationships one connection at a
time. Our website is <https://indyvettovet.org>
**Meeting Rules – 1. We promise to do no harm to
ourselves or others – 2. What is said here, stays here –
3. Honesty, say what you mean and mean what you
say – 4. Respect, arrive on time, do not engage in side
conversation during the group, mute cell phones.**
We need donations to continue our mission so please
call Aaron Shaw at 317-737-6927 to donate

Noblesville VFW Post 6246 Activities this Week



MON 30TH

TUE 1ST CHEAP DAY ALL DAY
\$1.00 off all Liquor and Beer

WED 2ND 7PM TREASURE HUNT
HAPPY HOUR 4PM - 7PM

THU 3RD HAPPY HOUR 4PM - 7PM
\$5.00 CROCKPOT MEAL

FRI 4TH 7PM BINGO

SAT 5TH 7PM KARAOKE WITH KENT

SUN 6TH BUCKET BEER 5 FOR \$13.00

Noblesville American Legion Post 45 Trivia Nite



\$5 Per Person

TRIVIA NIGHT

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Starts at 7pm

Trivia themes include pop culture,
sports, music & more!

Cash PRIZE!!!!

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**273 S 8TH ST,
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Oct 5th Hamilton County Veterans Corp is Hosting a
Breakfast Meeting with our 7 county VFW and
American Legion Posts discussing ongoing and
future activities for our Hamilton County Military
Veteran community. We will have several resources
we are partnered with there as well to further
explain some of our projects as we ask the Posts to
work with us to ensure we are reaching our Veterans
and their families. This will be historic in that all our
Posts have never been in the same room together
before so look for better things to come as we work
together into the future...

Activities & Events

Carmel American Legion Post 155 Steak Dinner Oct 5



Saturday Oct 5, 6-8pm
10 oz NY strip, baked tater, salad bar & dinner roll \$18.00

Havens Hope Ranch for Healing Fall Festival – Oct 5



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OCTOBER 5, 2024
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**2024 Madison County
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Anderson Impact Center
630 Nichole Avenue

October 11, 2024

This event is FREE to all Veterans and their immediate family members.
Opening Ceremony starts at 9:45 a.m. Event begins at 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Participating organizations will be on hand to assist with VA & State Benefits,
DD214's, Employers, Education, Housing, Insurance & IDOVA

Questions should be directed to Amber Gordon
at amber.gordon@aspireindiana.org or (317) 498-6736

FREE PGA HOPE Golf Training for Veterans



PGA HOPE
HELPING OUR PATRIOTS EXPERIENCE

The PGA HOPE
session for our
Military Veteran
community will
be at Highland
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52nd St,
Indianapolis, In
46228

PGA HOPE is designed to introduce golf to Veterans
and Active Duty Military to support their social,
emotional, and physical wellbeing. This 6 week session
of PGA HOPE will be held at the Highland Golf and
Country Club indoor facility and will be led by Bill
Pollert, PGA Professional. This session of PGA HOPE
will meet on the following dates from 9:00-10:30am.
The first 20 who sign up here are in so SIGNUP NOW
[https://www.pga.com/things-to-do/events/pga-hope-
indianapolis-session-2](https://www.pga.com/things-to-do/events/pga-hope-indianapolis-session-2)

November 6 No golf equipment is needed
November 13 No prior golf experience is necessary
November 20 No VA disability rating is needed

December 4 **SIGNUP NOW !!!!!**
December 11
December 18

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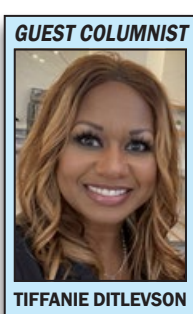
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Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Early Voting Available October 8th through November 4th

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Keeping civility top of mind

Election season begins on Monday, Oct. 7 (and voter registration ends on Oct. 7, so register now at indianavoters.in.gov) and early voting begins at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds and the Hamilton County Courthouse.



TIFFANIE DITLEVSON

the implications of various policies to your local community, state and nation. If the internet is your primary source of information, don't be afraid to seek information from various sources to grow your perspective and confidence in discussing with others, if so desired. If researching for your own edification, just imagine the level of accomplishment and self-confidence you'll gain.

As the temperature heats up, I want to share some strategies I use on the weekly Facebook show, *Mouthwash Talk Show*, which presents balanced, civil political discussion (the cast includes a Libertarian, Democrat, and Republican panelists). More importantly, I employ the same tactics to maintain civility when I chat with my dad because he and I are DIAMETRICALLY opposed on many political issues. To be fair, I'm unsure if he would have cast a vote for me in my 2024 run for Fishers City Council, yet I know he loves me (deep, deep down inside).

Here are some strategies for maintaining civility while discussing politics in such divisive times. Most importantly, remember, these conversations are best

had in the context of friendship and mutual respect.

1. Focus on issues, not individuals

Center discussions on policies and their impacts, rather than attacking or defending personalities. Talk about specific proposals or plans, like healthcare, economy, or foreign policy, and the outcomes you care about.

2. Practice active listening

Listen to the other person without interrupting. Understand their perspective before responding. This shows respect and reduces the chances of escalating the conversation.

3. Avoid personal insults

It's easy for political discussions to turn into personal attacks. Stay focused on facts, logic, and data. Keep the tone respectful, even if you strongly disagree.

4. Use “I” statements

Frame your points by saying, “I think...” or “I feel...” rather than accusatory “You are wrong because...” statements. This helps frame the conversation as your opinion, rather than an attack.

5. Acknowledge valid points

If someone you're talking to makes a good point, acknowledge it, even if you don't agree with the rest of their argument. This fosters a sense

of mutual respect.

6. Set boundaries

If a discussion starts becoming too heated or disrespectful, it's okay to pause or walk away. It's better to disengage than to escalate the argument.

7. Find common ground


Identify shared values or goals, such as a desire for a strong economy or a safe community, even if you disagree on the methods to achieve them. This can diffuse tension and show that you're working toward mutual goals.

8. Be open to learning

Approach political conversations with a mindset of curiosity. Be willing to learn from others, even those who think differently from you. This encourages a more civil and thoughtful exchange.

By focusing on respectful dialogue, avoiding inflammatory rhetoric, and seeking to understand opposing views, you can maintain civility, even in the most politically charged conversations. Let's face it, we all have to get along on Nov. 6, and I really want to stay on Santa's Good Girl List.

Tiffanie Ditlevson is a realtor, veteran, and mom who serves as an At-Large member of the Fishers City Council. Email her at tiffanie.ditlevson@talktucker.com.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Portion of 221st Street closes

Beginning on or after Wednesday, Oct. 2, 221st Street between Lamong Road and Fremont Moore Road will be closed to all thru traffic to replace Small Structure #31004.

This will be a 90-day closure with an estimated opening date of Monday, Dec. 30. Be sure to use caution while driving in this area.

Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes, while thru traffic is asked to seek an alternative route.

Carmel Community Players announces next ‘Master Class Monday’

The REPORTER

Carmel Community Players (CCP) is offering new educational opportunities for students in grades 6 through 12.

CCP's Theatre Education Program presents Master Class Mondays. Master Classes occur once a month, each focusing on a specific theatrical skill or trade. Each class is 90 minutes and features hands-on learning experiences taught by experienced artists, performers, and industry professionals. Classes allow students to explore different areas of theatre, learn something new or perfect their developed craft.

Prop Design & Creation Monday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. Carmel Friends Church, 651 W. Main St.

Price: \$25 per student
All classes are qualified for scholarships per request – email info@carmelplayers.org.

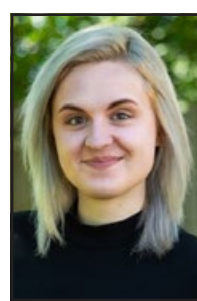
How did they build that prop?! It takes more than just actors to tell a story – it takes a whole crew of people creating the world of the play and the elements that bring it to life. In this class, learn the ins and outs of being a Prop Master, and how to gather the right items for a production. Then take it to the next level, learn the different skills needed for building props from scratch, then put them to the test by making your own.

Materials will be provided.

Students will get to take home their own creations.

[Click here](#) to sign up.

Meet the instructor



Janowicz

Hannah Janowicz is an independent mixed-media visual artist, SFX makeup artist, costumer, cosplayer, and performer. She graduated from Ball State University with a B.S. in Public Communication and Theatrical Studies, with an emphasis in Arts Administration and Advocacy.

In addition to serving as Carmel Community Players' Artistic Director, she has worked with a variety of theatres in central Indiana; designed hair and makeup for *Shrek The Musical* (The Attic Theatre), *Doubt: A Parable* (Hyperion Players), *The Woman in Black* (Carmel Community Players), costumes for *Radio Mystery Theatre* and *Much Ado About Nothing* (Carmel High School), and created custom props and set decoration for a variety of CCP productions, including *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Violet, True West*, and *Shipwrecked! An Entertainment*.

Fall 2024 Classes Imagination Fueled by Education

- Nov. 11 at 6 p.m.: Stage Combat
 - Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.: Set Design
- [Click here](#) if you're interested in any or all of these classes.

Dozens of part-time roles available as Fishers Event Center prepares for November opening

The REPORTER

A variety of part-time roles are available as the Fishers Event Center prepares to open its doors in November.

The new arena will serve as a home to three professional sports teams (Indy Fuel Hockey Club of the ECHL, Indy Ignite of the Professional Volleyball Federation, and Fishers Freight of the Indoor Football League), while offering a uniquely intimate setting for the community to experience shows and concerts, private events, and much more.

Available part-time roles and application information:

- Bartender, Ticket Seller, Guest Services Coordinators, Premium Crew, Concert Runners, Ice Crew, Zamboni

Drivers, Operations Crew, Cooks, Suite Attendants, Dish Washer, Warehouse Runner, Suite Runner, Culinary Supervisor, Food & Beverage Supervisor, Premium Services Supervisor, Ticket Office Supervisor. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply, or reach out to hr@SMFishers.com for all inquiries.

• LAZ Parking is hiring an Event Ambassador and Event Supervisor for Fishers Event Center. More information and application details [here](#).

• Andy Frain Services is hiring 24-hour security and event staff for Fishers Event Center. More information and application details [here](#).

