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Legacy Walk opens at Roberts Settlement

By AMY ADAMS
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The Legacy Walk at Roberts Settlement held its dedication and grand opening on Thursday, Oct. 3. At the ceremony, Indiana Chief Equity, Opportunity, and Inclusion Officer Kerrah Herring read a proclamation, signed by Gov. Eric Holcomb, declaring Oct. 3 to be Black Pioneer Day in Indiana.

Roberts Settlement is a community in northern Hamilton County founded in the 1830s by free Black settlers of mixed-race heritage when southern slavery threatened their freedoms and way of life.

"This history is an important part of the rich and diverse Hamilton County, Indiana – history that belongs to all of us," said Roberts Settlement Board of Trustees Vice President Bryan Glover.

Invitees to the 3 p.m. dedication were encouraged to take time before and after a presentation and ribbon cutting to explore the newly unveiled installations of the Legacy Walk.

An entry structure titled "Morning Light" features a man



Board President LaVella Hyter cut the ribbon to mark the grand opening of the Legacy Walk at Roberts Settlement. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

of weathering steel holding a lantern. Along that path, four themed stations depict "Roots & Migration," "Process & Perseverance," "Faith & Education," and "Legacy & Footprints." Each station includes a bench and an interpretive panel with photos, maps, and other graphics. The design is the

work of Display Dynamics, an exhibit company located in Dayton, Ohio.

"Nowhere has a community been able to accomplish what we see here today," said Eunice Trotter, director of the Indiana Landmarks' Black Heritage Preservation Program.

Communities like Roberts Settlement established across Indiana in the 19th Century by free or freed African Americans number from the dozens to the hundreds, depending on who you ask.

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Slathering gentleness & grace

Gentleness is a force to be reckoned with. I learned that from my mother.

If you ever knew my mother, you would know she was a kind and gentle soul. She never was one to raise her voice. She never talked ugly and would not use harsh words, but let me tell you this: she was a force to be reckoned with.

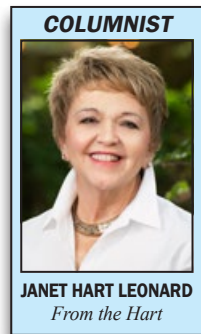
Mom taught me to be kind and gentle in spirit. She showed me how gentleness could withstand the forces of anger and control.

I've learned to slather my words with gentleness, but it is not always easy. I was reminded of this recently when I told a friend about something I was contemplating doing. Before I could explain my thought process, she said, "Well, let me tell you my opinion." I heard the click of her verbal ammunition entering the chamber of her voice when she said, "You may not like it." There was nothing gentle about her opinion. I remember hearing the word "stupid."

I walked away, feeling the pain of her hurtful words as well as the bites on my tongue. I kept thinking, "Slather grace, Janet."

At 69 years old, this buttercup is pretty tough. However, my heart is tender. Whoever said, "Stick and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me," was full of malarkey. Did you know that rhyme has been used as early as 1862? Physical

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Shinnemans check Germany off their marathon bucket list



Photo provided

Amy & Jamie Shinneman ran the Berlin Marathon on Sept. 29 ... and they finished with a time of 3:24:11! Through Team Humbly Courageous, they raised \$8,407 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Thank you to everyone who supported the Shinnemans in their fundraising efforts.

Orr Fellow turns his own juvenile diabetes into non-profit crusade

The REPORTER

Will Oberndorfer is an alumnus of Orr Fellowship, an Indiana-focused early career development program that recruits, assesses and matches college graduates with future-focused Indiana businesses. The program has a network of 624 alumni and 120 current Fellows, working across 73 industries and 273 companies.

Oberndorfer is also the executive director for Diabetes Will's Way, a nonprofit based in Carmel that he and his mother co-founded a decade ago.

"Orr is a postgraduate program for college grads," Oberndorfer told The Reporter. "It's a two-year program where our mission is to recruit and develop the next generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs. And that sounds very canned because we say it at every meeting. Really what it is to me is a community of young, hardworking, high-achieving professionals. We get to grow and learn, and then also be together as we experience this transition out of college and into our first, second, and third jobs. It's a network that we get to just leverage and be a part of. And it's just an awesome, powerful community where we get leadership development and things on top of it as well."

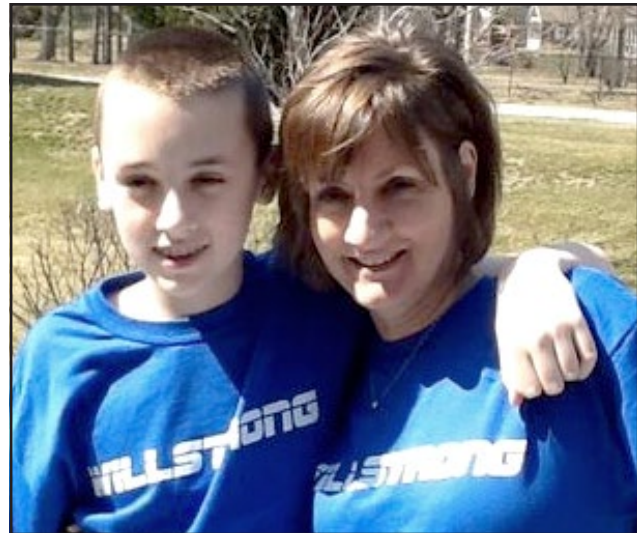


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Since his type 1 diabetes diagnosis at age 13, Will Oberndorfer always had the full support of his family.



Oberndorfer

Oberndorfer was matched with Milestone Business Solutions Inc., where he remains employed today. His work at Diabetes Will's Way is what makes his story stand out. It is an organization supporting

During his Fellowship, See Fellow . . . Page A4

Mr. Muffin's takes trip to Tipton

Hobby show includes free Nickel Plate Express train rides for attendees

The REPORTER

Stephen and Liz Nelson, owners of Mr. Muffin's Trains in Atlanta, are hosting a train and hobby show at the Tipton County Fairgrounds, 1200 S. Main St., Tipton, on Oct. 25 and 26.

"We have hosted shows before in Atlanta on Main Street and in the Community Center, but we wanted to do something bigger and include hobbies beyond Model Railroad-ing," Stephen Nelson, a.k.a. Mr. Muffin, told The Reporter. "This will also be unique – more of a hands-on demonstration format as we show introductions to several

hobbies and hobby techniques."

Mr. Muffin's Trains, 165 E. Main St., Atlanta, is home to one of the largest O-gauge model train layouts on this continent.

"Liz and I believe hobbies are very important," Mr. Muffin said. "They provide a relief from the constant interrupt-driven society we have developed where one can focus on one thing, hopefully without interruption, be creative, and enjoy something that you are really interested in."

The hobby show in Tipton will include information sessions on model railroading topics, including

building a layout, modular railroading, kit construction, creating scenery, and adding details to your models.

"We will also be showing military miniature modeling including scenery, remote-controlled models, and a games workshop with models for strategy games and model rockets," Mr. Muffin said. "We also welcome other hobbyists that would like to participate, show their collection, and talk with attendees about their hobby. They are welcome to email me for more information and to reserve a space at mrmuffin@mrmuffintrains.com."

You can buy advance tickets to attend the hobby show, reserve a vendor's table, and see a full list of planned workshops online at MrMuffinsShow.com.

People attending the hobby show on Friday, Oct. 25, will be given a wristband entitling them to a free ride on the Nickel Plate Express (NPX). Just take your wristband roughly four miles south west State Road 19 to downtown Atlanta and you will be able to enjoy a roundtrip ride to Cicero. NPX passengers will ride through northern Hamilton County in style in historic 1950s era "Hi-Level" passenger cars.

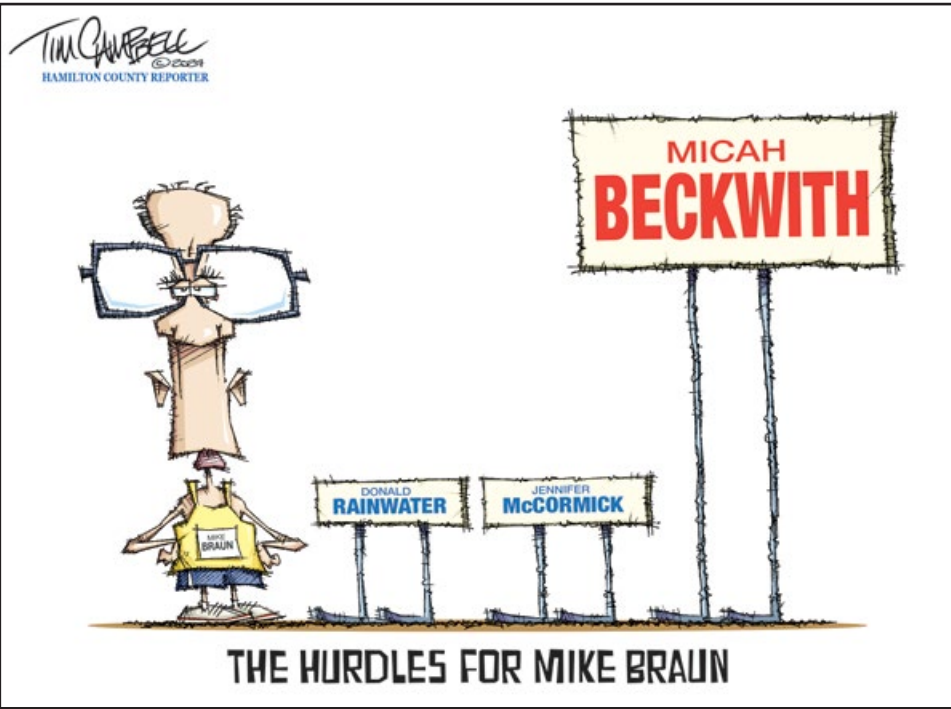


Photo by TJ Whitmer / WISH-TV

Indiana State Police searched the home and property of Atlanta Utilities Superintendent Andy Emmert last Wednesday.

Atlanta places Emmert on leave amid State Police investigation

The REPORTER

Last Wednesday morning, the Indiana State Police (ISP) began an investigation in Atlanta that effectively shut down most of the town.

Dozens of ISP cars were on the scene at multiple municipal buildings and at the home of Atlanta Utilities Superintendent and Building Commissioner Andy Emmert.

ISP told The Reporter this is an active investigation, which means there will be very limited information coming from them until a later date.

The Atlanta Town Hall, along with other local government buildings, were shut down throughout Wednesday.

At press time no arrests had been made, but ISP did remove two classic Oldsmobile Cutlass automobiles from Emmert's property.

One witness told The Reporter several guns were



Photo by TJ Whitmer / WISH-TV

This is one of the two Cutlasses hauled off of Emmert's property last Wednesday afternoon.

also removed from Emmert's home.

Then, last Thursday afternoon, The Reporter received the following statement from the Town of Atlanta:

"The Town of Atlanta is aware of the ongoing investigation by the Indiana State Police and is fully cooperating with the investigation. It is the Town's understanding that it is not the target of the investigation. The Town is

awaiting further information from law enforcement as to the result of the investigation. Until the Town has additional information, Utility Superintendent and Building Commissioner Andy Emmert will be on administrative leave.

As more information becomes available, The Hamilton County Reporter and our news gathering partners at WISH-TV Channel 8 will have further coverage.

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



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.

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 Indianak9sar.org.

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Going Purple with Prevail



Photo provided by Sheryl Rodgers

The Indiana Peony Festival Fall Floral Gala committee members were proud to support #GoPurpleWithPrevail this October during their recent planning meeting. Learn more about Prevail at prevailinc.org, and get tickets to the Fall Floral Gala at tinyurl.com/FallFloralGala2024. If your business or organization Goes Purple With Prevail, send a photo to News@ReadTheReporter.com and we'll put in the pages of Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper.



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The Glenn brothers: Donald, James, and Nathan.

Story of Sheridan's first black family

Let's travel back 80-some years in Indiana history!

The year was 1930 in Sheridan, long before the Civil Rights movement and long before marches

and desegregation. Groups of Indiana Shakers (similar to Shakers) would scout southern black churches for black families to relocate to Indiana to work the farmland.



STEVEN J. GLENN
For The Reporter

fact there was only one black family there. The three Glenn children went from first grade to high school with their white counterparts. The Glens were great students and athletes.

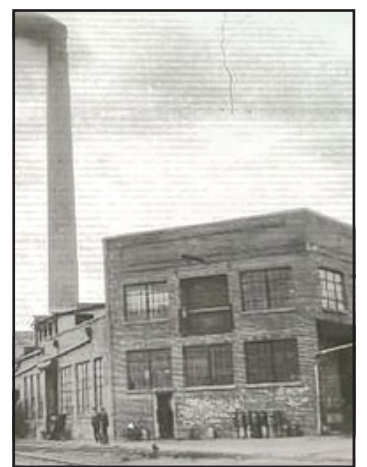


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The former Wilson Milk Company of Sheridan.