Mark your calendars

The Fishers Event Center will hold a wide variety

of community events and concerts spanning genres including theater, sports, comedy, family, country, rock and more. The venue's size allows it to accommodate legendary shows in an intimate setting, as well as newer artists on the brink of big success.

Upcoming events include:

- Country band Turnpike Troubadours (Friday, Nov. 22)
- Viral violinist Lindsey Stirling (Friday, Nov. 29)
- Comedian Leanne Morgan (Saturday, Nov. 30)
- Nitro Circus (Sunday, Dec. 1)
- AEW professional wrestling (Wednesday, Dec. 4)
- Indy Fuel hockey opening weekend (Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7)

Main Street Productions offers youth improv classes starting this Saturday

The REPORTER

If you are a junior high or high school student and would like to learn about improv or develop your improv skills, join Main Street Productions for a nine-week course.

This Second City Chicago-style course is taught by experienced theatre instructor, artistic and technical director, Ms. Melanie Elicker.

Intended for students in grades 7 through 12, these classes will take place in the upstairs classroom of the Basile Westfield Play-

house, 220 N. Union St. Classes begin Oct. 5 and run each Saturday through Nov. 30 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Course topics

- Building Confidence
- What is Improv?
- Show & Don't Tell
- Group Mentality
- Yes, And
- Object Work
- Prior Relationship
- Pacing
- Don't Ask Questions
- Deal in the Now
- ...and more

Course activities

- ZipZapZop

- Ships and Sailors
- Bibbity Bop
- You're Out!
- Goonies
- Songs in a Circle
- DON'T Laugh
- Feel So Good
- Walk Across
- ...and more

The cost is \$100 per student. Students should bring clothes they can comfortably move around in as well as something to record notes.

For more information and to sign up, visit BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org/youth-classes.





BARKTOBERFEST

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ASA BALES PARK | 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
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- Professional Photos
- Costume Contest

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BY ROBERT HARLING

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OCTOBER 4-13, 2024

Directed by Elizabeth Ruddell

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Thursdays \$13

VENUE: The Cat in Carmel,
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Thursdays, Fridays,
Saturdays - 7:30 pm
Sundays - 2:30 pm



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The Reporter

Noblesville Creates thanks community for its support at 12th Annual Anniversary Gala

The REPORTER

Noblesville Creates held its 12th Annual Anniversary Gala on Sept. 19. The event featured the Noblesville Creates Awards Ceremony, dinner and drinks, live music, hands-on arts experiences, and both silent and live auctions.

Noblesville Creates is thankful to those who made the event possible, including Embassy Suites in Noblesville, where the event was held, various sponsors and donors, and to everyone who attended.

Sponsors

• **Wine Sponsors:** Spencer Farm Winery

• **Activity Sponsors:** Church Church Hittle + Antrim, Duke Energy, and Stewart Imagery

• **Premier Table Sponsors:** Peterson Architecture, Gaylor Electric, Fishers Arts Council, Efroymsen Family Fund, and HamCo Live

• **Patron Table Sponsors:** PSW, Bedrock Builders, Visit Hamilton County Indiana, and Studio Thirteen

• **Mission Sponsors:** Avalon Wealth Advisory, Christi and Craig Crosser, Esther Lakes, and Michael Levine

• **Silent Auction Sponsors:** Randall Scott Harden, Beth Forst, Pacers Sports & Entertainment, Visit Hamilton County Indiana, and Smith's Jewelers

• **Organizational Sponsors:** The City of Noblesville, Indiana Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts

“We are deeply moved by our community’s commitment to supporting and growing the creative economy,” Noblesville Creates

Director Ailithir McGill said. “The generous support for our Gala proves that arts and culture are a vital part of what makes our community a healthy and vibrant place for residents and businesses, and it was wonderful to spend an evening together having fun, while also gathering support for our organization’s work.”

This year, the Gala brought in more than \$73,223 worth of value and support for the mission of Noblesville Creates, which is 21 percent higher than the total raised last year.

Money raised from ticket sales and the silent auction this year will go toward developing the Creative Economy, which aims to make an economic impact in the Noblesville region through arts and culture. The funds will also help Noblesville Creates hold its major events in 2025, including Comic Book in a Day, HATCH Fest, Day of the Dead, and Fairyville. Additionally, the money will provide essential professional support to artists, graphic designers, singers, actors, and many other creative small business owners.

In 2023, Noblesville Creates’ program and services served nearly 19,000 people, supported 37 FTE jobs, and drove nearly \$726,650 in household income in Hamilton County.

Some of last year’s money raised from the fund-a-need portion of the Gala went to help develop Noblesville Creates’ first ever Arts Crawl coming up on October 12, 2024.



To learn more about the 2024 Arts Crawl event, [click here](#).

Noblesville Creates offers further congratulations to the winners of the awards ceremony, who were honored as visionary leaders who are expanding and enhancing opportunities for artists and art enthusiasts throughout central Indiana.

Winners

Artist of the Year:
Boxx The Artist

This award recognizes established artists who excel in their chosen medium, increasing the community’s reputation and strengthening the creative economy through their work and dedication.

Emerging Artist of the Year:
Laura McCormick

This award recognizes artists who have been working for five years or fewer in their current field or medium and who have demonstrated professionalism, creativity, artistic excellence, and leadership.

Artist Leader of the Year:
Riwo, Executive Director of Gal’s Guide Library

people who harness their talent and love for the arts to make an impact on the community and who, through their artistic work, create change and catalyze growth.

Arts Advocate of the Year:
Pat Grabill

This award recognizes individuals who have dedicated their time to promoting the arts and highlighting how the arts create a positive impact for all.

Arts Patron of the Year:
Brenda Myers

This award recognizes individuals who have invested significant time, talent, and treasure into the local arts economy to grow and strengthen the community.

Corporate Arts Partner of the Year:
Star Bank

This award recognizes companies that have significantly supported and/or made an investment in the local arts community.

There was also a special Board Emeritus award given to Gino Johnson, who recently retired from the Noblesville Creates board. This award recognizes all



Johnson has done for both Noblesville Creates and the overall arts community during his time on the board.

About Noblesville Creates

Noblesville Creates (NC) champions the arts as an essential element of the economic health and cultural vitality of Noblesville and central Indiana. As Noblesville’s local arts agency, NC catalyzes opportunities for the arts and local cre-

atives of all skill levels to thrive and lead in central Indiana. NC is also the Region 7 Arts Partner for the Indiana Arts Commission, serving the six counties at the center of the state. NC cultivates classes, events, programs, and services for art-lovers and artists of all backgrounds and experience levels. Start your creative journey with NC: they’ll help you connect and flourish.

Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents



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one-up
womanship

By David
Lindsay-Abaire

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Directed by Andrea Odle

October 3rd –
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GLEANERS

Gleaners Food Bank responding to Hurricane Helene

The REPORTER

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana is responding as part of the Feeding America network to the disastrous flooding and devastation across the southeast in the wake of Hurricane Helene.

A number of truck loads have already been sent to the Atlanta Food Bank and to Second Harvest of East Tennessee. Second Harvest is coordinating assistance to those in need in Tennessee as well as assisting with

disaster relief in western North Carolina.

Relief has included shelf-stable items and pre-built disaster boxes. Ready-to-eat items such as protein bars, pop top meals, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, cereal, canned tuna, and chicken are included in these boxes.

Gleaners anticipates continuing to assist its sister food banks throughout the southeast over the coming weeks.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance announces two top leadership changes

Submitted

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance announces two changes to the company's

executive leadership team. Mark Miske has moved into the role of senior vice president of the life insurance division, and Nicholas Cebulko has been promoted to senior vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer.

Miske has been with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance since 1984, most recently serving as senior vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer since 2010. Early in his Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance career, Miske held a variety of leadership positions in the life, property, and casualty and finance divisions.

"In his 40-year career with us, Mark has demonstrated that he can meet challenges head-on and develop impactful solutions," said Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Executive Vice President (EVP) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Kevin Murphy. "Working and leading in different divisions throughout the company, as well as his previous leadership of a key life system development project, make him uniquely qualified for his new role."

A graduate of Butler University, Miske earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and a Master of Business Administration (MBA). He has also earned the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation.

"I'm looking forward to working with our team of employees and agents to be faster and better at making it as easy as possible for our clients and prospective clients to purchase and maintain the life insurance they need to protect them and their families," Miske said.

He and his wife, Amy, live in Indianapolis and have two children. Nell is a sophomore at Ball State working to become a high school English teacher and Porter is a senior at Lutheran High School in Indianapolis. In his free time, Miske enjoys volunteering at his son's high school and spending time with his family doing fitness and outdoor activities. He is also passionate about fighting food insecurity in Indiana.

Cebulko's career with Indiana Farm Bureau Insur-

ance began in 2016 when he joined the company as controller. He quickly moved up the ranks serving as an executive director and assistant treasurer before being promoted to senior vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer.



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"I am thrilled about working with my peers and my team," Cebulko said. "You always have ideas on how you would want to tackle a role, and it is fun to put those into action. It is an exciting time for our company. I'm excited to help

lead us to success." "Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has an incredibly strong executive leadership team and adding Nick will only improve it," Murphy said. "In just eight years with our company, he has proven that he is an innovative, dedicated, exceptional employee."

An Indianapolis native, Cebulko earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Dayton in Ohio. He is also designated a CPA. He and his wife, Kara, reside in Fishers and have four children, Natalie, Nina, Everett, and Ellie. An avid tennis player, Cebulko also enjoys outdoor activities and coaching youth sports.

Murphy added, "For nearly 90 years, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has been serving and protecting Hoosiers. I'm honored to have both of these leaders working alongside me to continue strengthening our company for decades to come."

About Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance

Organized in 1934 by Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has grown to include insurance products for auto, life, home, business and farm. Health plan benefits, banking and other financial services and products are also available through its local offices and online at infarmbureau.com. With a home office in downtown Indianapolis and local offices in all 92 counties, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance serves Hoosiers with more than 450 agents and approximately 1,200 employees living and working throughout the state. The company is a leader in auto and homeowners insurance and the largest writer of farm insurance in the state.

Kroger reveals Indiana's favorite Halloween candies

Submitted

Kroger Central Division today revealed the current favorite candies of shoppers in its midwestern region. The retailer said sales reports ahead of Halloween show shoppers are reaching first for Reese's Peanut Butter Pumpkins, then Snickers Fun Size bars, Brach's Candy Corn, and Milky Way bars to fill their baskets.

"Our shoppers love their chocolate treats every Halloween, and these candies are always among the most popular," Division President Colleen Juergensen said. "We enjoy the season as much as our customers do and we're always proud they choose the value and variety of Kroger to satisfy every sweet tooth."

Fun-size candy history

• Reese's Peanut Butter Cups: The Hershey Company says the candy can be traced back to 1928, when an employee of the company, Harry Burnett Reese, created the chocolate and peanut butter combination in his basement. Hershey makes 25 million Reese's Peanut Butter cups every day at its Pennsylvania factory. If you'd like a new way to serve them, [consider this recipe](#).

• Snickers: Mars Wrigley says the first Snickers bar was made in Chicago in 1931. The first Fun Size Snickers appeared in 1968. In 2013, the candy passed \$1 billion in U.S. sales. In the United Kingdom, Snickers is called the Marathon Bar. The Kroger Culinary team offers a recipe for [Spooky Snickers Coffins](#).

• Brach's Candy Corn: Brach's traces the origin of its candy corn to the 1920s. Other candy researchers credit the invention to another candy company in the 1880s. The National Con-



Graphic provided by Kroger

fectioners Association says Americans buy 35 million pounds of candy corn every year. Candy Corn may be enjoyed as an ingredient in [a chocolate dessert](#).

• Milky Way: The candy maker says Milky Way bars were first sold in 1924 and are the oldest Mars chocolate bar brand still being made. Their creators designed the candy to recall the taste of malted milkshakes and were named after a popular malted milk drink of the day, not the Milky Way galaxy. A recipe blogger found this way to enjoy [Milky Way bars as cookies](#).

2024 Halloween spotlight

Kroger's research division, [84.51](#), asked Kroger households about their preparations and attitudes for the approaching holiday season October through December. Researchers concluded shoppers "are sticking to the tried-and-true Halloween traditions and will make seasonal purchases to celebrate."

Traditions by the numbers:

- Decorating my house:

53 percent

- Carving a pumpkin: 48 percent

- Staying home & handing out candy: 43 percent

- Stocking up on candy to give out: 36 percent

- Stocking up on candy for myself/family: 36 percent

- Going trick or treating in our neighborhood: 33 percent

- Going to a trick or treating event: 27 percent

- Going to a Halloween party: 26 percent

• Going trick or treating in someone else's neighborhood: 23 percent

Halloween shopping may already be underway for some Kroger customers. 84.51 research found nearly half of their respondents said they start shopping for Halloween two to four weeks in advance. Candy sales begin to show a spike in the two weeks prior to Halloween. Candy sales peak on the actual day of Halloween.

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Letter to the Editor

Massillamany talks politics with German Deputy Ambassador

Dear Hamilton County Residents, I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share some exciting news about a recent meeting I had the privilege to attend, which I believe highlights the growing importance of our county on both national and international stages.

On Monday, I met with German Deputy Ambassador Axel Dittmann and Irene Braam, Executive Director of the Bertelsmann Foundation. This meeting provided a unique opportunity to discuss U.S. politics and policy with these distinguished international guests.

During our discussion, we explored various topics, including:

1. The current political landscape in Hamilton County and Indiana
2. Key policy issues affecting our local community and their national implications
3. The role of local government in shaping national politics
4. Perspectives on U.S.-German relations and their impact on our region

I was impressed by the genuine interest these officials showed in understanding our local political dynamics and how they fit into the broader national context. Their questions and insights highlighted the interconnectedness of local and global affairs in today's world.

This meeting underscores the growing recognition of Hamilton County's significance in the political arena. As one of the fastest-growing counties in Indiana and a key player in state politics, we are increasingly drawing attention from national and international observers.



Photo provided Hamilton County Republican Party Chair Mario Massillamany (second from left) met with German Deputy Ambassador Axel Dittmann (left).

Thank you for your continued support and trust. I am honored to serve as your Hamilton County Republican Chairman and look forward to more opportunities to represent our community's interests at all levels of government.

As we move forward, I encourage all residents to stay engaged in local politics and to share their thoughts and concerns with our office. Your voice is crucial in shaping the future of our county and its place in the national conversation.

Mario Massillamany
Hamilton County
Republican Party Chairman

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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra celebrates 10-year anniversary of The Teddy Bear Series with new book

The REPORTER

Families and music lovers of all ages are invited to join musicians from the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) as they celebrate the 10-year anniversary of The Teddy Bear Series and the brand-new book *The Big Note* with a special event at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at Hilbert Circle Theatre. No registration is required.

Celebrate *The Big Note* Book Launch and 10 years of the Teddy Bear Concert Series with a full performance of both *The Big Note* at 10:45 a.m. and *The Monkey's Jungle Jam* at noon. Children and family members will have the opportunity to move along to live music played by ISO musicians. The stories feature more than 10 different instruments of the orchestra.

There will be pre- and post-performance activities including opportunities to engage with ISO musicians, try new instruments, make arts and crafts, and purchase the new book with a personalized signature from Victoria Kintner Griswold (author) and Sharon Vargo (illustrator).

Teddy Bear Concert Series presented by the Indianapolis Colts (preschool/kindergarten)

Throughout the 2024-25 season, musicians from ISO and a narrator will take families on an adventure through five different original stories written by ISO violinist Victoria Kintner Griswold. Each story introduces children ages 3 to 7 to the instruments of the orchestra through storytelling, movement, and live music. All children will have the opportunity to try real violins and interact with ISO musicians at the end of each

30-minute program. The 2024-25 schedule features 12 performances held at libraries around central Indiana from September 2024 to July 2025. The series is made possible with generous support from the Indianapolis Colts as the title sponsor.

All performances are free and open to the public; registration may be required. Stuffed friends are always welcome. See the full schedule here.

About the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, at home and thriving in the heart of Indianapolis, offers an exceptional artistic and musical experience. The orchestra is open to all and dedicated to creating an inclusive and innovative experiential environment that is inspiring, educational, and welcoming. The ISO celebrates historically beloved perfor-

mances while engaging audiences by introducing new voices through programming including the IU Health Plans *Classical Series*, the Printing Partners Pops Series, the holiday traditions of AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*, Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie*, and the popular *Film Series* presented by Bank of America. For more information, visit IndianapolisSymphony.org.

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Community News

Sheridan's Phi Beta Psi Annual Lasagna Dinner

Friday, Oct. 11, 5 to 7 p.m.
Lasagna, breadsticks, salad, dessert & drink
Advance Adult Tickets: \$12 (\$15 at the door)
Children 12 and under: \$7
Carry-out available
Tickets available from sorority members at the Sheridan Public Library.

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Oct. 19 & 20

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October 19 & 20

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Oct. 12 & 13

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October 12 & 13

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Trick or Treat Express

Oct. 26 & 27

Perfect for the whole family, the Trick or Treat Express offers a safe and spooky adventure. Kids are encouraged to dress in costume as they enjoy a fun-filled Halloween ride.

October 26 & 27

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Nov. 2

Put on your boots and enjoy live music, line dancing, and good old-fashioned country fun during this western-themed ride.

November 2

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— WESTFIELD —

CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES Proposals Due: October 25, 2024

The City of Westfield, Indiana is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants, in accordance with the provisions of the Indiana General Statutes, to conduct an examination and to render an opinion on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the City of Westfield.

Proposals will be received 3:00 pm on October 25, 2024, at which time no further proposals will be considered.

Information concerning this Request for Proposals may be obtained by contacting John Rogers, Director of Enterprise at (317) 804-3007. The City of Westfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General Information

The City of Westfield (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024, 2025, & 2026. These audits are to be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the standards set forth for financial audits in the General Accounting Office's (GAO) Government Auditing Standards (1994), the provisions of the Federal Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended in 1996, and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-profit Organizations, and the provisions of Sections 4-230 through 4-236 of the Indiana General Statutes concerning the State Single Audit Act.

The auditor(s) shall state that the primary purpose of the audit is to express an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole and that the audit is subject to the inherent risk that errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected.

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the City of Westfield to reimburse firms for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request.

To be considered, an original and five (5) copies of a proposal must be received by the City of Westfield, before 3:00 pm October 25, 2024. The City of Westfield reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted. Proposals submitted will be evaluated by accounting personnel, City administrators and Audit Committee members.

During the evaluation process, the selection personnel and the City of Westfield reserve the right, where it may serve the City of Westfield's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from proposers, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions. At the discretion of the City of Westfield or the selection personnel, firms submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation process.

The City of Westfield reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use any ideas in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of the conditions contained in this request for proposals, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the City of Westfield and the firm selected.

It is anticipated the selection of a firm will be completed no later than November 12, 2024. Following the notification of the selected firm, it is expected that an engagement letter will be executed between both parties within 30 days of approval.

B. Term of Engagement

Contract Period - The agreement shall be for a three-year period and shall become effective immediately upon execution by all parties with implementation of all specified services to take place for the audit of fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. The contract entered into between the City and the firm shall extend for a term through and including the audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. The agreement may be extended at the discretion of the Audit Committee.

Compensation - Compensation for services shall be a fixed price for each year of the three-year term of the agreement. The fixed fee shall include a minimum number of hours to be allocated to the partner-in-charge, supervising manager, and field staff. Upon request the firm will provide the City with a statement of chargeable hours to substantiate billings. Any annual optional extensions shall be performed at prices to be negotiated before the option is exercised.

Termination of Contract - Following implementation, should the Audit Committee find that the firm has failed in any material respect to perform its obligations under the agreement; the Audit Committee may cancel the agreement. The firm shall be liable for damages from such breach including reasonably foreseeable incidental and consequential damages. Should the City find that the provision of auditing services under the terms of the agreement precludes the City from administering its duties in an effective and efficient manner; the Audit Committee may cancel the agreement upon 180 days written notice to the firm. In such event the City shall compensate the firm at the pro rata hourly rate for services performed through the effective date of the cancellation which shall be in full and complete satisfaction of the firm's claims. The firm shall promptly return all workpapers and work in progress to the City. The firm shall provide the City at least 180 days prior written notice of its intent to terminate any agreement.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE GOVERNMENT

A. General

The auditor's principal contact with the City of Westfield will be Marla Ailor, Clerk Treasurer, or a designated representative, who will coordinate the assistance to be provided by the City of Westfield to the auditor.