Julius Glenn, a descendant of slaves, took the Shakers up on their offer. He moved from Tennessee to Sheridan, Ind., and the Glenn family became the first black residents of Sheridan.

The Wilson Milk Company was a notable company located in Sheridan, and Julius later became employed at Wilson's. The Wilson Milk Company was a prestigious job in 1930 Sheridan. Every Glenn family member worked for the milk company at one time or another. After a few years, Julius Glenn bought a home and some land in Sheridan.

Some years later, Julius married Edna Tapp from Crawfordsville, Ind. The Tapp family at that time was the only black family in Crawfordsville. Edna graduated from Normal College, which is now Indiana State University. Sadly, blacks were not allowed to teach in Sheridan. Edna Glenn became a housewife and mother to three children, Nathan, James, and Donald, who were all born in Sheridan.

Sheridan schools did not segregate like Indianapolis schools due to the

to Mrs. Cline, a dedicated teacher who taught all three Glenn children. She and others took a genuine interest in the Glens and deserve credit for their success.

Nathan and James graduated from Indiana University. Donald later graduated from Butler University. This was unheard of during this age. Nathan became an executive with International Harvester. James became a medical doctor and has a hospital named after him in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Donald became principal of Broad Ripple High School and served there for 10 years.

The Glenn family naturally endured extreme racism in the 1930s and 1940s, yet the kind acts of a few people propelled their success. I believe many families, black and white, have forgotten that without a quality education, there is no FUTURE.

The Glenn, Glover, and White reunion is held every year at Noblesville Park.

Editor's note: Steven J. Glenn is the son of Donald Glenn. Thank you, Steven, for sharing this important piece of local history.

Prevail invites you to Go Purple

"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 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



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.

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 survivor 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 (@prevail.inc) 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."

Fishers High School senior earns prestigious Congressional Award

Submitted

Fishers High School senior Trenton Qualls has earned the prestigious Congressional Award Gold Medal, a recognition that honors the dedication and perseverance of young Americans.

Unlike many awards based on competition or grades, this recognition is designed for students who are committed to personal growth and community service. It was established by Congress in 1979, encouraging youth to achieve personal goals in four key areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.

Qualls has worked consistently over the last two years to meet the requirements for the Gold Medal, completing least 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development, and 200 hours of physical fitness. Additionally, he had to embark on a week-long expedition in a new environment and culture.

Reflecting on his experience, he shared, "What I en-

joy so much is helping others and giving them a smile. I don't like it when people are sad or struggling. Whenever I see someone who needs help, I ask, 'Hey, can I help you with that?' Knowing that I've helped them always makes me feel better, too."

Trenton's journey toward earning the award was inspired by his father, who introduced him to the program a few years ago, just after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"My dad was looking at different opportunities and asked me if I wanted to take on the Congressional Award. At first, I wasn't sure if I could do it," Qualls recalled. "With swimming, Scouts, and schoolwork, it seemed like a lot. But over time, I realized I could do it with the support of my family and my troop."

As a high school senior, Qualls is now reflecting on the lessons learned through this journey, emphasizing the importance of balance.

"If you want to make the most of your high school experience, take advantage of as many opportunities



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Trenton Qualls (right) and Fishers High School Principal Jason Urban.

as you can, but make sure it's not a burden. Last year, I took on too much at once, and although it was fun, it can be overwhelming. Hit the ground running but know when to pace yourself."

Trenton Qualls' achievement is not just a win – it's an earned milestone, a reflection of the hard work, commitment, and self-growth that the Congressional Award stands for.

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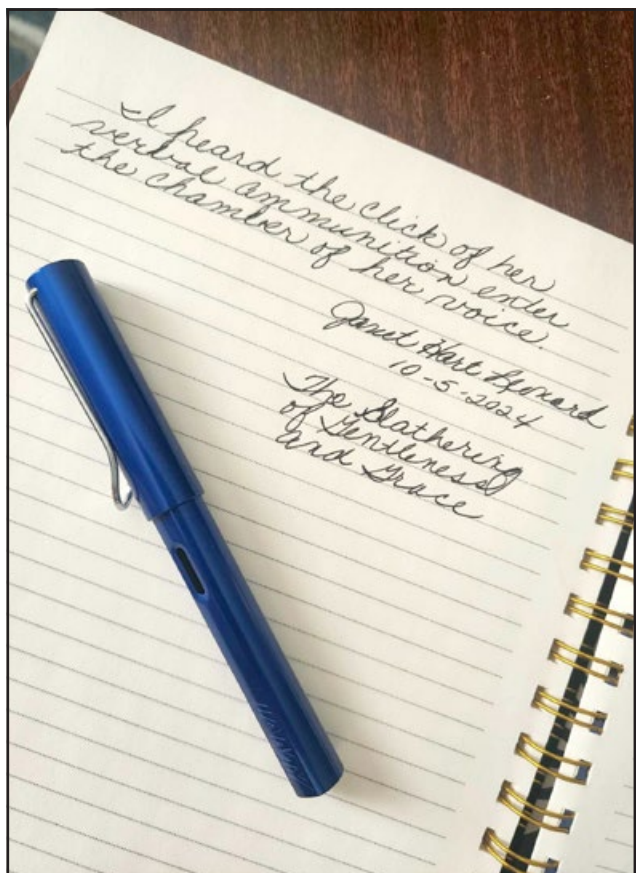


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wounds heal, but verbal wounds are heard in the heart for a lifetime.

Gentleness is a soft presence. So many have lost the understanding of gentleness. It is not being weak. You can stand your ground and yet be gentle.

Whenever my mother would point her crooked arthritic fingers, I knew her thoughts would be gentle but direct. You better listen up. She sifted her thoughts and opinions through gentleness and kindness and knew how to get her point across without hurtful words.

Although people may not have always liked what my mother said, they were never harmed. She always took the time to process her words before she spoke.

Gentleness is defined as the quality of being kind, tender, and meek. It takes more effort to be kind and tender than to react with angry and ugly words. Meek is not weak. The definition of meek is enduring injury with patience and without resentment.

My tongue was loaded with words I wanted to say to my friend. I walked away, making excuses for her in my mind. I admit I wanted to give a not-so-nice rebuttal to her opinion. Words have been known to jerk a knot in someone's tail. Biting my tongue allowed me not to use those words. I'm a work in progress on the meekness thing.

We live in a loud, angry and chaotic world. We tend

to give our opinions without hearing the whole story.

After my friend shared her thoughts with me, it got me thinking. When have I jumped to conclusions, made assumptions, and delivered my thoughts and opinions in a not-so-nice manner? I've been guilty of giving a verdict before I had all the facts.

I've been the judge, jury, and executioner with my words. Growing older and gaining more wisdom has made me less judgmental and quick to respond. Being slow to speak is a virtue.

In the future, will I share my thoughts on what I might do with my friend? That is a no. Does she read my columns? That is also a no. Does she care that she hurt me with her words? I don't know if she even thought about it. Do I still consider her a friend? Absolutely. I have slathered her with grace.

My mother would have been proud of me when I walked away. All these years later, I still hear her voice telling me, "Janet, be kind and gentle, and don't be ugly."

Mom, it's not always easy, but ... you still know best, and your words are still a force to be reckoned with.

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Carmel takes strategic steps to strengthen Christkindlmarkt while protecting taxpayers

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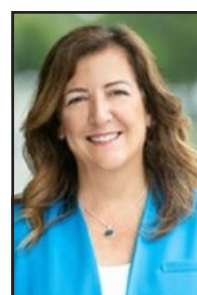
As the footprint for the Carmel Christkindlmarkt takes shape at Carter Green, city leaders are advancing a plan to ensure the longevity and superior quality of one of the Midwest's premier holiday events, with an eye on protecting taxpayers.

As a city event operated by a non-profit organization, the Christkindlmarkt has enjoyed impressive growth under the leadership of market chief executive officer Maria Adele Rosenfeld since being formed in 2017 – in activities and offerings, number of at-

tendees, and reputation. However, as the market has grown, so has the city's investment, with direct costs expected to exceed \$1.5 million this year.

While the city has benefited in the form of restaurant and small business sales, city leaders have never attempted to recoup direct expenses incurred by taxpayers.

Now is a crucial time, Mayor Sue Finkam said, to establish a new governance



Finkam

framework for the event that better supports its future success and defrays the significant annual investment made by the city.

Mayor Finkam said the Christkindlmarkt changes will start with the formation of an advisory board of community members representing an array of expertise to work alongside market leadership, focusing on attendee experience.

"The advisory board will help support event operations

for the Carmel Christkindlmarkt that assures it continues to be a treasured attraction for our residents and for the thousands of others introduced to or reacquainted with our community as part of this event," Finkam said.

Executive board members have been appointed that will consider financial and staffing resources devoted to the event and how the revenue can best be directed to both the benefit of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt and to supporting other vital city needs like public safety and infrastructure.

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"Though America may be rich in diverse history, our society has often been poor in representing the history and in funding its protection, conservation, and recognition," said Tiffany Tolbert, senior director for preservation with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

However, in the early half of the 20th Century, descendants of the original Roberts Settlement established bylaws. In addition to stating that the church and cemetery would be preserved, the bylaws called for an annual homecoming on the Saturday closest to July 4. This past July, the Roberts Settlement celebrated its 100th homecoming, so it is only fitting that 2024 also mark the installation of the Legacy Walk.

Another goal the bylaws set in place is to record and promote the history of Roberts Settlement.

"We are blessed that we have been able to make this our story, put in our own words," Board President LaVella Hyter said. "We know it is factual. It is real. It comes from a preponderance of all of the data we have collected, all of the historical documents that we have collected, all of the content that we have fortunately been able to gather and preserve for many, many decades, and even centuries."

Roberts Settlement raised more than \$400,000 in grants and private donations to make the dream of presenting its history through the Legacy Walk a reality.

In honor of some of those contributions, Glover

presented an original Rebecca Robinson canvas titled "Northern Pioneers" to Beck's Hybrids and another titled "Future Pioneers" to the Crosser Family Foundation. Official Legacy Walk artist Rebecca Robinson is an award-winning mixed-media artist and an active leader in the Indianapolis art community.

Following the afternoon ceremony, the Legacy Walk opened to the public at 6 p.m.

"The work done here at Roberts Settlement is stellar," Trotter said. "I believe it will become a model of what can be done."

For Hyter, Glover, and other Roberts descendants, that work continues. Plans for Phase 2 of the Legacy Walk include adding QR codes throughout the exhibit that will be linked to a web-based story app to provide more in-depth information and education.

"Our pioneers provided



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

Indiana Chief Equity, Opportunity, and Inclusion Officer Kerrah Herring presents Roberts Settlement Board Vice President Bryan Glover with a proclamation, signed by Governor Eric Holcomb, declaring Oct. 3 to be Black Pioneer Day in Indiana.

for us road maps to get here, so what we hope is that this Legacy Walk will be a road map not just for our family but for everybody who takes this journey, takes this route, to learn about this history," Hyter said.

The Legacy Walk at Roberts Settlement is located at 3102 E. 276th St., just east of U.S. 31. The self-guided exhibit is lit at night and open anytime. To learn more, visit RobertsSettlement.org.

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families and children facing type 1 diabetes by bridging the gap between what insurance covers and the resources needed for children to thrive.

The organization helps the families of young diabetics, age 26 and under.

"To date, we've given out 416 grants, totaling just over \$381,000," Oberndorfer said. "We've hit 33 different states now."

Even with that national reach, Oberndorfer focuses on helping Hoosiers.

"We've given 112 grants to families here in Indiana," Oberndorfer said.

The reason the organization focuses on helping the families of younger diabetics is because Oberndorfer was himself diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the age of 13.

"It was definitely a big

change," Oberndorfer said. "Diabetes, it's chronic. It doesn't take a break. And if you take a break from it, it hits you twice as hard. But being that young, I think I was adaptable. I was really fortunate to have a great support system – a great family. They all showed up at the hospital. My sisters came home from college. And they helped me learn the disease."

While Oberndorfer was fortunate that his family did not have a particularly difficult time affording the care and supplies needed to manage his diabetes, Diabetes Will's Way exists to help those who are not as lucky.

"We're a small-budget organization," Oberndorfer said, "Our largest year has been around \$55,000 in grants."

Diabetes Will's Way offers two types of grants.

"The first, our primary type of grant, is a durable medical equipment grant," Oberndorfer said. "What that means is basically any insulin pump or continuous glucose monitor, which is just something that you attach to yourself to monitor your blood sugar at all times. They're expensive pieces of equipment that our families need. A lot of times we specifically help underinsured families who, when they get this prescription, have a high out-of-pocket cost. So it could be three, four thousand dollars that they have to pay out of pocket after insurance covers it for their insulin pump. It could be a few hundred dollars for their continuous glucose monitor. We come in and pay the ven-

dor on their behalf for these grants so that burden of that out-of-pocket cost is lifted from them."