B. Background Information

The City has an elected Mayor, elected Clerk Treasurer and an elected Common Council. Westfield's City Council has seven members, two at large and five that represent districts.

Cities are authorized to establish any executive departments which they consider necessary to "efficiently perform the administrative functions that will fulfill the needs of their citizens" (IC 36-4-9-4).

The City of Westfield serves an area of 32.97 square miles with a population of an estimated 59,000. The City of Westfield's fiscal year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

The City of Westfield provides the following services to its citizens: Development & Planning Services, Fire Protection & Ambulance Services, Police, Parks and Recreation, Public Works Services, including Road Repair & Snow Removal, and General Government Services. The City provides a stormwater system. Utilities, Trash & Recycling services are provided by third parties.

The City of Westfield is organized into several departments. All funds are under the administrative control of the Mayor's Office.

C. Fund Structure

The City of Westfield uses all the funds included in the budget and the ACFR under general ledger control, and account groups in its financial reporting.

D. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The City of Westfield prepares its zero-based budgets on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles except that encumbrances are recognized as a valid and proper charge against an appropriation in the year the purchase order is issued.

E. Pension Plans

The City of Westfield participates in the following pension plans:

1. All full-time City employees, except for those eligible for participation in the 77 Fund and sworn police officers, participate in a contributory single-employer defined benefit pension plan.

III. ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AUDITOR AND REPORT PREPARATION

A. Statements and Schedules and Other Pertinent Information to be Prepared by the City of Westfield

The Clerk-Treasurer, or a designated representative, will prepare or provide the following statements and schedules for the auditor as follows:

- Adjusted trial balance for all funds.
- Detailed schedules of revenues and expenditures, expenses, accounts payable and receivable, and encumbrances.
- Detail of balance sheet and subsidiary account activity.
- Check registers for all funds.
- Bank reconciliations for all accounts.
- Detail of capital projects expenditures
- Analysis of accounts as requested.
- Investment activity schedules.
- Debt schedules.
- Fixed assets schedules.
- Payroll records.
- Tax collection schedules.
- Schedule of compensated absences.
- Latest actuarial reports.
- Completed ED-001 and supporting documents.
- Standard representation letters.
- Individual fund statements for all funds.
- Notes to the combined financial statements.
- Required supplementary information.
- Management's discussion and analysis.
- ACFR statistical tables.
- Schedule of federal and state assistance.

B. General

Workspace will be provided in close proximity to the financial records. Copiers/fax devices will be made available as well as internet access during the engagement. The auditor will be required to provide computer equipment and other office materials as needed.

IV. NATURE OF SERVICES REQUIRED

A. General

The City of Westfield is soliciting the services of qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024, 2025 & 2026. These audits are to be performed in accordance with the provisions contained in this request for proposals.

B. Qualifying Requirements

Qualified Firm:

Firms submitting proposals must be qualified to perform independent audits of municipalities of the State of Indiana. The firm must have been engaged during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, as independent auditors for the purpose of rendering an opinion on the annual financial statements of an Indiana municipality with a population of at least 40,000.

Location:

The auditors must have an office located within the State of Indiana, and resident staff must be able to offer the full range of auditing services required by this Request for Proposals.

Non-Discrimination:

No person shall be denied or subjected to discrimination on account of any services, or activities made possible by or resulting from this agreement on the grounds of sex, race, color, creed, national origin, age (except minimum age and retirement provision), marital status or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap. Any violation of this provision shall be considered a violation of a material provision of this agreement and shall be grounds for cancellation, termination or suspension in whole or in part of the agreement by the City of Westfield and may result in ineligibility for further City of Westfield contracts. The proposer shall at all times in the proposal and contract process comply with all applicable City of Westfield, state, and federal anti-discrimination laws, rules, regulations and requirements thereof.

Reports:

Each proposer shall submit copies of at least two Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports issued by Indiana municipalities in which their opinion is contained. At least one of these reports shall have been awarded the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting within the past three years.

Other:

Supervisory members of the audit team, including the "in charge" field auditor, should be Certified Public Accountants and have a minimum of three (3) years of municipal audit experience in the State of Indiana. The selection personnel intend to strongly consider municipal audit experience and certification in evaluating the proposer's audit team. It is the City's desire to maintain a consistently qualified

team during the term of the engagement.

List the current Indiana municipal clients and the Indiana clients lost and gained during the calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023.

C. Scope of Work to be Performed

The City of Westfield desires the auditor to express an opinion on the fair presentation of its basic financial statements, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and schedules in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The auditor is not required to audit the supporting schedules, the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Budgetary Comparison contained in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. However, the auditor is to provide an "in-relation-to" report on the supporting schedules and information based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the basic financial statements and the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules. The auditor is not required to audit the introductory section of the report or the statistical section of the report.

The auditor may also be responsible for the Government-wide Financial Statements. The auditor will be entirely responsible for the printing of 20 ACFRs before June 30th each year for the previous fiscal year. A PDF or similar file of the ACFR that is able to be posted on the City website will be provided to the City at that time.

D. Auditing Standards to be Followed

To meet the requirements of this request for proposals, the audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the standards for financial audits set forth in the U.S. Comptroller General's Government Auditing Standards, the provisions of the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended in 1996, the provisions of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-profit Organizations, and in conjunction and conformity with the Indiana Single Audit Act.

E. Reports to be Issued

Following the completion of the audit of the fiscal year's financial statements, the auditor shall issue, as required by generally accepted auditing standards, and Government Auditing standards, OMB Circular a-133, and the Indiana Single Audit Act, including but not limited to the following:

- A report on the fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
- A report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting based on an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
- A report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Financial Assistance.
- A report on compliance and internal control over compliance applicable to each major federal award program.
- A report on the Supplementary Schedule of State Financial Assistance.
- A report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with the State Single Audit Act.
- A report on compliance with the general requirements applicable to state financial assistance programs.
- A report on compliance with specific requirements applicable to major state financial assistance programs.

The auditor shall communicate in a letter to the Finance Committee any reportable conditions found during the audit. A reportable condition shall be defined as a significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structure, which could adversely affect the organization's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

F. Special Considerations

1. The City of Westfield will send its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for review in its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program in a timely manner. The City will not allow an extension on submission for this program.

2. The schedule of federal and state financial assistance and related auditor's reports, as well as the reports on the internal control structure and compliance, are to be issued separately from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

3. The City of Westfield currently anticipates it will prepare one or more official statements in connection with the sale of debt securities which will contain the basic financial statements and the auditor's opinion thereon. The auditor shall be required, if requested by the City's municipal advisor and/or the underwriter, to issue a "consent and citation of expertise" as the auditor and any necessary "comfort letters".

G. Working Paper Retention and Access to Working Papers

All working papers and reports must be retained, at the auditor's expense, for a minimum of three (3) years, unless the firm is notified in writing by the City of Westfield of the need to extend the retention period. The auditor will be required to make working papers available, upon request by the City of Westfield. In accordance with the requirements of Government Auditing Standards and of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, the auditor is required to provide access to the working papers and photocopies thereof to a federal agency or the Comptroller General of the United States upon their request for their regulatory oversight purposes. If such a request is made, the auditor will inform the Clerk Treasurer prior to providing such access.

In addition, the firm shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor auditors and allow successor auditors to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

H. Other Audit Services

Periodically the City of Westfield is required to have separate audits performed. The auditor will be expected to perform these audits and any other audit services requested by the City of Westfield outside of the standard audit at the hourly rate stated in Appendix A.

I. Implied Requirements

All services not specifically mentioned in this request for proposals that are necessary to provide the functional capabilities described by the auditor shall be included in the Scope of Services.

V. TIME REQUIREMENTS

A. Proposal Calendar

The following is a list of key dates up to and including the date proposals are due to be submitted:

B. Schedule for the Annual Audit and Pension Plan Audit

The following timeline is for the 2025 and 2026 audit and should be completed no later than the dates indicated.

1. Interim work
 - The auditor shall complete interim fieldwork by December 31st.
2. Detailed Audit Plan
 - The auditor shall provide the City of Westfield by March 1st both a detailed audit plan and a list of all data requests to be provided by the City of Westfield.
3. Fieldwork
 - The auditor shall complete all fieldwork by May 31st.
4. Draft Report and Significant audit findings
 - The auditor shall provide the City of Westfield with a draft report, listing of audit comments and significant audit findings by June 9th.
5. Exit Conference and Final Reports
 - An exit conference and final reports shall be completed by June 23rd.

C. Report Submissions

Copies of all reports shall be addressed to the City of Westfield, Clerk-Treasurer, Audit Committee, Finance Committee and City Council. The successful proposer will also submit copies of reports as required by state and federal audit requirements.

The final report and 20 signed copies and a thumb drive should be delivered to:

City of Westfield

Enterprise Development

2728 East 171st Street

Westfield, Indiana 46074

VI. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

A. General Requirements

1) Inquiries

Inquiries concerning the request for proposals and the subject of the request for proposals must be made to:

City of Westfield

Audit Committee

2728 East 171st Street

Westfield, Indiana 46074

Attn: John Rogers,

Director of Enterprise Development 317-804-3007

2) Submission of Proposals

The following material is required to be received by 3:00 p.m. on October 25, 2024, for a proposing firm to be considered:

- a. The Proposal, five copies, and thumb drive are to include the following:
 - i. Title Page
 - Title page showing the request for proposal's subject; the firm's name; the name, address and telephone number of a contact person; and the date of the proposal.
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. Transmittal Letter

A signed letter of transmittal briefly stating the proposer's understanding of the work to be done, the commitment to perform the work within the time period, a statement why the firm believes itself to be best qualified to perform the engagement and a statement that the proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for the period covered.

iv. Detailed Proposal

The detailed proposal should follow the order set forth in Section VI B of this request for proposals.

v. Guarantees and Warranties

Executed copies of Proposer Guarantees and Proposer Warranties attached to this request for proposals (Appendix B).

vi. Insurance Schedule (Appendix C).

vii. Audit Services Proposal Letter (Appendix D).

b. The proposer shall submit an original and five copies of a dollar cost proposal attached to this request for proposals (Appendix A).

c. Proposers should send the completed proposal consisting of the two (2) separate envelopes, and thumb drive to the following address:

City of Westfield

Director Enterprise Development

2728 East 171st Street

Westfield, Indiana 46074

The envelopes shall be clearly marked as follows:

Envelope #1: Audit Technical Proposal

Envelope #2: Audit Sealed Dollar Cost Proposal (Appendix A)

B. Technical Proposal

1. General Requirements

The purpose of the Technical Proposal is to demonstrate the qualifications, competence and capacity of the firms seeking to undertake an independent audit of the City of Westfield in conformity with the requirements of this request for proposals. As such, the substance of proposals will carry more weight than their form or manner of presentation. The Technical Proposal should demonstrate the qualifications of the firm and of the particular staff to be assigned to this engagement. It should also specify an audit approach that will meet the request for proposals requirements.

THERE SHOULD BE NO DOLLAR UNITS OR TOTAL COSTS INCLUDED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL DOCUMENT.

The Technical Proposal should address all the points outlined in the request for proposals (excluding any cost information which should only be included in Appendix A). The Proposal should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the proposer's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the request for proposals. While additional items may be presented, the following subjects, items Nos. 2 through 8, must be included. They represent the criteria against which the proposal will be evaluated.

2. Independence

The firm should provide an affirmative statement that it is independent of the City of Westfield as defined by generally accepted accounting standards and the U.S. Comptroller General's Government Auditing Standards (1994).

The firm should also list and describe the firm's professional relationships involving the City of Westfield or any of its agencies for the past five (5) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the proposed audit.

In addition, the firm shall give the City of Westfield written notice of any professional relationships entered into during the period of this agreement.

3. License to Practice in Indiana

An affirmative statement should be included indicating that the firm and all key professional staff are properly qualified to practice in Indiana.

4. Firm Qualifications and Experience

The proposer should state the size of the firm, the size of the firm's governmental audit staff, the location of the office from which the work on this engagement is to be performed and the number and nature of the professional staff to be employed in this engagement on a full-time basis and the number and nature of the staff to be so employed on a part-time basis.

The firm shall also provide information on the results of any federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits during the last three (3) years. In addition, the firm shall provide information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.

The firm is also required to submit a copy of the report on its most recent external quality control review, with a statement whether that quality control review included a review of specific government engagements.

5. Partner, Supervisory and Staff Qualifications and Experience

The firm should identify the principal supervisory and management staff, including engagement partners, managers, other supervisors and specialists, who would be assigned to the engagement. Indicate whether each such person is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Indiana. Provide information on the government auditing experience of each person, including information on relevant continuing professional education for the past three (3) years and membership in professional organizations relevant to the performance of this audit.

Provide as much information as possible regarding the number, qualifications, experience and training, including relevant continuing professional education, of the specific staff to be assigned to this engagement. Indicate how the quality of the staff over the term of the agreement will be assured.

The proposer should identify the extent to which its staff reflects the City of Westfield's commitment to Affirmative Action.

Engagement partners, managers, other supervisory staff and specialists may be changed if those personnel leave the firm, are promoted or are assigned to another office. These personnel may also be changed for other reasons with the express prior written permission of City of Westfield. Replacement personnel must have the same or greater level of municipal audit experience as the originally proposed staff, or the City of Westfield will be entitled to a 10% reduction in fees. In any case, the City of Westfield retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Consultants and firm specialists mentioned in response to this request for proposals can only be changed with the express prior written permission of the Audit Committee, which retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Other audit personnel may be changed at the discretion of the proposer provided that replacements have substantially the same or better qualifications or experience or the City of Westfield will be entitled to a 10% reduction in fees.

6. Similar Engagements with Other Government Entities

For the firm's office that will be assigned responsibility for the audit, list the most significant engagements (maximum - 5) performed in the last five years that are similar to the engagement described in this request for proposal. These engagements should be ranked on the basis of total staff hours. Indicate the scope of work, date, engagement partners, total hours, and the name and telephone number of the principal client contact.

7. Specific Audit Approach

The proposal should set forth a work plan, including an explanation of the audit methodology to be followed, to perform the services required in Section IV of this request for proposals. In developing the work plan, reference should be made to such sources of information as the City of Westfield's budget and related materials, organizational charts, manuals and programs, and financial and other management information systems.

Proposers will be required to provide the following information on their audit approach:

- a. Proposed segmentation of the engagement
- b. Level of staff and number of hours to be assigned to each proposed segment of the engagement, NO DOLLARS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.
- c. Sample size and the extent to which statistical sampling is to be used in the engagement.
- d. Extent of use of EDP software in the engagement.
- e. Type and extent of analytical procedures to be used in the engagement.
- f. Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of the City of Westfield's internal control structure.
- g. Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work.
- h. Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of tests of compliance.

8. Identification of Anticipated Potential Audit Problems

The proposal should identify and describe any anticipated potential audit problems, the firm's approach to resolving these problems and any special assistance that will be requested from the City of Westfield.

9. Report Format

The proposal should include sample formats for required reports. NO DOLLAR AMOUNTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

C. Sealed Dollar Cost Proposal

1. Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price

The dollar cost proposal should contain all pricing information relative to performing the audit engagement as described in this request for proposals. The total all-inclusive maximum price to be bid is to contain all direct and indirect costs including all out-of-pocket expenses.

The City of Westfield will not be responsible for expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the technical proposal or the dollar cost proposal. Such costs should not be included in the proposal.

2. Fixed Fees by Category

The dollar cost proposal should include a schedule of professional fees and expenses, presented in the format provided in the attachment (Appendix A), that supports the total all-inclusive price.

3. The dollar cost that would be charged to create the Government-wide Statements using the information provided. The total all-inclusive maximum price to be proposed is to contain all direct and indirect costs including all out-of-pocket expenses.

4. Rates for Additional Professional Services

If it should become necessary for the Audit Committee to request the auditor to render any additional services requested in this request for proposals or to perform additional work as a result of the specific recommendations included in any report issued on this engagement, then such additional work shall be performed only if set forth in an addendum to the contract between the City of Westfield and the firm. Any such additional work agreed to between the City of Westfield and the firm shall be performed at the same rates set forth in the schedule of fees and expenses included in the dollar cost proposal in Appendix A.

5. Manner of Payment

Harry Wiggins Jr.

December 26, 1935 – September 29, 2024

Harry Wiggins Jr., 88, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2024, at Five Star Residences of Noblesville. He was born on December 26, 1935, to Harry and Ruth (Caylor) Wiggins in Noblesville.

Harry owned and operated several small businesses. In his retirement, he was a bus driver for Noblesville Schools for many years. Harry was a member of Clarksville Christian Church and Noblesville Masonic Lodge #54. He enjoyed rebuilding old cars, motorcycle clubs, and spending time in Bradenton, Fla.

Harry is survived by his children, Victoria (Tom) Wright, Christina Wiggins, Denise McHenry, Linda (Doug) Wainwright, Louise (Bill) Hennessy, Rebecca (Doug) Sharp, Pamela Pietsch, and Charles “Andy” (Renee) Simmons; 17 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 52 years, Joyce Ann Wiggins; and seven siblings, Lavon, Maxine, Juanita, Dolores, Betty, Ruby, and Lillian.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Monday, October 7, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Ray Neal “Luck” Davis

July 12, 1934 – September 29, 2024

Ray Neal “Luck” Davis, 90, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2024, at his home. He was born on July 12, 1934, to Benjamin and Elsie (Kepner) Davis in Noblesville.

Luck owned a construction business and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was a member of First Christian Church of Noblesville and loved going to church. Luck was a devoted husband to Judy for 64 years and was a hard-working family man. He was a football fanatic, following Notre Dame, the 49ers, the Bears, and the Colts.

Luck is survived by his daughter, Mindy Cannon; son, Barry Davis; grandchildren, Amy (Eric), Jake, Jerod (Carrie), Matt, Ben, and Mikaela; great-grandchildren, Scout, Sarah, Lauren, Jack, Grayson, Hazel, Tucker, and Fletcher; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Kay Davis; son, Kent Davis, son-in-law, Jackie Cannon; and his siblings, Ben, Jerry, Richard, Glenn, Frances, Anne, and Betty.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with funeral services at 1 p.m., on Friday, October 4, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Rev. Dr. Brooks Barrick will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, IN 46060 (fccnoblesville.org).

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Joyce (Joy) LaVaughn Hoops Driggers Bird

February 10, 1931 – September 25, 2024

Joyce (Joy) LaVaughn Hoops Driggers Bird passed away September 25, 2024. She was born February 10, 1931 in Evansville, Ind., to Bob and Bernice Hoops.

Joy graduated from Benjamin Bosse High School in 1949 and married Mel Driggers, U.S. Air Force. She proceeded to live in eight states and visited many foreign countries. She was employed at Ayr-Way and Target at Nora as department manager, H.C. Prange’s department store in Madison, Wis., and Kohl’s at Castleton as Area Supervisor. Joy was a member of First Baptist Church of Indianapolis where she was a choir member, Bible Study leader, a founding member of the ABW Women’s Book Club and church librarian. In her spare time, she also loved gardening, reading mysteries, sewing counted cross stitch, crocheting scarves, and coloring adult coloring books. She was an avid Butler basketball, NASCAR, and IndyCar fan. Joy was fondly known by her family as Nana.

Joy is survived by her son, Lee Driggers (Pam); daughter, Jan Merritt (Phil); daughter, Joy Melissa Driggers (Kathy Saboda); son, Guy Driggers (Hether); and son, Jay Driggers (Terri); stepchildren, Linda Brinkman (Tom), James A. Bird (Lynn), and Beth Watson (Ralph); nine grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 13 step-great-grandchildren.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents, and husbands, Melvin L. Driggers and James E. Bird.

Visitation will be at First Baptist Church of Indianapolis, 86th Street and College Avenue, on Thursday, October 10, with visitation from 11 a.m. to noon, and the funeral service at noon. Arrangements are being handled by Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ), P.O. Box 628222 Orlando, FL 32862-8222 (cru.org).