The second type of grant Diabetes Will's Way offers is an emergency cash grant.

"That's more for your month-to-month supplies and diabetes-related hospital bills that you might have," Oberndorfer said. "Those types of things are where we can step in and provide some one-time support to help a family kind of get over the hump or get to the next paycheck."

You can learn more about Diabetes Will's Way online at DiabetesWillsWay.com.

The website has abundant information on the organization itself, how it began, many of the families it helps, and links either to donate directly or attend fundraisers.

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S&P Global assigns Hamilton County ‘AAA’ long-term rating

The REPORTER

S&P Global Ratings has assigned Hamilton County a ‘AAA’ long-term rating to its existing general obligation bonds (GO) and its lease debt not subject to annual appropriation. At the same time, S&P Global Ratings assigned its ‘AAA’ long-term rating to the county’s 2024 general obligation refunding and project bonds, with a preliminary par amount of \$55 million. The outlook is stable.

“The savings on the refunded bonds will allow the county to finance improve-

ments to the county’s Judicial Center by extending the current tax rate for four years,” County Council President Amy Massillamany said. “That ensures the project can be completed with no tax increase.”

In assigning its AAA bond rating, S&P analysts noted the county’s “very strong economic profile, characterized by robust economic growth, including the highest population growth among Indiana counties in the latest census” among its key attributes.

It also noted Hamilton County’s “strong budget-

ary management practices” that “have enabled the county to maintain an extremely strong reserve position while managing its operating and capital expenditure growth and limiting new debt.”

“This rating saves our residents money, by providing a lower cost of borrowing to finance capital projects,” County Commissioners President Mark Heirbrandt said. “This also makes the county more at-



Massillamany



Heirbrandt

tractive to businesses and signals a sound and stable economic climate. It certainly speaks to the hard work and teamwork of our county commissioners, county council, and finance team over the past three months.”

Songbook Library & Archives offering public tours this month

The REPORTER

In recognition of American Archives Month, the Great American Songbook Foundation is offering rare public tours of its Songbook Library & Archives in October.

Normally closed to the public, the Songbook Library & Archives preserves more than 500,000 historical items from the foundational era of American popular music, including recordings, arrangements, images, memorabilia, personal papers, and other artifacts from the lives and careers of legendary performers, composers, lyricists, and other key figures. The facility in Carmel also includes a reference library and study space for researchers who come from around the world to study the materials.

Free behind-the-scenes group tours are scheduled on four occasions: 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 and Oct. 23. Space is limited to 20 visitors per tour. Tours may be scheduled at TheSongbook.org/ArchivesTour24, and more information is available by phone at (317) 844-2251 or by email at info@



Photo provided

Emily Rapoza, director of the Songbook Library & Archives, displays historical items to a visiting student group.

TheSongbook.org

Tour highlights will include glamorous stage costumes worn by such performers as Ella Fitzgerald, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gormé; original scripts for classic Broadway shows like *The Music Man*; musical arrangements written for iconic artists including Sammy Davis Jr., Andy Williams, Rosemary Clooney, Natalie

Cole, and Frank Sinatra, featuring hits like “Moon River” and “I’ve Got You Under My Skin”; and historical materials representing such prominent figures as Leonard Bernstein, Mamie Eisenhower, Ginger Rogers, Walt Disney, and Doris Day.

The archives staff also will be sharing special content this month through the Foundation’s social me-

dia accounts and website, TheSongbook.org. American Archives Month is celebrated annually in October to raise awareness about the value of archives and the importance of archivists. The National Archives and Records Administration and the Council of State Archivists support the Society of American Archivists in the observance.

Sheridan invites you to cut ribbon on latest Monon Trail extension

The REPORTER

Trail development has been a big focus this year for the Sheridan community. This past spring, the Town of Sheridan started work on an extension of the Monon Trail to bring it from Biddle Park into downtown.

At the same time, the community began work on a trail head located directly behind Town Hall on Ohio Street. The trail extension was completed in August, while the trail head received its finishing touches in September.

The new paved trail head has 43 parking spots and will double as parking

for Town Hall staff and visitors during the week. Easy access to the Monon Trail will take users south past Biddle Park, through the Adams Township countryside, and into Westfield. In 2025, the Monon Trail will be extended north to the Hamilton-Boone County line, completing the trail in Hamilton County 32 years after the first sections of the trail were laid in Carmel.

The community will host a ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 506 S. Main St. All are welcome to attend the event and stay for the community conversation hosted by Sheridan Main Street, Inc., “Monon

Meets Main.”

Sheridan Main Street, Inc.’s new initiative, “Monon Meets Main,” is an outreach for all members of the community to participate in the planning of how best to incorporate the trail into the community’s wishes for Sheridan. Sheridan Main Street, Inc. is a volunteer organization working with Indiana Main Street to preserve the historic nature of the town’s Main Street and promote a vital place to live, work, and play.

Please join the first conversation following the ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. at 518 S. Main St. imme-

diately next to the trail. The meeting is open to the public.

About Sheridan Main Street, Inc.

Sheridan Main Street, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization focused on improving downtown Sheridan. The mission is to enhance the downtown’s historic identity and to cultivate a center of activity that reflects the community. Sheridan Main Street has been successful in leading efforts to preserve and restore the historic downtown structures with over \$500,000 in public-private investment. Monon Meets Main is the next step in fulfilling the mission.

Ward named “Outstanding County Surveyor”

Outgoing surveyor recognized for nearly 50 years of public service

The REPORTER

The Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) named Hamilton County Surveyor Kenton Ward Outstanding County Surveyor at its 66th Annual Conference in Switzerland County in September.

The conference, themed “Moving Indiana Forward,” brought together county officials and stakeholders from across the state for a week of workshops, networking, and an awards banquet.

Ward has served as the Hamilton County Surveyor since 1977. He will retire at the end of this year. Ward’s proactive approach and expertise in floodplain

management and erosion control have garnered him several accolades, including the prestigious Arthur R. Himsel Award in 2009, the highest honor the AIC bestows. This is the third time Ward has been selected for the AIC’s Outstanding County Surveyor Award.

“This recognition reflects Kenton’s commitment to excellence in surveying and land management,” said Nancy Marsh, Hendricks County Auditor and AIC Board President. “He has consistently demonstrated leadership and duty to his profession, making significant contributions to the community and state.”

Mark Heirbrandt, Presi-



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dent of the Hamilton County Commissioners and a Commissioners Association Past President, praised Ward’s accomplishments.

“Kent’s unwavering dedication to our county and his tireless public service have greatly benefited Hamilton County,” he said.

Kiwanis Club of Cicero holding membership drive

New member open house set for Saturday, Oct. 26

The REPORTER

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero announces a community-wide membership drive throughout the month of October. This campaign aims to attract new members who are passionate about serving the community and making a positive difference.

The drive will culminate in a special New Member Open House on Saturday, Oct. 26, providing prospective members with the opportunity to meet current members, learn more about Kiwanis and its impact, and discover how they can get involved in local projects and initiatives. The open house will be held at Red Bridge Community Building from 7:30 to 9 a.m. with breakfast being served at from 7:30 to 8 a.m.

“We’re looking for individuals who share our com-

mitment to improving the lives of children and building a stronger community,” Club President Mark Bailey said. “This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in giving back and joining a network of like-minded volunteers.”

Founded in 1977, the Kiwanis Club of Cicero is part of Kiwanis International, a global service organization dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. The local club organizes a variety of service projects, fundraising events, and initiatives that benefit Cicero and surrounding areas.

For more information about the membership drive, the open house, or to RSVP, please visit cicerokiwanis.org/join and click the “email us” button.

Take Fall Foliage Tour with Hamilton County Historical Society

The REPORTER

Join members of the Hamilton County Historical Society on their annual Fall Foliage Tour from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20.

This year, participants will travel to northern Hamilton County to enjoy the fall scenery and learn from local historians about the history of the area.

First, gather at the Roberts Settlement Chapel, 3102 E. 276th St., Atlanta, at 2 p.m. to hear about the newly opened Legacy Walk exhibit. Visitors will then travel to the Hamilton Heights History Hall, 420 W. North St., Arcadia, to learn about school history in the area, and then lastly to Arcadia Depot Museum to learn about the Nickel Plate Express as well as local businesses like Arcadia Glass, 107 W. South St.

Participants will be responsible for their own travel, but the society encourages carpooling with other groups. There will be an optional dinner gathering afterwards at Northbrook Brewing, 119 W. Main St., Arcadia.

RSVPs are requested (call the museum at 317-770-0775 or email



info@hamiltoncoinhs.com) before Oct. 16. The event will occur rain or shine and is free of charge, although cash donations are accepted for the Historical Society, Roberts Settlement, and the Arcadia Depot.

About the Historical Society

The Hamilton County Historical Society, located on the southwest corner of the courthouse square in Noblesville, is located in the Old Sheriff’s Residence and Jail. The museum is open from noon to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and is free (donations encouraged). In addition to exhibits on Hamilton County history, the museum includes rooms restored to the 19th century as well as three floors of jail cells. Follow the Historical Society on Facebook and check out hamiltoncoinhs.com.

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*.

The Woman in Black is scheduled for six performances:



- 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 purchased at 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.

Two kinds of Indian gold

I inherited an 80-acre farm from my grandfather, Thomas H. Baltzell. It came with family stories. (No one could remember whether it was Thomas Huffman Baltzell or Thomas Hoffman Baltzell, so I use only the ‘H’).

The barn was large by community standards. My grandmother, Theresa, remarked that as a young girl she had helped fill the barn to the peak with loose hay. From rough calculations, that would be more than 10,000 cubic yards of hay! The hay was necessary because great-grandpa was a large sheep farmer, serving as president of the Indiana Sheep Association and selling sheep overseas in Europe from his prize-winning flock.

At some point the barn had several horse stalls, and my father remarked how as a five-year-old boy he had taken a pitch fork and poked on the rear end of one of the work horses. He recalled how he was lucky to be alive as the horse gave a mighty kick that was just short of paydirt.

In addition to a large barn, the farm had a corn crib-granary combination and a large hog barn made out of clay tile. Inside the hog barn were numerous pens, each of which had access out the south side to the hog lot. Along the north side of the east/west situated building was a walkway and at about halfway across the building was a dug well to provide water for the hogs. At one time, one of the large hogs got loose in the walkway area and fell into the well. Grandfather Carl put a ladder in the well and retrieved the large hog. Grandma remarked that he was only able to do so because of his remarkable strength. Family history had him at 6’6” tall and 265 pounds. In reality he may have been as short as 6’1” or 6’2”.

I saw him perform various remarkable feats of strength. I remember one happened when he was in his early 70s. As a young boy, I helped him build a large 12-by-12-foot barn door with a 2-by-4-inch frame and shiplap siding. When complete, he hung it on the barn himself, much to my amazement.

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Dear younger me

Many years ago, my mom gave me the book titled *Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff (and It’s All Small Stuff)* by Richard Carlson.

I am sure many of you have heard of it and have even read it. For a long time, it sat on my bookshelf. I would pack it up whenever I moved, feeling guilty to get rid of it because it had a beautiful, encouraging message from my mom in the front of it. Each move, I would box it up, move it, and unbox it to put it back on the shelf to collect dust (I am sorry, Mom, but keep reading!).

For several years, the title of that book just ticked me off. My worries were not small stuff! After all, I was living with a life-long disability that, at the time, was nameless. I thought, “this book probably doesn’t even apply to me!” Wouldn’t it be great if we could have the insight we have now as adults when we were kids? Oh, how I would have done things differently! That is just a part of the process, though. Live and learn.

I have since read the book several times and still pick it up from time to time. It really puts things in perspective. As a person who leans more towards the worrywart side of things, it has helped me to see that most things really are not worth “sweating” over – a constant reminder I tell myself.

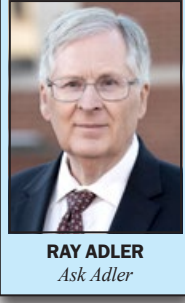
So, as I passed by that book today, it got me thinking. If I could go back in time and speak to myself as young girl with a disability from the perspective I have now, what would I tell her? Obviously, I cannot do that, but I can speak to others who come after me. As I always tell myself, if it reaches one person and makes a difference, then it matters. That really is so true for all of us. We are all capable of helping someone, and it DOES matter. Someone out there needs you. They really do.

First, I would tell her, you are not alone. For so long, I felt like I was the only person in the world who was just like me. I do not say that from a place of saying I am so special. No, it was not that at all. In fact, it was quite the opposite. It was a chronic loneliness that often left me gutted and empty inside.

I would also tell her to appreciate her uniqueness more and to let it sparkle like a diamond in the sun. It is a gift to be able to view the world from this perspective, as someone with a disability. Sure, a lot of parts of living disabled truly do stink. It is hard, it is grueling, unpredictable, isolating, and heartbreaking. It is also a beautiful opportunity to connect with other people on a level that many people just cannot.