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Indiana American Water celebrates Source Water Protection Week, raising awareness to protect water resources

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Indiana American Water is celebrating **Source Water Protection Week** (Sept. 29 to Oct. 5) by creating awareness that safe, clean, and reliable water is supported by protecting water resources free from pollution, and by giving the public helpful resources and information, to encourage everyone to contribute.

“Protecting water resources like lakes, reservoirs, rivers, and well fields are crucial for helping ensure clean, safe and reliable drinking water,” Indiana American Water President Matt Prine said. “These natural sources can be vulnerable to pollution and overuse, which can lead to water shortages and health hazards. All Hoosiers can help by reducing their use of harmful chemicals, properly disposing of waste and supporting conservation efforts. By taking these impactful actions, we can preserve our water resources for future generations.”

During Source Water Protection Week and all year long, Indiana American Water educates employees and customers across the state about the steps we take to provide safe, clean, affordable, and reliable water services to our customers. These tips can be found on Indiana American Water’s **“Watershed Protection”** page at indianaamwater.com.

Many of these actions should be considered for year-round practices:

- Plant landscaping around homes or businesses with more permeable surfaces, such as mulch, that allow water to soak into the ground. Try to limit concrete and asphalt, which contributes to runoff.
- Use native plants that require minimal fertilizer, herbicides, and watering.
- Do not over-apply chemicals to plants and

avoid application immediately before it rains.

- Plant a rain garden that uses native plants and grass to capture and absorb rainwater from rooftops and roads. These planned gardens help simplify lawn maintenance, control erosion and reduce runoff into streams and storm water systems.

- Keep litter, pet waste and yard waste out of streets and storm drains. Pet waste contains bacteria that can find its way into waterways through runoff.

- Select non-toxic or less toxic alternatives to typical household products, such as cleaning agents.

- Dispose of pharmaceuticals by taking them to collection sites, where available. Don’t flush them down in the toilet.

- Use hazardous waste collection sites and services to dispose of items such as chemicals, paints, motor oil, and batteries.

- Report any hazardous material spills, illegal dumping, or suspicious activity to local or state authorities.

American Water and Indiana American Water are committed to providing high-quality drinking water while also prioritizing source water protection, which includes:

- Conducting nearly 1 million tests and measurements each year at American Water’s state-of-the-art research laboratories.

- Application of the most advanced technology, equipment, and filtration processes.

- Constant collaborative work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other state and

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local agencies to meet or surpass water quality standards and address emerging contaminants so that potential impacts to water quality are minimized.

—ARCADIA—

NOTICE

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an Executive Session on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6 p.m. located at 208 W Main Street Arcadia to discuss: a real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision’s duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11. R5025 10/2/24, 10/7/24

—WESTFIELD—

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Plat Committee will meet at 11:00 a.m., Monday, October 14, 2024, at the Westfield City Services Center, 2728 E 171st St, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing on the following petitions:

- 2406-ODP-05 & 2406-SPP-06: Generally southwest of the intersection at 193rd St. and Casey Rd.; Winterburg Developer, LLC by Weihe Engineers, Inc. requests Primary Plat and Overall Development Plan approval for a single-family residential community containing 395 lots on 205.54 acres +/- in the Winterburg Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.

Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Committee at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana or before the hearing. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Westfield-Washington Township Plat Committee
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov
R5032 10/2/24, 10/7/24

—JACKSON TOWNSHIP—

Legal Notice

Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on October 17th, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-1024-45-R1

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted seeking relief from Article 7.22 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance which states: The primary building material for all facades of the Primary and Accessory Structures are to be brick, natural or cut stone.

Project Address: 67 Hickory Ridge Circle, Cicero, IN 46034
Legal Description: Acreage 11.60 Section 11, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel number: 03-06-11-02-03-001.000

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’s Name David & Leah Cupps Date: September 29th, 2024
R5033 10/2/24, 10/7/24

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Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee will meet to discuss disbursement of ARPA funds at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Westfield Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, has been canceled due to lack of an agenda.

**Send Meeting Notices to:
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The Westfield City Council will meet in an executive session at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (D) discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction including a purchase, a lease as lessor, a lease as lessee, a transfer, an exchange, or a sale, up to the time a contract or option is executed.

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

MANNA AND QUAIL

Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. Then the Lord said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? Bear in mind that the Lord has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out." So the people rested on the seventh day.

The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. Moses said, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of Egypt.'"

So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the Lord to be kept for the generations to come."

As the Lord commanded Moses, Aaron put the manna with the tablets of the covenant law, so that it might be preserved. The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan.

(An omer is one-tenth of an ephah.)

Exodus 16:27-36 (NIV)

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

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

Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to obits@ReadTheReporter.com.

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Michael Lee Casey

January 18, 1938 – September 22, 2024

Michael Lee Casey, 86, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 22, 2024.

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Michael was a selfless and caring man with an incredible sense of humor and deep love for his family. He was a devout Christian who lived to give to others, generous in all aspects of the word through his immeasurable charitable work as well as with his time and spirit.

Michael was born on January 18, 1938, in Noblesville, where he was a lifelong resident, and was raised by Mary James (Sallade, mother), Joseph Casey (father), and William Sallade (stepfather). He graduated from Noblesville High School in 1956 before studying at Indiana State University and later graduating from Indiana Business College, then dedicating his career to Firestone/Bridgestone for 45 years.

Ever invested in his community, he served on the Noblesville City Council from 1971 to 1981 and was an active member of White River Christian Church of Noblesville. Michael was an avid athlete throughout his life. He participated in high school football, basketball, and track; coached Noblesville Elementary football; and remained active throughout his adult life – often walking several miles a day – into his 80s.

In 1960, Michael married his wife Ann G. Daughtery (Casey) whom he loved and adored for 64 blissful years. After retirement, he and Ann traveled the world, visiting numerous countries and embarking on countless cruises. Michael's love of travel paired with his selfless and generous nature led to a passion for missionary work throughout Jamaica and Bolivia spanning 20 years.

Michael will always be remembered for his easy smile, sharp wit, and love for his family. His influence was wide, and he leaves behind a legacy of compassion and laughter, evident in those who loved him.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his brother, James Casey, and stepbrothers, Robert Sallade, Bert McIntyre, and Bill McIntyre. He is survived by his children, Michael (Sue) Casey, Elizabeth (Scott) Sackers, Jennifer (Brian) Throgmorton; grandchildren, Zachary (Kate) Sackers, Peter (Chloe) Sackers, Nicole (Taylor) St. Charles, Ann Marie (Scott) Noble; great-grandchildren, Collins and Rory Noble; and stepbrother, Roger McIntyre.

A celebration of life will occur at a later date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers and in remembrance of Michael's life, the family requested donation to be given to Cyntheanne Christian Church, c/o Jamaica Missions, 13151 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers, IN 46037.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Thomas Gilner

May 17, 1948 – September 24, 2024

Thomas Gilner, 76, long time resident of Kokomo and Pendleton, Ind., passed away late afternoon on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, nine short months after his beloved bride, with his loved ones by his side. Thomas was born and grew up in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was the son of Robert and Lois (Menish) Gilner. Thom was married for 54 years to Brenda, but they had been a loving couple since their high school years.

Thom was preceded in death by his dad, mom, and older sister, Sue, and leaves behind sister, Nancy (Bill Atwell). Both Thom and Brenda were the immensely proud parents of their three daughters: Amanda A. (Doug) Cuttell of West Lafayette, Ind., Emily S. (Mike) McClelland of Westfield, and Meagan G. (Chris) Wilson of Noblesville.

In addition to their own children, Thom absolutely adored being "Popa" to his grandchildren: Natalie and Zach; Hagan and Campbell; Gavin (Bailey), Aiden (Samantha), Clayton, Ethan, Taylor, and Penelope.

Thom earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He bled maize and blue even though he superstitiously only watched the games through the cracks of his fingers (if he allowed himself to watch them at all). He then continued his education at Ball State University, earning his MBA. After college, Thom and Brenda moved to Kokomo, Ind. There, he spent a career-long journey with Delphi/General Motors as an electrical engineer – designing, testing, and perfecting some of today's most beneficial console car features. He retired in 2008 after dedicating 42 years of hard work.

To know Thom was to know a true, kind soul. He was a righteous and honest human and always did the right thing. He lived in a household full of women and showered them with nothing but love, gratitude, generosity, and everlasting support. He paved a strong path toward a life centered around family. He was the epitome of a man, husband, Dad, and Popa.

No visitation is planned. A celebration of Thom's life is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2024, any time between 1 and 3 p.m. at the Viking Meadows Club House, 15757 Viking Meadows Drive, Westfield.

In lieu of flowers or donations, the family asks that you follow in Thom's footsteps by being honest, showing strength, and everlasting support to others.

Inside Thom's wedding ring are the words, "Together, now and forever." The only comfort those of us he left behind now have is that he and Brenda are back together. Now and forever. Here is to Thomas Gilner... May you go with your angel.

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Custom built brick ranch with finished basement, sits on a wooded, tree lined lot, with 3BR, 2BA. Updated kitchen.
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CARMEL, FISHERS, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN, NOBLESVILLE, SHERIDAN, UNIVERSITY, WESTFIELD

Girls Soccer

Victories abound for several Hamilton County teams

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights girls soccer team finished third at the Hoosier Conference tournament last Saturday, winning the third-place game in penalty kicks.

The Huskies and the Bison played to a 1-1 tie after regulation and overtime. Natalie Marcum scored Heights' goal, with Addyson Ferguson making the assist. The Huskies won the PK round 3-1 to clinch third place.

Heights followed that up Monday with a 3-0 win at Ben Davis. Kylee Long scored two goals and Marcum scored one goal and made one assist. Ferguson also dished out one assist. Audrey Lang had eight saves as goalkeeper.

The Huskies are 11-2-3 and play their regular season finale tonight at Pendleton Heights.

Carmel picked up a pair of wins over the past few days as well.

Last Saturday, the Greyhounds beat Zionsville 3-1. Olivia Cebalo scored two goals, with Kate Klinginsmith putting in one goal. Elizabeth Horoho and Camryn Love both had one assist. Goalkeeper Mary Grace Knapp collected five saves.

Carmel won an all-county game over Westfield 2-1 on Monday. Klinginsmith and Cebalo both scored one goal, with Klinginsmith making one assist. Knapp had 14 saves.

The Greyhounds finished their regular season

11-3-2. The Shamrocks are 9-4-2 and conclude the regular season tonight by hosting Avon in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Noblesville beat Penn 2-0 last Saturday at Newton Park.

Meredith Tippner scored the Millers' first goal midway through the first half, with Sadie Black making the assist. Isabelle Meier put in a second-half goal with 18 minutes left in the second half; Tippner made the assist.

Bella Wyatt got her eighth shutout of the season.

Noblesville is 11-0-2 and hosts HCC opponent Franklin Central tonight to close the regular season.

Sheridan defeated Benton Central 4-0 Monday in its regular-season finale.

The Blackhawks scored two quick goals to begin the game. Abby Dallas put in the first goal off an assist by Cecilia Timme, then scored again minutes later

with a Sadie Timme assist. Makaley Terry scored the third goal right before half-time, then Mac Smith added another goal with three minutes to go in the second half; Cecilia Timme made the assist.

Goalkeeper Avery Hills made four saves and got the shutout. Sheridan finished the regular season 11-4-1.

University defeated Triton Central 3-0 on Tuesday.



Reporter photo by Julie Brown
University's Bella Miller Krigger scored all three goals for the Trailblazers during their Tuesday win over Triton Central.

Bella Miller Krigger scored all three of the Trailblazers' goals.

University is 7-6 and hosts Bethesda Christian on Friday in the Pioneer Conference placement game.

Fishers beat North Central 2-1 on Tuesday in its regular-season finale.

Elise May and Georgia Scott both scored one goal

for the Tigers, with May and Mya Williams each making one assist.

Fishers concluded the regular season 9-5-2.

Guerin Catholic dropped a 1-0 game last Saturday at South Bend St. Joseph.

The Golden Eagles are 6-4-4 and play Saturday at Pendleton Heights to finish the regular season.

Boys Soccer



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Carmel's William Cunningham battles for the ball during the Greyhounds' game with Harrison Tuesday.

Noblesville, Westfield, University get wins

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys soccer team clinched a share of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship on Tuesday by beating Franklin Central 4-0.

The Millers scored three minutes into the first half when Ben Hewitt put in a feed from Carsten Shidler. That would be the only goal of the half, but Noblesville dominated the second half with three goals.

Hewitt scored again off an assist by Ashton Hancock to put the Millers up 2-0. Caden Rice put in Noblesville's third goal, then Hancock sent a ball to Caedmon Todd, who scored the Millers' fourth goal.

The Millers finished HCC play with a 4-0-3 record, tying them with Hamilton Southeastern for the conference championship.

This game was also the regular-season finale; Noblesville completed its campaign with a 9-1-6 record.

Westfield finished its regular and HCC season with a win Tuesday, beating Avon 1-0.

Oliver Church scored the Shamrocks' goal, with Jacob Sundo making the assist. Goalkeeper Austin Butler made 10 saves.

Westfield completed its conference schedule with a

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Boys tennis sectional pairings announced

The REPORTER

The IHSAA announced the pairings for this week's boys tennis sectional tournament on Monday.

Hamilton County will have three sectional sites. All three sites will have semifinal play on Wednesday, with the championship matches taking place on Thursday.

Fishers will host Sectional 31. No. 9-ranked Hamilton Southeastern takes on Anderson in one semifinal, with the host and No. 21-ranked Tigers playing Pendleton Heights in the other semifinal. Matches begin at 5 p.m.

Carmel's Todd Witsken Tennis Center is the site of Sectional 35. The No. 3 and

defending state championship Greyhounds play No. 11 Guerin Catholic in one semifinal. University takes on No. 2 Zionsville in the other semifinal. Matches start at 5:15 p.m.

Noblesville will host Sectional 56. The No. 18 Millers, who made a run to the state finals last season, play No. 17 Westfield in one semifinal, with Hamilton Heights playing Lapel in the other semifinal. Matches begin at 4:30 p.m.

Today's winners advance to their respective Thursday championships. Those matches will begin at the same time at today's semifinal matches: Noblesville at 4:30 p.m., Fishers at 5 p.m. and Carmel at 5:15 p.m.

IHSAA announces boys & girls soccer tournament pairings

The REPORTER

The IHSAA revealed the sectional pairings for this year's boys and girls soccer tournaments last Sunday.

In the boys tournament, there will be four sectional sites across Hamilton County. Hamilton Southeastern hosts the seven-team Class 3A Sectional 8, which begins next Monday (Oct. 7) with Anderson playing Richmond in a first-round game.

The first-round continues Tuesday, Oct. 8 with Pendleton Heights playing the host Royals in the first game that evening, to be followed by the second game featuring Mount Vernon taking on Muncie Central.

The semifinals are set for Wednesday, Oct. 9. Fishers plays the winner of Monday's game in the first semifinal, with the Tuesday winners squaring off in the second semifinal.

Carmel's Brian Murray Stadium is the site of 3A Sectional 9, a six-team event. Three-time defending 3A state champion Noblesville opens play on Monday by taking on Westfield in a first-round game; that will be followed by Zionsville facing off against North Central.

The two Monday winners play each other Wednesday in the first semifinal. The Greyhounds will take on Brebeuf Jesuit in the second semi.

Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights travel to Park Tudor to compete in 2A Sectional 24, a seven-team site. Both teams will play their first-round games on Tuesday: The Huskies take on Tri-West and the Golden

Eagles play Park Tudor.

The Tuesday winners will take on each other in the second Wednesday semifinal. Heritage Christian plays the first semifinal against the winner of a Monday first-round game between Lapel and Western Boone.

Two county teams will meet in the first round of 1A Sectional 40 at Southmont, University and Sheridan play the opening game Monday, followed by another first-round game between Bethesda Christian and North Putnam.

The two Monday winners play in the first semifinal on Wednesday, with Covenant Christian taking on the host Mounties in the second semifinal.

Girls pairings

Noblesville's Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex will host the seven-team Class 3A Sectional 8. The two-time defending state champion Millers play the sectional opener on Tuesday, taking on Anderson in the first game.

There will be two first-round games on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Pendleton Heights squares off against Muncie Central in the first game, then Hamilton Southeastern plays Fishers in the second game. The semifinals take place on Thursday, Oct. 10, with Mount Vernon playing the Tuesday winner in the opening semifinal and the Wednesday winners facing off in the second semifinal.

Two county teams will play at Zionsville for 3A Sectional 9, a seven-team site. Carmel plays Lawrence Central in the Tuesday opener. Wednesday's

action begins with North Central taking on Cathedral, then the host Eagles play Westfield in the second game.

Lawrence North plays the Tuesday winner in the first semifinal on Thursday, with the Wednesday winners facing off in the second semifinal.

Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights will play at 2A Sectional 26 at Brebeuf Jesuit, a five-team site. The Huskies take on the host Braves on Tuesday, the only game that night.

The winner will advance to play Park Tudor in the second semifinal. The first semifinal will see the defending 2A state champion Golden Eagles play Bishop Chatard.

In Class 1A, Sheridan plays in the five-team Sectional 38 at Lafayette Cen-

tral Catholic. The Blackhawks will face the winner of Tuesday's first-round game between Rossville and North White in Thursday's second semifinal. The first semifinal features Faith Christian playing the host Knights.

University plays in 1A Sectional 41, a seven-team site at Heritage Christian. The Trailblazers play in Thursday's first semifinal against the winner of a Tuesday first-round game between Cardinal Ritter and Covenant Christian. The other two first-round games take place Wednesday: Seccina takes on Bethesda Christian in the opener, then Christel House plays the host Eagles in the second game.

All championship games at each sectional take place on Saturday.

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Volleyball

Heights 8th-grade volleyball team nets MIC Championship

Submitted

For the second year in a row, Hamilton Heights Middle School's eighth-grade volleyball teams rose to the challenge of tournament competition to bring home the Mid-Indiana Conference (MIC) Championship title.

The Lady Huskies eighth-grade team beat the Tipton Blue Devils in the first round of the tournament 25-6 and 25-20. They played the Logansport Berries Saturday winning them in two games 25-10 and 25-12. They faced the Western Panthers and won 25-11 and 25-8 for the championship game.

“The girls played incredibly!” Coach Shalyn Garrison said. “They played as a team and in sync with each other! I couldn't be more proud of these girls and how much they have improved throughout the season!”



The Heights eighth-grade volleyball team and their coach. (Back row, from left) Coach Shalyn Garrison, Chloe Stuart, Reagan Van Kirk, Elena Tebbe, Riley Suarez, Mila Mann, and Dalyla Burrow. (Front row, from left) Klaeh Griffith, Megan Waldron, Olivia Mackey, Ella Worley, and Camille Powell.

Huskies get their 20th season win

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights volleyball team reached the 20-win mark on Monday.

The Huskies took care of Seccina in four sets, 25-16, 21-25, 25-12, 25-23. Heights got good swings in the front row and solid serves from Kennedy Cherry in the first set, then rebounded after dropping the second set with strong defense in the third set. Emma Blanton totaled 12 kills for the game.

Last Saturday, the Huskies won two matches at the Harrison Invitational. Heights started with a 25-7, 25-13 victory over Plainfield, then beat the host Raiders 25-19, 25-22. Sierra Bramel dished out 33 assists for the tournament, while Olivia Schiffler began the Plainfield match with a 7-0 serving run.

The Huskies are 20-3 and play tonight at Delta.

Westfield scored a Senior Night sweep on Monday, beating North Central 25-20, 25-19, 25-17.

Paige Rudolph put down seven kills for the Shamrocks, while Audrey Davis had six kills. Kendyl Strack served three aces and collected 19 digs on defense. Rudolph also had 14 digs. Izzy Jackson made 19 assists and Emily Blevins dished out 11.

Last Saturday, Westfield went 2-0 at the Yorktown

Four-Way.

The Rocks first beat Noblesville in four sets 26-28, 25-15, 25-14, 25-18. Carsyn Comer and Rudolph both hit 11 kills, with Bassett hitting nine and Davis eight. Blevins served five aces and Bassett hit three.