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COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

By JEFF DARREN MUSE
Guest Columnist

Editor’s Note: An even bigger thrill for Scott Saalman than seeing his own Scaramouch column byline in the Reporter is seeing the bylines of far better writers who occasionally fill in for him as he searches for his moose (we didn’t have the heart to tell him it’s “muse,” not “moose,” which could explain his struggle to find inspiration). The personal essay below was written by Jeff Darren Muse, who, like Scott, lives in Fishers. You could say Scott finally found his Muse.

Greetings from Fall Creek, upstream of Geist. Since my brain cancer diagnosis 15 months ago, I no longer work as a park ranger throughout the United States, but I still think like one. I wander and wonder. I hope. Imagine serving folks from any culture, any religion, anyone identifying the self by race or gender, generation or ability, folks whose descendants were native here, nonnative there, or pretty much like me: a place-by-place immigrant who navigates for need as well as want.

Sure enough, I’ve always been a restless Hoosier, though I currently reside 20 miles from my birthplace. My high school? Eight.

In that spirit, please cheer with me for Hoosier high school teachers like Sheila McDermott-Sipe and her students in a Junior AP Language and Composition course. I recently visited them in Bloomington. To help with their study of creative nonfiction, we read and discussed my memoir-in-essays, *Dear Park Ranger*, which has been honored on the

Debut Shortlist of the Indiana Authors Awards.

In that classroom I loved seeing one of my essays, “Waiting for Rain,” printed on paper, brightened by highlighters, scribbled on, chewed on, leaned on as a model for integrating personal narrative with natural and cultural history. Plus its sentences are intimate, drawing on all of our senses – smell, taste, touch, and plenty more. I trust that whatever I feel my readers can feel, no matter one’s identity.

As explained in the book’s original proposal, “‘Waiting for Rain’ grew from a 2010 road trip to southern Kentucky, where my long-dead father had been born into poverty, alcoholism, and deep rural roots. Embracing Joan Didion’s dictum, ‘We tell ourselves stories in order to live,’ I scrutinize elements of my own life: how I first fell in love with wild things, leading me to become an environmental educator; how I felt about my ‘redneck’ dad when I was a child, a teenager, and then a young adult, myself faltering; how I navigated his untimely death at 54 (I was 28); and how all men struggle. Indeed, this essay is ‘about truth, elusive truth, including my own flaws.’”

At 55, with those two dozen students, I wore cancer-fighting headgear while reading my words and sharing a photo from 1991. It’s Alan, my brother, Sue, my mother, and 21-year-old me beside my father – my out-of-place dad, Wendell Keith Muse, wrestling with shame, regret, and burgeoning pride when I graduated from DePauw University. That’s where I met Sheila, a fellow Tiger, a Hoosier who also grew up locally.

I passed around my family’s image, helping 16- and 17-year-old students reflect on how photos and social media and even our most vivid, sense-driven stories sometimes fall short. Or they only reveal a glimpse of our lives. Thus I write essays, personal essays – an attempt to make sense of things, including myself.

I was honored by their attentiveness, their questions, their own sharing. All filled me with hope.

Inspiration too.

I continue to write, and in addition to doctor appointments, MRIs, and nonstop treatment, I eat as well as I ever have while exercising daily, sans headgear. Where? The southeast corner of Hamilton County, before Fall Creek turns into a reservoir. I cherish what remains of our woods and creeks. I reroot. I re-Hoosier. Hiking and biking and thanking my family, especially my single mother who resides a half-mile distant, offer a kind of prayer. I say that as a tree hugger. My church is nature, always has been.

Of course, this is a much different landscape than where I grew up. When I grew up. Yet its increasing social diversity nourishes me, and the teachers I meet seem kindred. They wander. They wonder. They adapt with hope.

I thank them for their service to all of us, and I look forward to more—more classroom visits, a variety of essays. *Dear Park Ranger* offers humor too! Adventure, foibles, gratitude.



Photo by Paula Ogden-Muse
Muse along a trail in Fall Creek Woods Natural Area.

I’m a ranger, after all, in a new wilderness, my own. Onward.

Jeff Darren Muse is the author of Dear Park Ranger: Essays on Manhood, Restlessness, and the Geography of Hope. In July 2023, he was diagnosed as having terminal brain cancer. At that time, he and his wife lived in New Mexico, where they both worked for the National Park Service. After Muse’s craniotomy, radiation, and initial chemotherapy, which took place in Arizona, they relocated to Fishers, close to his birthplace. Family members reside nearby as he receives care from IU Health as well as nationwide experts. Ironically, Dear Park Ranger was published only two months before his diagnosis, which limited his ability to share it. In 2024, he has participated in numerous events and received honors from Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards, Nautilus Book Awards, and Indiana Authors Awards. Email Muse at jeffdarrenmuse@gmail.com.

Don’t forget fellow Americans who need help after Hurricane Helene

“The little town that rocks.” – tagline from the Black Mountain, N.C., website

This column is not my usual outreach to you, dear Readers, to assist you in reaching your fitness and nutrition goals. Rather it is a catharsis for me as I am heartbroken and mourning my beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain community and all of the residents affected by the tragic turn of Hurricane Helene.

I was looking forward to leaving next week for my twice-annual foray to my beloved Black Mountain (just 15 minutes east of Asheville) community; my “second home” as the area is actually the generational home of my Scot ancestors who came here in the early 1700s as many Scots immigrated there. Most of my family members are gone from the region, having traveled and settled in other places – such as Indiana! Spending much time there



Photo provided

Sharon’s “second home” of Black Mountain, N.C.

as a child and visiting frequently through the years has always been a restive and delightful experience. I have now connected with one cousin in Greensboro, N.C., an area which saw some damage but not of a catastrophic nature. I have yet to communicate, of course, with my cousin in Black Mountain.

Black Mountain was originally known as Grey Eagle to the Cherokee and Catawba Native Americans who lived and

hunted here in great numbers. Early settlers of the area were lured by the adventure and rugged beauty of the surrounding mountains. Bruce and I owned a condo in the community for many years and sold it just a few years ago. I am wondering and worrying of course about my former neighbors and my friends there. I understand, also, that many of the places where I loved to shop and dine there are gone now. Today it is reported

that mules are being used to get to those people trapped in the upper mountain regions.

During this time of political upheaval and discourse I hope that we all can continue to pray for those throughout the six states affected and please, please consider donating to the American Red Cross or any reputable charitable organizations which are providing outreach to those whose lives have been forever changed. Thank you!

Getting the Daylily House ready for next year

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.

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

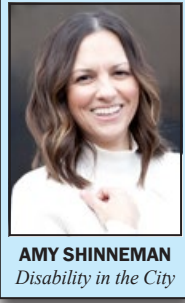
you may have. Fall is a great time to divide and plant a new flower bed. This is also a great time to plant flower bulbs. Just because the summer is over and it will be months before we see any blooms, this is the time to plan a flower bed for next spring.

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

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

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SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

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MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

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Blocking & tackling: the working food-challenged

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

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. 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.

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 to "Gap Families," who, just

If you find yourself in need – maybe occasionally you are, like I was, a member of the working poor – then Feeding Team Pantries 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.

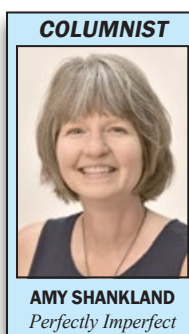


Photo provided by Amy Shankland

This bike is giving our columnist many new adventures.

Injured? Find a new adventure!

With this headline, my readers are now thinking, "Amy has lost her mind." How can we find a new adventure if we're injured?



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Some readers may recall my foot injury that

I wrote about weeks ago. Turns out this isn't something that I'll recover from quickly. I have plantar fasciitis. Unless I sit and do nothing for a week or two, my foot will take months to fully heal. Like most of us, I'd rather avoid sitting and doing nothing!

So, I'm stretching, icing, and wearing my best walking shoes with orthotics. (Boy, doesn't that sound like a middle-aged thing?) I'm taking turmeric every day as an anti-inflammatory. Needless to say, the 10Ks I had hoped to walk this fall aren't happening.

What's an active person to do? In the words of Ross Geller from *Friends* ... we PIVOT.

I learned this years ago when I injured my ankle and couldn't hoop dance for weeks (fortunately I can still hoop dance with this latest injury, with some modifications.) I did the mature thing at first ... I pouted.

But then I remembered that I had wanted to learn how to bake an incredible pie. I could handle standing up in a kitchen and now had extra time. I turned to the legendary Betty Gerard – my former adopted grandmother and neighbor – for her wisdom. She passed away almost two years ago at the remarkable age of 101.

We spent a delightful, rainy fall afternoon baking pies together. Betty taught me how to mix just the right amount of butter, flour, salt, and water to create that

perfect, chewy crust. I still enjoy making pies to this day and am a proud "first-place" recipient from a pie making contest at our Noblesville farmer's market.

What have I done differently due to this latest injury? First, my husband John and I have been kayaking, which I've written about. Second, I've been riding my bike more. It's made me feel like a kid again!

With new trails opening in Noblesville and the medley of orange, brown, yellow, and red leaves beginning to pop up in the trees, I feel blessed to hop on my bike and explore it all. I find that it puts me in a beautiful, meditative state of mind.

I know that I'll be able to do my 10K walks again in 2025. In the meantime, I must be patient and enjoy the new adventures on our local waterways and trails.

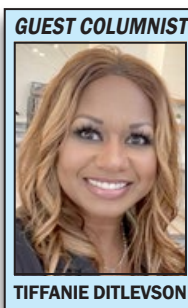
Most empty nesters are like me – middle aged. I find that this stage of life brings more joy than sorrow ... and more injuries. Unless we sit around doing nothing – which is more harmful than beneficial to our bodies – aches and pains are gonna happen.

If they prevent us from doing something we enjoy, hopefully on a temporary basis, we need to look around and think about what things we CAN do. We need to take this as an opportunity to discover a new hobby like knitting, writing poetry, playing an instrument ... or baking pies!

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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 indiana.gov) and early voting begins at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds and the Hamilton County Courthouse.



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nizations. Learn 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 DIIAMETRICALLY opposed on many political issues. To be fair, I'm unsure if he would have cast a vote for me in my 2023 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.

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GOLD

The hog barn was the first of the buildings to be torn down. They are all gone now as their useful life expired some years ago. When dad decided it was time to remove the hog barn, I was in college at Purdue and had studied physics the semester before our summer demolition work began. Dad hooked chains to rafters and a large tractor but was unable to pull the roofing from the building. That's when my physics force vector learning became useful. (Perhaps the only time.) I obtained an eight-foot-long 2-by-12, held it vertical to the roof face and placed the log chain on top of the 2-by-

12 while dad hooked it to the roof rafter and the tractor. Miraculously, the whole roof just peeled off.

Just north of the buildings along the road were three large cottonwood trees. Lightning had struck one of them and it had been doctored by my great-uncle who plastered the large crack shut. That saved the tree for another 20 years. The other cottonwood was cut down by my great-grandfather to build his house, and it was reported that it furnished enough lath to build the entire 2 1/2-story house across the road. A picture of the barn appeared in Martha Stewart's *Country*

Living magazine, although slightly altered to bring the house from the north of the road to the south side to make the traditional Indiana farm setting picture.

The 80 had an oil well that had long since been abandoned, and it was also well known in the area to be the purported burying spot of a large amount of gold, supposedly buried by the Miami Indians before they were driven from Indiana, the gold being payment for their land. Great-Grandpa recalled how he had to constantly drive away persons who were digging in the farm trying to find the gold.

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When I was about 14, a large rock had worked up in the back southeast 20 acres of the farm. My father then, for the first time, told me the Miami Indian gold story. He said he was sure the gold would be under this large rock. Excited, I dug like mad to unearth enough of the rock that it could be pulled out of its place with a tractor and chain.

Indeed, I did find gold. Great-Grandpa sold the gold, Grandpa sold the gold, my father sold the gold, and now I'm selling the golden ears of corn and recovering Indian jewelry and arrowheads – Indian gold.

DEAR ME

from Page A6

I would tell her that when people tell her she is beautiful or good at something, it is not because they feel sorry for her and are trying to make her feel better. They genuinely mean those things. Take the compliment, smile and say, "thank you."

I would tell her, do not miss opportunities because you are too intimidated to be the only disabled person or may have to do things differently. It is an opportunity to teach others and help them learn about disabilities ... to try and make a difference for those with disabilities.

I would tell her to stay strong. It is a marathon, not a sprint. Take it one day at a time. You will have some really tough days, weeks, months, years. It will get better. Trust that.

I would tell her that joy can coexist with hardship. It is okay to be happy about

certain things, while at the same time grieving things you are not able to do. Focus on the good in your life, instead of dwelling on what is not so good.

Finally, I would tell her that you may not be able to control your circumstances, but you can most definitely control how you respond. Do not believe what society encourages you to believe, that disabled people are weak and unworthy. Believe you are humbly courageous, and you have a purpose in this life – do not waste it. And most importantly, do not sweat the small stuff.

Until next time ... Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.



Community News

Sheridan's Phi Beta Psi Annual Lasagna Dinner

Friday, Oct. 11, 5 to 7 p.m.
Lasagna, breadsticks, salad, dessert & drink
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October 19 & 20

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Fall Brunch Express 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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Country Western Express 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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Do you have a need to help others? Join the Noblesville Lions Club!

By JAKE DOLL
Noblesville Lions Club

You may have seen a sign for the Lions Club as you entered Noblesville. You may have seen Lions handing out candy in the Fourth of July parade with our mascot, Stanley. You may have even had a great meal at our annual Pork Chop Dinner and Pancake Breakfast. But who are the Lions and what is Lionism? Lions International started in 1917 in Chicago, Ill. Led by the simple motto of “We Serve,” Lions Clubs quickly grew in towns and cities around the world with

members working to help where help is needed. The ideal expressed as “Lionism” is to find projects and areas of need and help, not for any personal gain, but for the knowledge of doing something to make the world just a little better.

The Noblesville Lions Club was founded in 1942 and we are celebrating our 82nd anniversary this year. Our Club’s primary focus is helping the kids of Noblesville, particularly around vision and hunger,



and we do this by providing free eye exams to all third-, fifth-, and seventh-grade students at each school as well as younger kids at many day care facilities and other locations by appointment.

We work with the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, Fueled for School, and many other local projects as well as giving six scholarships annually to Noblesville and Hamilton Heights high school seniors for their continuing studies.

Our members come from all backgrounds and have a lot of fun working on our projects and fundraisers.

The Club will host an Information Open House at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Ginger’s Café, 1111 S. 10th St. If you would like to know more about what the club does to help the community, please come check us out.

You can find out more at [Facebook.com/noblesvillelionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/noblesvillelionsclub) or visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/noblesville. Another way is to talk to a Lion member you may know.

Old Westfield library to get new life

By AMY ADAMS
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Leaders from Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) welcomed teachers, students, and community members to a ceremonial groundbreaking on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at what will be called Shamrock Station.

Directly across Hoover Street from Westfield High School and next door to Westfield Middle School in the previous Westfield Washington Public Library building, Shamrock Station will be a space designed to help Westfield students meet the goal of becoming “life-ready.”

The updated and expanded facility will allow WWS students to gain hands-on career training in areas like culinary arts and entrepreneurship. It will also become the new home for Shamrock Connections, a transition program providing exceptional learners ages 18 to 22 with vocational, social, and independent living skills.

“We need a bigger space,” Shamrock Connections student Austin Cole said.

Cole was one of a handful of people who spoke to the crowd of around 50.

“It’s going to bring so many more opportunities for our students,” Shamrock Connections teacher Taylor Woolsey said. “It’s going to feel like a college to them, and that’s what they deserve – to get a change of scenery and be proud of where they’re at.”

The proximity of Shamrock Connections to programs like Foodies Rock and the Rock Shop will al-



Photo provided by Rocks Media House
Students, teachers, and those associated with Shamrock Connections are excited to have a new, larger space to look forward to.

low a greater opportunity for collaboration. Foodies Rock serves as the catering arm of the WWS culinary program, and the Rock Shop offers a student-run Westfield merchandise and apparel store. In addition, the new venue will allow community access to catering services and spirit wear purchases.

“We’re really blessed that we are able to tie culinary arts and career readiness into our community,” said Chef Nikki Hefflin, WWS family and consumer science teacher. “This is a model program of what can happen and what we can achieve when a school board, a community, educators, students, and parents all come together and rally behind these students for the betterment of their education.”

On top of creating two kitchens, an addition to the

north and west of the current building will incorporate an event space for up to 200 people. The plan is that it will provide another locale for community members, organizations, and businesses to hold events and utilize the catering services of Foodies Rock. There is even talk that there may be grab-and-go options available.

Alongside Shamrock Connections, Foodies Rock, and the Rock Shop, Rocks Media House will have a content creation and recording studio in the renovated facility.

“It’s a really unique project in that we have different end users,” said Winifrid Williams, partner with krM Architecture. “It’s not just one program.”

WWS Director of Exceptional Learners Dr. Lindsay Tomamichel worked closely with krM and with

KBSO Consulting to develop a plan for the building that will meet all the various needs.

“We’re trying to be good stewards and use what’s there, but it’s going to be so different,” Williams said. “We’re adding a brand-new entryway and really giving it a new facade.”

Both WWS School Board President Amber Willis and Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser shared memories of the former library. Willis said she remembers going as a kindergartener to get her first library card. Kaiser recalls his daughters as children filling their backpacks with books.

“We’re going to continue that for our children with future educational opportunities in our community,” Kaiser said. “[The facility] is going to serve kids from now moving forward.”

DAYLILY

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 winter. 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.



Photo provided by Megan Rathz
A few of my daylilies.

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John F. Rider

March 22, 1956 – October 4, 2024

John F. Rider, 68, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, October 4, 2024 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on March 22, 1956, to Frank and Evelyn “Hope” (McCandlish) Rider in Port Clinton, Ohio.



John graduated from Wabash High School, Ball State University, and the University of Indianapolis with a master’s degree. He was a Certified Industrial Hygienist and the owner/operator of a consulting business. John was a member of the Noblesville Elks and Noblesville Moose.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Rider; mother, Hope Rider; daughter, Clare Rider; and his brothers, Karl (Sally) Rider and Mark (Marie) Rider.

John was preceded in death by his father, Frank Rider. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Private family services will be held. Condolences: randallroberts.com

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 and services were held Monday, October 7, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial was 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 and funeral services were held Friday, October 4, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Rev. Dr. Brooks Barrick officiated. Burial was 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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Beck’s & Indiana AgriNews search for 2025 Indiana Farm Family of the Year

The REPORTER

Beck’s and Indiana AgriNews announced in July their search for the 28th Indiana Farm Family of the Year – and time is running out to nominate the next recipients.

For nearly three decades, Beck’s and Indiana AgriNews have celebrated the dedication and achieve-

ments of an outstanding Indiana farm family, spotlighting their exceptional contributions to agriculture and their community. This prestigious award aims to highlight the pivotal role farm families play in shaping our agricultural landscape and enriching rural life.

“Family farms are the life-

blood of the agriculture industry and the backbone of rural communities,” Beck’s President Scott Beck said. “This award honors a family that exemplifies unwavering commitment and service to both.”

“As a family-owned agricultural business, AgriNews deeply values the crucial role of farm families,” Indiana AgriNews Executive Editor

James Henry said.

To nominate a family, go to tinyurl.com/INFarmFamily2025. The deadline to submit nominations is Oct. 15.

The family will be recognized at the Indiana Farm Bureau State Convention in December 2024 and the Purdue Fish Fry in February 2025.

Arthur Otis “Bud” Miles

July 11, 1935 – October 1, 2024

Arthur Otis “Bud” Miles, 89, Arcadia, passed away on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at Riverview Hospital. Born in Indianapolis on July 11, 1935, to the late Herschel and Mary (Totman) Miles, Bud lived a life full of love, joy, and passion.



On January 29, 1960, Bud married the love of his life, Carol C. (Cooper) Miles, with whom he shared 64 wonderful years.

Bud worked as a Pressman at Goss Press and *The Indianapolis Star*, and a Newspaper Supply Salesman at New England Newspaper Supply Company before retiring. He attended First Baptist Church of Indianapolis. Bud’s love for life was apparent in his many hobbies – boating, particularly his old 1957 Chris-Craft, working on old engines, and driving his 1985 Porsche. He was a handyman at heart and cherished his time putting around his out-building, bird watching, and caring for his beloved dog, Abbott.

Bud enjoyed simple pleasures: being with family, striking up conversations with anyone (he never met a stranger), taking his dog on a daily “social call” to their favorite neighbors, working out at cardiac rehab, and listening to Frank Sinatra and big band jazz. One of his greatest joys was hearing his daughter and son-in-law make music. Bud overflowed with pride for his grandson, Isaac, and was thrilled that he found his perfect match in Zoë. Glenlivet and Dewar’s Scotch were Bud’s chosen beverages for social settings and his daily five o’ clock call with his sister-in-law, Linda.

Bud is survived by his daughter, Diana M. (John) Huntoon of Cicero, and his grandson, Isaac A. (Zoë) Huntoon of Noblesville, along with several nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Carol C. Miles, and his sister, Myra Jo Pendry.

Bud Miles’s legacy of love, kindness, and enthusiasm for life will forever be remembered by all who had the privilege to know him.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 26, with visitation at 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Indianapolis, 8600 N. College Ave., with a private burial to follow at a later date at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Music Department at First Baptist Church of Indianapolis.

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

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.

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John (Jack) Charles Kirkpatrick

September 24, 1952 – September 30, 2024

John (Jack) Charles Kirkpatrick peacefully passed away on September 30, 2024, at the age of 72, surrounded by the love of his family.



Born to Robert and Ruth Kirkpatrick, John’s life was a testament to kindness, dedication, and unwavering faith. He graduated from Haworth High School, Kokomo, in 1970 before earning his bachelor’s degree from Indiana State University. He went on to earn his master’s degree from Indiana University.

A devoted educator, John spent 32 years teaching fourth grade at Stony Creek Elementary and six years at Noble Crossing Elementary. His impact on students and fellow teachers was profound; he served as President of the Teachers Forum for 20 years, tirelessly advocating for the best interests of teachers in Noblesville. Alongside his teaching career, John spent over 30 years working at CVS, starting as a cashier and earning certification as a pharmacy technician.

John’s faith was a cornerstone of his life. He began his journey as an Acolyte at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church before finding his spiritual home at the Nazarene Church in Noblesville. His commitment to his community and the countless lives he touched will always be remembered.

In 1976, John married Joyce (McGee) Kirkpatrick, and they are now reunited in the Kingdom of Heaven. He is survived by his brother, Ron (Terri) Kirkpatrick of Kokomo; his beloved daughters, Kristina (Brett) Bowman, Erika (Chris) Thomas, and Leslie (JJ) Harris; and his cherished grandchildren, Kayla (Casey Hunter) Bowman, Tyler (Adeline Agee) Harris, Kendal Bowman, Gage Bowman, Brayden Harris, Elijah Thomas, Allie Harris, and Oliver Thomas. He also leaves behind great-grandchildren, Aria Hunter, Farrah Hunter, and Evalynn Hunter, who will carry forward his legacy of love.

Visitation and a memorial service were held on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. A private, family burial was held at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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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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Top cop honored for helping kids shop

The REPORTER

On Sept. 30, Shop for Kids held a sold-out fundraiser at Sagamore Golf Club, 10900 Golden Bear Way, Noblesville. The venue was filled with friends, supporters, elected officials, first responders, and more who came out to support a charity that provided Christmas gifts for children in need in Hamilton County.

During his tenure as Hamilton County Sheriff, now-Indiana State Police Superintendent Carter was instrumental in forming Shop for Kids, which has provided a Christmas shopping experience for Hamilton County families in need since 2008.

Carter was on hand to offer his support, and was surprised by a few gifts of his own. It was an interesting turnabout for Carter to receive gifts, since he has so often played the role of Santa Claus for others.

Shop for Kids Board Member Dustin Dixon presented Carter with a framed photo from last year's Shop For Kids event, at which Carter arranged for a State



Reporter photos

(ABOVE, from left) Former Boone County Sheriff and now-Sheridan Police Chief Mike Nielsen, Hamilton County Councilman Steve Nation, and Arcadia Police Chief Todd Uhrick. (TOP RIGHT) A new \$1,000 scholarship has been set up under the purview of the Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program. The scholarship will be given to a Heights student of Carter's and Heights Superintendent Derek Arrowood's choice. (BOTTOM RIGHT) Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter points to Dustin Dixon as the primary reason Shop For Kids is so successful.

Police helicopter to land in the parking lot of a Target store in Fishers as an extra surprise for the kids helped by the program.

Additionally, and in this newspaper's view, more significantly, Hamilton Heights

Youth Assistance Program announced the establishment of a \$1,000 scholarship in Carter's name. The scholarship will be given to a Heights student of Carter's and Hamilton Heights Superintendent Derek Ar-



rowood's choice. The scholarship is currently funded to last 10 years.

For more information about Shop for Kids or to make a donation, email

shopforkidshc@gmail.com or visit [Facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC](https://www.facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC).

Sheridan Youth Assistance's Denim & Lace 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.

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, Godby Home Furnishings. Other supporters include Alexander and Kitchel Families, Biddle Memorial Foundation, Beck's Hybrids, Collaborative Change, Dr. Kent and Bobbi Erb, Dr. Trenton and Emily Schmale, Drayer Family Charitable Foundation, First Farmers Bank and Trust, Gaylor Electric, 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.