Comer was dominant at the net with five blocks. Strack made 19 digs, Blevins collected 14 and Jackson had 13. Jackson handed out 25 assists and Blevins dished out 21.

Chloe Macias had 12 kills for the Millers, with Lauren Flynn hitting 10. Macias also made four blocks. Maggie Hall had 13 digs and Madison Brown dished out 27 assists.

Westfield then beat Fort Wayne Carroll in four sets, 25-16, 25-22, 15-25, 25-22. Bassett smacked 14 kills, while Comer and Rudolph both hit nine. Blevins served five aces and Comer made three blocks. Strack collected 18 digs, followed by Jackson with 10. Jackson also had 26 assists and Blevins handed out 17.

Noblesville dropped its second match to host Yorktown, 25-15, 25-16, 25-13.

Ashlynn Turner had seven kills, with Brown handing out 18 assists. Hall collected 12 digs.

The Millers swept Heritage Christian on Tuesday,

25-10, 25-17, 25-15.

Westfield is 18-6 and plays a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match tonight at Avon. Noblesville is 16-6 and plays at Hamilton Southeastern Thursday in an HCC match.

Hamilton Southeastern swept four matches at the Crown Point Invitational last Saturday.

The Royals swept Elkhart 25-16, 25-8; Lindsey Mangelson hit 12 kills and Ava Hunter had 19 assists. Mangelson hit another 12 kills in Southeastern's 25-16, 25-12 victory over Bishop Noll. Madison Miles put down 11 kills. Mangelson also had 11 digs. Jasmine Daniels dished out 17 assists and Hunter handed out 14 assists.

The Royals continued to roll with a 25-16, 25-19 win over Homestead. Mangelson once again hit 12 kills, with Hunter handing out 21 assists. Southeastern swept Crown Point 25-22, 25-21; Mangelson and Miles both put down nine kills. Hunter had 26 assists.

The Royals are 23-2 and host Noblesville tonight in an HCC match.

Sheridan beat Rossville in four sets Tuesday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference match.

The set scores were 25-16, 23-25, 25-22, 25-15. Trinity Parkin hit 12 kills, while Lainey Mendenhall and Kenzie Garner both put down 10 kills. Mendenhall also made six blocks and Adria Jump dished out 39

assists.

The Blackhawks' defense combined for 87 digs. Meredith Krupp collected 20 digs, followed by 17 for Parkin, 15 for Garner, 14 for Jump and 12 for Nova Cross.

Sheridan finished HHC play in second place with a 6-1 record; Eastern won the conference title with a 7-0 record. The Blackhawks are 13-8 overall and play Thursday at Mississinewa.

Guerin Catholic swept Cardinal Ritter on Tuesday, 25-16, 25-14, 25-22.

Last Saturday, the Golden Eagles went 2-2 at the Cathedral Invitational. Guer-in Catholic got two-set wins over Blackhawk Christian (25-19, 25-16) and Columbus East (25-18, 25-16), while falling to New Castle (25-15, 25-15) and New Albany (16-25, 25-22, 15-7).

The Golden Eagles are 11-14 and play tonight at Lebanon.

University split two matches at the Pioneer Conference tournament last Saturday.

The Trailblazers beat Park Tudor 25-21, 25-16, then fell to Muncie Burris 25-12, 25-16.

University is 8-11 and hosts Rooted School on Friday.

Fishers dropped a five-set match to Mount Vernon Tuesday, 25-22, 22-25, 25-14, 22-25, 15-10.

The Tigers are 16-12 and play Saturday at the Greenfield-Central Invitational.

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3-1-3 record and is 7-3-4 in regular-season play.

University finished its regular season with a 3-0 win over Triton Central on Monday.

The Trailblazers are 4-10.

Carmel split a pair of games to begin the week.

On Monday, the Greyhounds beat Guerin Catholic

2-0. Owen Price and Mikey Kubek each scored one goal. Carmel fell to Harrison 3-1 on Tuesday.

The Hounds are 5-6-3 and host Hamilton Southeastern on Thursday to finish the regular season.

The Golden Eagles beat Lafayette Central Catholic on Tuesday. Guerin Catholic is 4-9-1 and hosts Fort Wayne Canterbury on Saturday in its regular-season finale.

Indiana H.S. soccer polls

BOYS CLASS 3A	GIRLS CLASS 3A
1. Center Grove	1. Hamilton Southeastern
2. Hamilton Southeastern	2. Noblesville
3. Noblesville	3. Castle
4. Zionsville	4. Carmel
5. Harrison	5. Westfield
6. Fort Wayne Carroll	6. Evansville Memorial
7. Fishers	7. Crown Point
8. Bloomington South	8. Cathedral
9. Cathedral	9. Zionsville
10. Goshen	10. Homestead
11. Columbus North	11. Center Grove
12. Westfield	12. East Central
13. Concord	13. Northridge
14. Munster	14. Brownsburg
15. Castle	15. Penn
16. Warsaw	16. Bloomington South
17. Crown Point	17. Valparaiso
18. Carmel	18. Mount Vernon
19. Chesterton	19. Fishers
20. Brownsburg	T20. Fort Wayne Carroll
	T20. Columbus North
BOYS CLASS 2A	GIRLS CLASS 2A
1. Evansville Memorial	1. South Bend St. Joseph
2. Bishop Luers	2. Mishawaka Marian
3. Illiana Christian	3. Lawrenceburg
4. Bishop Chatard	4. Bishop Dwenger
5. Heritage Hills	5. Bishop Chatard
6. South Bend St. Joseph	6. Park Tudor
7. Park Tudor	7. Guerin Catholic
8. Concordia Lutheran	8. Evansville Mater Dei
9. Cascade	9. Brebeuf Jesuit
10. Washington	10. Roncalli
11. Hanover Central	11. Heritage Hills
12. West Lafayette	12. Hanover Central
13. Leo	13. Gibson Southern
14. Speedway	14. Silver Creek
15. Eastbrook	15. NorthWood
16. West Noble	16. Hamilton Heights
17. Bishop Dwenger	17. Highland
18. Boone Grove	18. Fort Wayne Canterbury
19. Cardinal Ritter	19. Belmont
20. Switzerland County	20. Washington
BOYS CLASS 1A	GIRLS CLASS 1A
1. Covenant Christian	1. Heritage Christian
2. Faith Christian	2. Evansville Christian
3. Bethany Christian	3. Providence
4. Forest Park	4. Oldenburg Academy
5. Greenwood Christian	5. Monrovia
6. Westview	6. Trinity
7. Providence	7. Westview
8. Blackhawk Christian	8. Forest Park
9. Muncie Burris	9. Elkhart Christian Academy
10. Southwestern Shelby	10. Bethesda Christian
11. Oldenburg Academy	11. Sheridan
12. South Knox	12. Faith Christian
13. White River Valley	13. Lafayette Central Catholic
14. Wheeler	14. Switzerland County
15. North Putnam	15. Bremen
16. Indianapolis Lutheran	16. Wheeler
17. Fort Wayne Canterbury	17. Greencastle
18. Christian Academy of Indiana	18. Eastbrook
19. Covington	19. White River Valley
20. Kouts	20. Andean

Cross Country Rankings

Courtesy the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (iatccc.org)

BOYS	GIRLS
1. Brownsburg	1. Carmel
2. Noblesville	2. Concordia Lutheran
3. Bloomington North	3. Homestead
4. Columbus North	4. Lake Central
5. Carmel	5. Columbus North
6. Hamilton Southeastern	6. Noblesville
7. Evansville Reitz	7. Penn
8. Fishers	8. Brebeuf Jesuit
9. Mount Vernon	9. Franklin Central
10. Homestead	10. Valparaiso
11. Northridge	11. Zionsville
12. Valparaiso	12. North Central
13. Franklin Central	13. Hamilton Southeastern
14. Warsaw	14. Westfield
15. Penn	15. Harrison
16. Avon	16. Fishers
17. North Central	17. Floyd Central
18. Center Grove	18. Bishop Chatard
19. Lake Central	19. Brownsburg
20. Zionsville	20. Morgan Township
21. Elkhart	21. Avon
22. Floyd Central	22. Columbia City
23. Westfield	23. East Central
24. West Lafayette	24. Bloomington South
25. Ben Davis	25. Crown Point

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 7:30 pm Franklin Central vs Noblesville | Varsity Soccer | Noblesville High School

Thurs Oct 3 - Boys Soccer & Volleyball
 5:30 pm Lawrence Central vs Noblesville | Boys JV Gold Soccer | Noblesville H.S.
 6:30 pm University vs Bishop Chatard | Volleyball | Indiana SRN

Fri Oct 4 - IHSAA High School Football
 7:00 pm Franklin Central vs Fishers | Fishers Sports Network
 7:00 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports
 7:00 pm Brownsburg vs Zionsville | Indiana SRN
 7:00 pm Shelbyville vs Mt Vernon | Indiana SRN
 7:00 pm Speedway vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN
 7:00 pm Hamilton Heights vs Twin Lakes | Paid-per-View | Husky Sports
 7:00 pm Sheridan vs Delphi | Bragg Sports Media
 7:10 pm Evansville Reitz vs Evansville Memorial | Indiana SRN

Sat Oct 5 - Freshman & College Football
 10:00 am Westfield vs Fishers | Freshman Football | Fishers Sports Network
 1:15 pm Bluffton vs Manchester | IHeartland Collegiate Athletic Conferences | Indiana SRN

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct. 2
BOYS SOCCER Muncie Burris at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m. Sheridan at Taylor, 7 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER Hamilton Heights at Pendleton Heights, 7 p.m. Mount Vernon at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:15 p.m. Avon at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Franklin Central at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
TENNIS SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS At Noblesville, 4:30 p.m. Noblesville vs. Westfield Hamilton Heights vs. Lapel At Fishers, 5 p.m. Anderson vs. Hamilton Southeastern Pendleton Heights vs. Fishers At Carmel, 5:15 p.m. Guerin Catholic vs. Carmel University vs. Zionsville
UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL Westfield at Southport, 7 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL Cathedral at Carmel, 7 p.m. Hamilton Heights at Delta, 7 p.m. Westfield at Avon, 7 p.m.
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