The SYAP Board of 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



Photo provided by SYAP

It takes many dedicated people to plan and pull off a fundraiser like Denim & Lace!

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. Advo-

cate 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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Hamilton County High School Football, Week 7



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield's Gabe Arambles caught a second-quarter touchdown for the Shamrocks during their Homecoming win over Avon last Friday.

Shamrocks soar past Avon

The REPORTER

A dominant second quarter sent Westfield to a 45-13 Hoosier Crossroads Conference and Homecoming victory last Friday at Riverview Health Stadium.

The Shamrocks led 14-7 after the first quarter. Deacon King made two short touchdown runs in that period. King kept things rolling to start the second quarter, punching the ball in from the one-yard line just 24 seconds into the period.

That was the start of a 31-point quarter for Westfield. Mikeah Webster turned an interception into a 27-yard pick six touch-

down. Broc Parker made a 23-yard run into the end zone, then Gabe Arambles grabbed an 11-yard pass from Carsen Melvin and took it in to score.

Owen Wright finished the half with a last-second field goal from 34 yards. Wright also went 7-of-7 for extra-point kicks.

King totaled 108 yards rushing, while Melvin was 11-of-15 passing for 128 yards. Beau Braun had four catches.

Westfield is 4-1 in HCC play and 6-1 overall. The Shamrocks continue conference play Friday at Fishers.

'Hawks get going in third quarter to take down Delphi

The REPORTER

Sheridan got a rebound victory last Friday night, coming back to win 21-7 at Delphi in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

The Oracles scored a first-quarter touchdown and held that 7-0 lead through halftime. But the Blackhawks held their own during the first half, forcing Delphi into turnovers on downs twice inside the 15-yard line.

Sheridan's offense got going in the third quarter with two touchdowns on short runs. Alex Cravens took the ball three yards

into the end zone midway through the period and Owen Bell ran it in from two yards a few minutes later. Cravens completed the scoring with a 17-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Bell kicked all three of the Hawks' extra points, while Landon Moffatt made an interception. Cravens gained 237 yards to lead Sheridan's rushing, with Jon Barnes totaling 109 yards.

The Blackhawks are 3-1 in the HHC standings and 4-3 overall. Sheridan returns home Friday to play Eastern in a conference game.

HSE edges out Noblesville with last-second touchdown

By JAMES SEAY
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Noblesville's Beaver Stadium was rocking last Friday night as the Millers' cross-county rival, Hamilton Southeastern, won a 28-21 game with a go-ahead touchdown in the final seconds of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference showdown.

The game featured all the drama that one looks for in October High School Football: long plays, lead changes, touchdowns, and crucial fourth-down conversions. In the end, the Royals were able to seal their fifth win of the season.

The game started with a bang as Noblesville senior halfback Brody Gump took off for an 80-yard TD run on the game's opening play. With momentum on the Millers' side, head coach Dave Sharpe dialed up a surprise inside kick,



Photo by Joshua Herd

(Hamilton Southeastern's Graham Toner (14), Kendrick Pennybaker (4) and Carter Reed (5) celebrate after a big play during the Royals' victory over Noblesville last Friday.

which caught HSE by surprise and slipped through the fingers of a Miller football player.

Coach Sharpe said, "The Millers were seeking to execute well, like one of the state's top teams."

The Royals quickly responded with some big See HSE . . . Page B2

Huskies come away with Homecoming victory

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights had an enjoyable Homecoming last Friday, as the Huskies put together a 26-16 win over visiting Twin Lakes in a Hoosier Conference Big School Division game.

"This one feels good," said Heights coach Jon Kirschner. The coach said it felt good because his players put a complete game together in running their division record to 2-1 for the season.

"We played a very physical football game in all three phases of the game," said Kirschner. "We had a lot of guys step up and play very solid football."

The Huskies got on the board first when Joey Sigler threw a 54-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Champion. That would be a continuing theme throughout the night.

The Indians tied the game in the second quarter, and that sent the game into halftime at 6-6. Twin Lakes scored on its first drive of the third period to take a 13-6 lead.

But Heights answered back. Champion and Sigler teamed up for their second passing touchdown, a 30-yard throw with 5:07 left. Logan Hickman then ran in



Photo by Bob Cross

Hamilton Heights' Tyler Champion caught three touchdown passes for the Huskies in their win over Twin Lakes last Friday.

a two-point conversion and the Huskies were up 14-13.

The fourth quarter began with an Indians field goal, which gave them a 16-14 lead. But Heights took the lead for good when Luke Davis made an interception and took it in to score from the 10-yard line.

The Huskies scored one

more time with under a minute to go. Sigler threw a perfect pass to Champion, who turned it into a five-yard TD reception. That was the third touchdown for both players.

Sigler completed 14 of 23 passes for 237 yards, while Champion totaled 10 catches for 222 yards. Nick Bichey made a third-quarter

interception, and Cyrus Mason was outstanding on punts, including one that put Twin Lakes inside its own five-yard line.

Heights improved to 2-5 overall. The Huskies take a break from division play Friday, traveling to Tipton for their annual rivalry game.

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Hamilton County High School Football, Week 7

Pike's speed proves too much for Guerin Catholic on Homecoming & Senior Night

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE — Guerin Catholic welcomed back alumni and families last Friday for what was a combined Homecoming and Senior Night for the Golden Eagles. A full yard of tailgating and pregame festivities set up a great environment. At halftime, seniors Ella Sumski and Luke Ross were named Homecoming Queen and King, respectively.

On the field, it would unfortunately be a night that belonged to the visiting Red Devils, as they found ways to use their speed on the way to a 42-3 win over the host Golden Eagles.

Pike worked quickly and took just two minutes and used four plays to get on the board in the opening drive. Dohnavin Ward ran in from 13 yards for a 7-0 lead.

Guerin's first drive took them all the way down deep in Pike territory, but they were forced to settle for a 21-yard Nick Wilson field goal to cut it to 7-3.

"I thought our offensive players and coaches had a really good plan and executed it well. That first drive was worthy of more than three points and we've got to finish that thing," said Guerin Catholic head coach Tom Dilley.

"I thought we still had some things that we were able to take advantage of from time to time, but they got some timely stops or we made some untimely mistakes and just kind of bogged us down," Dilley continued.

The Red Devils added to their lead with Chase Shurn three-yard touchdown run to make it 14-3, which stayed as the half-



Photo by Margaret Fallin
Kolbe Klee carries the ball for the Golden Eagles during their Homecoming game with Pike last Friday.

time score.

To start the third, Pike forced Guerin to punt, setting the visitors up to add to their lead.

On the third play of the drive, running back Bobby Thomas sprinted 40-yards for the score, pushing it to 21-3.

"Our guys aren't going to give up. Our guys are going to fight, but there's no excuse for giving up big plays," added Dilley.

The Golden Eagles had three different opportunities to try and cut into the deficit, but the remaining three series in the third they turned the ball on downs at Pike's 33 and then their 40, before giving it back at their own 44 late in the third.

To begin the fourth, the Red Devils made a statement. They were faced with a fourth down and five at Guerin's 31. Quarterback Mychael Lewis found favorite target Kevin Tichenor III for the 31-yard strike, increasing it to 35-3. Guerin would be forced

to punt and Pike took over at midfield.

It didn't take long for the Red Devils to get into scoring position again. With the ball at the GC three, running back Bobby Thomas took the direct snap in the wildcat formation. He then stepped back and tossed a jump pass to tight end Pierce Collins for a three-yard TD for the final count of 42-3.

"And that's one way to play it, if you're a coach and have five minutes left and have a 35-3 lead. One way to play it is that cute little pass on the goal line. They executed it and we didn't stop it," Dilley stated on Pike's final score.

The Golden Eagles are listed in Class 3A as far as enrollment is considered, but they don't have a single 3A opponent on their schedule. They have one 6A, two 5A, four 4A and two 2A opponents that will help them in preparation for the Class 3A state tournament that starts on Oct. 25. "We certainly played

against a team that's well coached with good athletes tonight and hopefully it will pay off," Dilley said on playing a team of Pike's caliber.

Guerin Catholic's offense struggled to put together more than one consistent drive. They were without standout wide receiver Hayden Cler for the second straight game. That gave opportunities for others down the depth chart to have passes thrown their way.

Malcolm Houze was on the move all night with the Red Devils' pass rush flushing him out. Houze was 6 of 17 for 62 yards, including completing three to senior Julian Melendez for 43 yards. Jack Linden ran 11 times for 35 yards, Kolbe Klee 12 for 33 and Aidan Horn four for 40.

Guerin Catholic (3-4) heads to Terre Haute Friday and hopes to snap their four-game losing streak at Terre Haute North (2-5). The Patriots were 15-13 winners at home over Southport.

Fishers falls to Franklin Central

The REPORTER

Fishers dropped a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Franklin Central last Friday 22-13.

The Flashes led 9-0 after the first quarter after making a safety and scoring on a one-yard touchdown run. JonAnthony Hall got the Tigers on the

board in the second period with a six-yard run. Jon Tangara made the extra-point kick and Fishers was within 9-7 at halftime.

Franklin Central went ahead 12-7 after a field goal, but the Tigers took the lead late in the third after Hall caught a 17-yard

touchdown pass from Caden Hill. Fishers went into the fourth quarter leading 13-12, but the Flashes regained the lead with another field goal, then a late five-yard touchdown run sealed the game.

Hill finished the game 13-of-28 for 167 yards. Hall made five catches and

Denkota Fletcher had four receptions. Owen Folta and Josh Wilkins each got nine tackles, with Wilkins and Tyler Maynard both making one sack.

Fishers is 3-2 in conference play and 4-3 overall. The Tigers are back home Friday and play Westfield.

Giants outpace Greyhounds at home

The REPORTER

Carmel dropped a high-scoring home game to Ben Davis last Friday 58-30.

The Greyhounds got the first points of the contest after Nate Williams brought in a 45-yard touchdown pass from Anthony Coellner. The Giants responded with a long TD pass of their own to tie the game at 7-7.

Williams and Coellner teamed up again for another eight-yard touchdown reception, but Ben Davis answered with a 70-yard kick-off return, tying the game at 14-14.

Ben Davis opened the second quarter with a field goal to go up 17-14. Dominic Shockley took the ball in from the one-yard line to give Carmel a 20-17 lead, but the Giants scored twice in the final three minutes for a 30-20 halftime lead and would stay in front for the entire second half.

A four-yard touchdown pass from Coellner to Jacob Bellin brought the Hounds within 30-27 late in the third before Ke'Sean Stone caught a six-yard TD throw with 29 seconds left, giving Ben Davis a 37-27 lead.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Carmel's Nate Williams caught two first-quarter touchdown passes during the Greyhounds' game with Ben Davis last Friday.

Lukas Kristhanmoorthy kicked a 35-yard field goal early in the fourth, but Alijah Price's 84-yard kickoff return was the start of 21 unanswered fourth-quarter

points for the Giants.

Coellner totaled 255 passing yards, going 23-of-42 from the air. Four Carmel players had at least five re-

ceptions: Bellin caught seven passes, Shockley had six receptions, and Williams and Liam Mann both had five.

The Greyhounds are 3-4 and play Friday at Warren Central.

Huggins, Brown named Westfield Homecoming King and Queen



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Westfield seniors Avery Huggins and Allison Brown were named the Westfield Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the Shamrocks' football win last Friday.

HSE

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Photo by Joshua Herd
Noblesville's Brody Gump began the game with an 80-yard touchdown run.

runs by sophomore HB Carter Reed, who finished the night with 156 yards on the ground, setting Hamilton Southeastern in Miller territory three minutes after the opening touchdown. In the drive, HSE could convert a crucial fourth down after a significant gain negated by a penalty. Junior quarterback Chandler Weston found his favorite target, junior wide receiver Kendrick Pennybaker, on a screen pass for their night's first score. The drive was symbolic of how the game would unfold throughout the night.

The team exchanged defensive efforts during the following drives, but each offense was stymied as the Millers punted and the Royals were turned over on downs. After the HSE defense rose to the occasion at the beginning of the second quarter, senior punter Mason Presits delivered a punting highlight, as one of his punts pinned the Royals onto their own two-yard line. The NHS defense regained the ball after stellar play from the two-way player and Boston College commit, senior Israel Oladipupo. The ensuing drive ended with a touchdown run from sophomore running back Ty Holmes, who had two scores on the night, after the Millers methodically marched downfield on a 13-play, 75-yard march, which consumed nearly all the second quarter.

In the second half, Hamilton Southeastern responded with a long drive, moving its offense 80 yards and controlling the clock. With the score tied at 14 in the waning moments of the third quarter, Weston was able to convert a crucial third down in a run that saw him run from one sideline to the opposite sideline in a spectacular team effort to give the Royals a first down which led to the first of se-

nior RB Vaughn Johnson's two touchdowns of the night.

"We had trouble getting Weston off of the field. He's a special player, but we will be better," said Sharpe.

The Millers would tie the game again at 21 in the latter part of the fourth quarter, but Weston had other plans. He made plays with his feet and within the air to move HSE into scoring position with eight seconds left in the game.

"The only thing on my mind during the last drive was ball security, ball security, ball security," Weston said. "I just wanted to ensure we secured that ball and got into the end zone."

Johnson delivered with his second run over the goal line to put HSE ahead 28-21 in front of the stunned Noblesville crowd.

"Our coach always says our last practice must be our worst. We look forward to taking that next step next week," Weston said.

Royals coach Michael Kelly said, "[Noblesville] is a team you hate to see because they're so well coached and can grind the ball down. We told our kids at the beginning of the year that we will grow this year, and despite missing a slew of players, our coaches prepared our team for the game."

The win opens the door for Hamilton Southeastern to compete for the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship. This was Noblesville's fifth straight loss, but the team continued to compete as all games were within a score.

The Millers will travel to Brownsburg Friday to face the Bulldogs, the state's top football team and fellow conference foe. The Royals will travel south to play conference rival Franklin Central. Both games will begin at 7 p.m.

Girls Golf State Championships

Millers finish as state runners-up

Royals rise to third, Rocks finish fourth

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – For the first time in almost 20 years, the Noblesville girls golf team is taking a trophy home from the state meet.

While it’s not the big trophy, the Millers still had plenty to be happy about following their performance at the 2024 state meet, which took place last Friday and Saturday at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. Noblesville finished a close second to a young Zionsville team; the Eagles won with a two-day score of 627 while the Millers totaled 632.

It’s the fourth state runner-up finish for Noblesville, which also placed second in 1999, 2000 and 2005. The Millers won back-to-back state championships in 1986 and 1987.

“They played their hearts out,” said Noblesville coach Justin Werkley. “It certainly wasn’t our best day, but they played the best they could and they gave it their all and that’s all you could ever ask of them. Zionsville played great. All credit to them. They’re a very deserving champion. They played some great golf today.”

Noblesville was led by junior Josie Kelley, who won both a team and individual medal by placing sixth out of the 108 golfers at state. Kelley carded 75s both days for a total score of 150. She had seven birdies over the 36-hole tournament.

Junior Olivia Fowler scored 159 for the tournament, totaling four birdies. Both Kelley and Fowler were named to the All-State team after the meet; All-State honors are given to those who place in the top 10 at state or for points

earned throughout the high school season at tournaments.

Senior Olivia Anderson and junior Presley White both made two birdies for the event while senior Karis Shields had one. Anderson and Shields also received Academic All-State honors.

It was another sensational meet for the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, as all four podium teams came from the HCC. Hamilton Southeastern placed third with 652, just ahead of fourth-place Westfield’s 653.

Two Southeastern golfers finished with scores of 158: junior Janelle Garcia and sophomore Sophie Roberts. Garcia made five birdies at state while Roberts had three. Laci Hart and Maya Cieply both drained three birdies as well.

It was the first time the Royals reached the podium since they finished third in 2014, making it a memorable season for first-year Royals head coach Peter Salvadori.

“To see these girls work this hard and to achieve that was something special,” said Salvadori. He remembered back to the beginning of the season, when the team had set “reach top five at state” as one of its goals.

“I love it, but why don’t we aim for top four? Because that’s where they start giving medals,” said Salvadori. And Southeastern did just that.

“What started as kind of a pipe dream to turn into a reality is amazing,” said Salvadori.

The Shamrocks continued their own amazing state run, reaching the podium for the seventh time since 2015. Westfield had two golfers finish in the top 10, thus receiving All-State honors. Senior Addi Kooi tied for

third place with a score of 148, making five birdies over the weekend. Junior Kelsey Haverluck tied for ninth by scoring 152, also making five birdies.

Kooi finishing third made her the highest-placing golfer from Hamilton County. Zionsville freshman Taylor Snively won the individual championship with a score of even par 144, while Castle senior Ashley Kirkland was the runner-up with 146; she also won the Mental Attitude Award.

Sophie Raines and Lilley Ku both had one birdie during the state meet.

“We had three girls playing for the first time this year and it’s always hard to do,” said Shamrocks coach Josh Bryant. “I couldn’t be happier with the girls this season and they played hard today.”

Carmel, the two-time defending state champion, placed eighth as a team with a 691. Senior Sophie Mock led the Greyhounds with a score of 155. Mock had four birdies and an unforgettable hole in one, aching the 12th hole on the first day of the tournament. Maddie Headlee totaled four birdies for the event. Freshman Georgia Murnan had two birdies and Allie Thompson had one.

“I think we had a great season,” said Greyhounds coach Kelly Kluesner. “The girls learned a lot, being led by Sophie and being helped out by Maddie. Just developing course management and learning a lot about high school golf. For them to advance out of regionals was a huge goal of ours and just experience this tournament and be a part of it, we were super happy.”

Team scores: Zionsville 315-312=627, No-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Noblesville girls golf team finished as runner-up at last weekend’s IHSAA state finals at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. The Millers scored 632 to reach the top two for the first time since 2005.

blesville 310-322=632, Hamilton Southeastern 327-325=652, Westfield 326-327=653, Franklin Community 328-336=664, Center Grove 341-333=674, Batesville 332-349=681, Carmel 344-347=691, Castle 353-342=695, South Bend St. Joseph 347-355=702, Homestead 365-344=709, Northridge 365-349=714, Rochester 356-358=714, DeKalb 365-361=726, Lake Central 373-360=733, New Palestine 378-358=736, Bedford North Lawrence 368-368=736, Evansville Memorial 412-413=825.

Top 10 individuals:

1. Taylor Snively (Zionsville) 72-72=144, 2. Ashley Kirkland (Castle) 77-69=146, T3. Paige Giovenco (Floyd Central) 72-76=148; Addi Kooi (Westfield) 72-76=148, 5. Ava South (Batesville) 74-75=149, 6. Josie Kelley (Noblesville) 75-75=150, T7. Rowan Pies (East Central) 74-77=151; Abbey Peterson (Warsaw) 74-77=151, T9. Taylor Larkins (Fort Wayne Carroll) 81-71=152, Addison Meadows (Southmont) 76-76=152; Kelsey Haverluck (Westfield) 76-76=152.

Other Noblesville scores: Olivia Fowler 81-78=159, Karis

Shields 78-83=161, Presley White 76-89=165, Olivia Anderson 89-86=175.

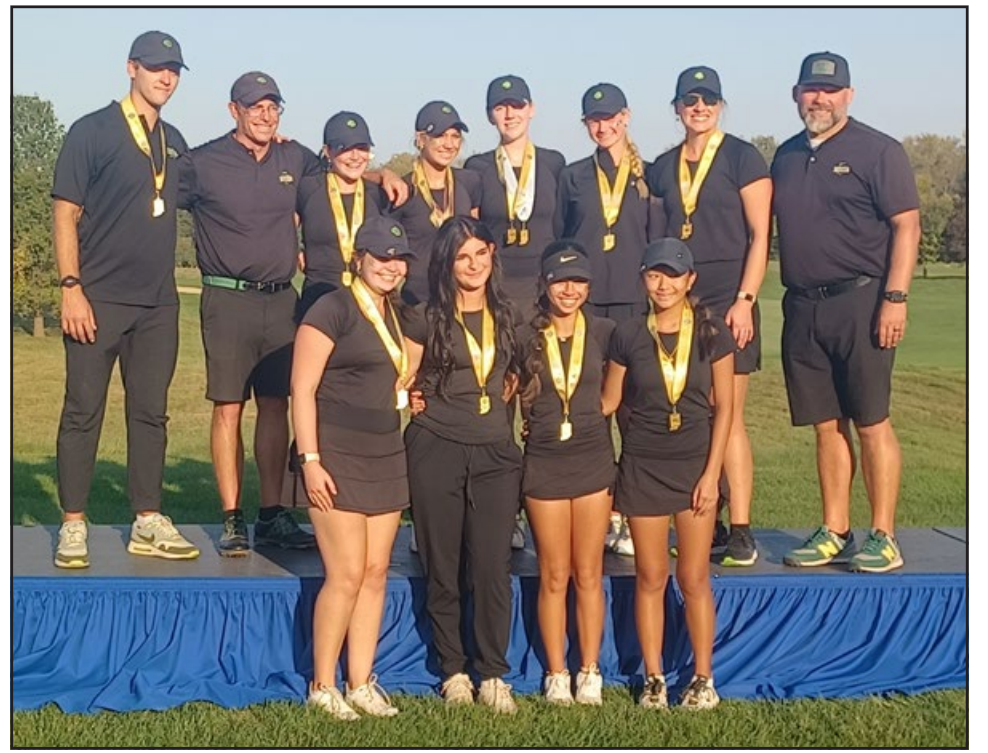
Southeastern scores: Sophie Roberts 80-78=158, Janelle Garcia 80-78=158, Laci Hart 83-83=166, Maya Cieply 84-86=170, Karolina Franssen 92-97=189.

Other Westfield scores: Sophie Raines 90-84=174, Kate Brown 90-91=181, Lilley Ku 88-93=181.

Carmel scores: Sophie Mock 76-79=155, Maddie Headlee 80-81=161, Allie Thompson 91-95=186, Reese Roudebush 97-96=193, Georgia Murnan 103-92=195.



(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern placed third at state, its first podium finish since 2014.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield finished a close fourth, earning their seventh podium finish over the past 10 years. See more pictures by photographers Mike Navarro and Julie Brown at ReadTheReporter.com.

IHSAA announces boys & girls soccer tournament pairings

The REPORTER

The IHSAA revealed the sectional pairings for this year’s boys and girls soccer tournaments on Sept. 29.

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

winner 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, a six-team site. 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 Com-

plex 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 Sec-

tional 38 at Lafayette Central 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: Secena 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.

TENNIS

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The No. 3 singles match was a true roller-coaster ride. Carmel's Andrew Kim won the first set 6-1, then the Eagles' Tyler Reed took the second set 6-0. The third set eventually went to a 10-point super tiebreak that extended beyond the usual 10 points. Both players held match points before Reed won 15-13 to pick up Zionsville's lone point.

"We definitely felt very good after losing to them during regular season," said Worobel. "Good bounce back."

The Greyhounds won

their 38th sectional in program history and now advance to the Lebanon regional, which begins on Tuesday. Carmel will get another tough opponent: No. 1-ranked Brebeuf Jesuit. The Braves cruised through the Park Tudor sectional with two 5-0 victories and beat the Hounds when the teams met earlier in the season.

"This is their year, they know that," said Brunette. "They're a great team. They're also very well-coached and they're pretty committed to their program. It's going to be a tough one.

It's going to be a battle. It's exciting, though."

Tigers edge out HSE

Sectional 31 host Fishers defended its sectional championship last Thursday with a 3-2 win over No. 9 Hamilton Southeastern.

The Tigers got early wins from Gavin Conrad at No. 2 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Jack Huntley and Beau Wolf, who came back after dropping the first set. The Royals' No. 1 doubles team of Tyler Rich and Landon Osswald won in two close sets; they will advance to the individual tournament

next week.

Fishers' No. 1 singles Aidan Foley was the clincher, coming back from a 6-0 first set to win the next two 6-2, 6-2. Leo McVeigh won Southeastern's second match, taking the third set 6-1 after splitting tiebreaks in the first two sets.

The Tigers won their fourth sectional in program history and head to the Mount Vernon regional on Tuesday. Fishers will play Centerville, the winner of the Richmond sectional; the championship match there is scheduled for Saturday morning.

Millers defend their title

Noblesville successfully defended its sectional championship last Thursday, beating Lapel 5-0 at the Millers' tennis complex.

All of the matches were decided in straight sets. In singles play, No. 1 Ethan Feliciano won 6-1, 6-1; No. 2 Zane Panning was a 6-2, 6-2 winner and No. 3 Max Habel was victorious 6-1, 6-4. In doubles, No. 1 Jack Brenneman and Dane Campbell won their match 6-1, 6-2 while No. 2 Dustin Turpin and Parker Stallings picked

up a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

Noblesville picked up its sixth sectional championship in program history. The Millers will get to play in their own regional again, taking on Frankton in a Tuesday semifinal match.

In the semifinals last Wednesday, Noblesville beat Westfield 3-2, winning at No. 2 singles, No. 1 doubles and No.2 doubles. The Shamrocks' Parker Paramoure won at No. 1 singles, advancing him to the individual state tournament. Westfield's other win came from No. 3 singles Ajay Prasanna.

FISHERS

CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

1. INVITATION

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-22-9 et. seq., the City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "City") invites qualified firms ("Offerors") to submit proposals ("Proposal") for comprehensive services and duties customarily and usually performed by such firms in providing Financial Advisory Services for the City's Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan").

2. BACKGROUND

The City of Fishers is located in Hamilton County, Indiana northeast of Indianapolis. Under a nine-member Council and Mayor form of government, Fishers is known as a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial city through its neighborhood development, dedication to supporting high-growth companies, and innovative city processes.

The City currently offers employees the option to participate in a 457(b) and 401(a) Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan. The Plan is administered by OneAmerica Financial and allows employees to contribute deferred pre or post tax compensation into a wide range of investment types. The City will match 50%, up to \$1,500 per year, of an employee's contribution.

3. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION & DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

As financial advisor to the Plan primary responsibilities consists of investment performance review and monitoring, tax and legal consulting on Section 457(b) and 401(a) plan design, operation, and compliance. In addition, the advisor will be expected to participate in ad hoc duties such as Plan member education and Plan-related request for proposals.

4. CITY PRIORITIES FOR SELECTION

The City's priorities, which are listed in order of importance, for providing the services described herein include the following: 1. Provide competitive and cost effective pricing for the services offered. 2. Demonstrate that Offeror can continuously provide the services consistent with the RFP, subject to Offeror stating that it does not provide certain services.

5. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Offerors shall submit proposals that fully respond to the RFP with respect to each of the services offered. Proposals must include the following items in the following order and under the following headings:

A. Cover Letter

The Proposal should be accompanied by a cover letter that designates the Offeror's preferred contact person and office in charge (name, phone number, email address) for all correspondence through the RFP process.

B. Firm Overview

1. Briefly describe your firm's history and background. 2. Provide details of your firm's financial status and stability. 3. Discuss any impending changes in your organization that could impact the delivery of services. 4. Provide proof that your company carries Errors and Omissions insurance coverage.

C. Experience and Philosophy

5. Describe the proposed team that would work with the City and provide information about the qualifications and expertise of each team member. 6. How often does your team meet with your clients and for what purposes? 7. Describe what makes your firm uniquely qualified to work on our account. 8. Describe your firm's experience working with municipalities similar in size to the City and in the type of deferred compensation plan(s) referenced herein.

D. Expertise

13. Describe your approach to supporting financial wellness education. 14. How do you manage vendor relationships, particularly with the plan administrator? 15. In your opinion, what are the two major challenges municipalities our size face with deferred compensation plans and how will your firm help meet these challenges? 16. Describe your process for negotiating rates and fees with plan administrators. Be prepared to share examples of your success in negotiating renewals.

E. Special Services

18. Provide an overview of your account support and administration services, including financial education and ongoing support for City employees. 19. Describe your capabilities in ongoing plan performance monitoring, plan performance forecasting, benchmarking and reporting. 20. Describe any additional services offered by your firm that may be of interest to the City.

F. Legislative / Compliance

21. How do you support your clients in ensuring their deferred compensation plan(s) remain compliant with all federal and state laws? 22. Do you have in-house legal advisors or outside counsel who provide guidance to you and your clients? 23. Describe methods you employ to disseminate information about current trends and legislation.

G. Compensation

24. Describe how you expect to be compensated for your services. Please make certain to identify any services mentioned in your proposal that are not included in your proposed fee (services that would be an additional expense). 25. Has your firm been subject to any lawsuits or settlements specific to compensation disclosure or practices within the last five years? 26. Describe your right to terminate a contract with you. Is there a minimum contract period? 27. Fees: Provide your proposed fee schedule and payment terms for the Scope of Required Services for the agreement period.

H. References

29. Provide three references from current clients, preferably of similar size and/or need and complexity to the City. For each reference please include: • Number of employees • Number/type of plans • Length of servicing relationship • Contact name, title, and phone number

7. SELECTION AND AWARD

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in its absolute discretion. All proposals are subject to the laws of the State of Indiana.

In determining the proposal most advantageous to the City, proposals will be evaluated based on the factors included in this RFP and proscribed statutory criteria. The City will review and determine the proposals that seem most advantageous to it. The City anticipates creating a short list of Offerors who are determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award ("Potential Awardees").

After determining the Potential Awardees, the City reserves the right to conduct interviews with Potential Awardees. The City shall select one (1) Potential Awardee for award of a contract (the "Award Recipient"). Following selection of the Award Recipient, the City plans to enter into a services agreement (the "Contract") with the Award Recipient that will include the Specifications.

A Contract is not deemed final unless and until the City's Board of Public Works & Safety approves the Contract as required by law.

Selection Schedule

An approximate schedule of the procurement process is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Action Item. Rows include: 09/16/2024 City publishes Notice of RFP, 09/27/2024 Last Day to submit questions regarding the RFP, 10/07/2024 Last day for City to answer questions and distribute addenda, if any, 10/18/2024 RFP Submission Deadline - by or before 4:30 EST, 10/25/2024 City Determines Potential Awardees, 10/28/24 - 11/01/24 Interviews, 11/08/2024 Award Notification.

This schedule is subject to modification at the discretion of the City.

8. COMMUNICATIONS & CONTACT INFORMATION

All communication is strictly limited to written questions submitted to the City Contact. Communication may be submitted by email or mail prior to the deadline for submitting questions. Questions received by the deadline and deemed appropriate for response by the City, in its sole discretion, will be answered by posting the questions and answers on the City's website. Offerors shall be responsible for checking the City website. The City may rephrase questions as it deems appropriate and may consolidate similar questions. Responses, when posted, will constitute addenda to this RFP.

City Contact Information for Questions:

City Contact Name: Ethan Lee, Director of Human Resources; Mailing Address: One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038; Email: leec@fishers.in.us

9. ADDENDA, MODIFICATIONS & WITHDRAWAL

The City reserves the right to issue written addenda to this RFP (each, an "Addendum" or collectively, "Addenda") at any time before the RFP Submission Deadline and will post any Addenda on the City's website. The Addenda will

be numbered consecutively. Any Addenda shall constitute a part of this RFP. All proposals shall be prepared with full consideration of the Addenda issued prior to the RFP Submission Deadline. Each Offeror is solely responsible to ensure that it has received all Addenda issued by the City and should routinely monitor the City website.

Proposals may be modified or withdrawn in writing to the City Contact, if such modification or withdrawal is received prior to the RFP Submission Deadline. Any modification to a proposal received by the City after the RFP Submission Deadline will not be considered by the City. Offeror may also withdraw its RFP in person at any time before the Submission Deadline.

10. POTENTIAL MINIMUM CONTRACT TERMS

The terms of the Contract with the Award Recipient will, among other items negotiated by the parties, include the following minimum terms:

- 1. The key terms of Award Recipient's proposal; 2. Insurance requirements; 3. Indemnification by Award Recipient; 4. Confidentiality of City Information; 5. Termination for Default; 6. Compliance with Federal, State and local law and ordinances; 7. Non-discrimination; 8. Drug-free workplace; and 9. E-Verify requirements.

The City specifically advises Offerors that the above list is a partial list, and the City reserves the right to negotiate a Contract most advantageous to the City.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

The City may negotiate different terms and conditions with any Offeror after opening the proposals. Material, documents and information submitted in response to this RFP shall be prepared at the sole cost and expense of Offerors and when submitted in response to this RFP shall become the property of the City.

Applicants are advised that all documents submitted in response to this RFP will be considered public documents subject to Indiana statutes governing access to public records, Ind. Code § 5-14-3 et. seq., after negotiations with the Award Recipient(s) conclude. During consideration of proposals and negotiations, the City will avoid disclosure of proposal contents to competing Offerors. After award of a Contract, contents of the may be viewed and copied by any member of the public.

A. Reservation of Rights. This RFP does not commit the City to accept a proposal, award a contract for the Services or reimburse or pay costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal. The City will evaluate proposals based on responsiveness to this RFP and whether the proposal is advantageous to and in the best interest of the City.

B. Discussions. The City specifically reserves the right to (1) conduct written discussions with Potential Awardees; (2) reject any or all proposals or part thereof; or (3) waive any defects or informalities in a proposal when it is in the best interest of the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Offerors shall not contact the City except as provided in Section 8.

C. Inconsistency of Error in the RFP. Any applicant believing that there is any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error in the RFP shall promptly notify the City Contact using the procedure set forth in to Section 8. Failure to so notify the City Contact by the deadline for asking questions shall constitute a waiver of any and all claims of ambiguity, inconsistency or error.

D. Addenda. The City shall not be responsible for and specifically disclaims any oral instructions given by any employee, independent contractor or person purporting to act on behalf of the City with respect to this RFP. Any changes to this RFP will be provided in the form of Addenda furnished to all Offerors listed with the City as having received the RFP or to any other applicant who requests Addenda.

E. Applicant Incurred Costs. Applicants shall be responsible for all costs incurred in responding to this RFP. All materials and documents submitted in response to this RFP becomes the property of the City and may not be returned after the Submission Deadline.

F. Rejection of Proposals. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received, or any part thereof; to accept any response or any part thereof (including specific Services); or to waive any informality when it is deemed to be most advantageous to the City.

G. Transmittal Letter. Proposals must include one (1) fully-executed Transmittal Letter, in accordance with the form of Transmittal Letter set out in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, from each Offeror acknowledging that Offeror has fully reviewed and understands and agrees to be bound by the terms and requirements of this RFP. The Transmittal Letter must be executed by a duly authorized representative of each Offeror.

H. Non-Collusion Affidavit. Each Offeror must certify that it has not participated in collusion or other anticompetitive practices in connection with its proposal by executing and returning with its proposal the Non-Collusion Affidavit provided in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein.

I. No Default, Breach. The proposal must include an affidavit, as provided in Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein, of Offeror's authorized representative affirming that Offeror and/or its affiliates are not: (a) involved in any current or pending litigation or legal disputes with any governmental entity; (b) in arrears to any governmental entity of any debt or contract; (c) a defaulter as surety or other obligation upon any governmental entity; (d) in failure to perform faithfully in any previous contract with a governmental entity in the preceding five (5) years; and (e) have not, in the preceding five (5) years, voluntarily or involuntarily filed for bankruptcy or other similar insolvency proceeding. In the event Offeror cannot affirm representations (a)-(e), it must sufficiently detail the reasons why and provide the City with sufficient detail surrounding the event or proceedings.

J. No Bankruptcy. The proposal must include an affidavit, as provided in Exhibit D, attached hereto and incorporated herein, of Offeror's authorized representative affirming that Offeror and/or its affiliates are currently solvent and have not, in the preceding five (5) years, voluntarily or involuntarily filed for bankruptcy or other similar insolvency proceeding.

EXHIBIT A - TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Offeror: City of Fishers, Ethan Lee, Director of Human Resources, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038

The undersigned ("Offeror") submits this proposal in response to the Request for Proposals Deferred Compensation Plan Financial Advisory Services ("RFP") issued by the City of Fishers ("City"). Offeror represents and warrants that it has read the RFP and any addenda and agrees to abide by the contents and terms of the RFP.

Offeror understands that the City is not bound to negotiate with any Offeror and may reject each response that it receives. Offeror further understands that all costs and expenses incurred by it in preparing this proposal will be borne solely by Offeror. Offeror understands that any documents, work product, or proprietary information submitted to the City in response to this RFP or throughout the RFP process shall become the sole and exclusive property of the City.

Offeror acknowledges and agrees that the City reserves, at all times in connection with this RFP, all rights available to it under applicable law, including without limitation, with or without cause and with or without notice, the right to the following: (1) terminate this RFP in whole or part at any time prior to the execution of a contract, (2) issue a subsequent RFP after the withdrawal of this RFP for the contract, (3) reject any and all proposals, (4) terminate, suspend, or elect not to proceed in negotiations with Offeror(s) at any time, (5) select some Services while determining to forego other Services; and (6) waive any deficiencies, nonconformities, irregularities, and/or apparent clerical mistakes in a proposal. Offeror acknowledges and agrees that the issuance of this RFP does not commit the City to enter into a contract or proceed with the RFP process.

Offeror acknowledges and agrees that this RFP and all aspects of the process described therein shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Indiana.

By: Date: Its:

EXHIBIT B - NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned authorized representative of Offeror, being duly sworn on oath, states and affirms that neither Offeror nor any other member, representative or agent of Offeror has entered into any combination, collusion or agreement with any person or entity relative to the price or other factors offered or in response to the RFP or in any way acted to prevent any other Offeror from responding or otherwise submitting a proposal to the RFP. Offeror's proposal is made without reference to any other proposal and without any agreement, understanding or combination with any other person in reference to such proposal.

Further, no member of the City or City Council, or other officers of the City, or any person in the employ of the City is interested in the proposal, or the work to which it relates.

OATH AND AFFIRMATION

I HEREBY AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING FACTS AND INFORMATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. Dated this day of , 2024

(Offeror) (Offeror's Authorized Representative) (Signature)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF) Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared the above-named and swore that the statements contained in this Non-Collusion Affidavit are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to me this day of , 2024. Notary Public Signature

EXHIBIT C - NO DEFAULT OR BREACH

[INSERT NAME OF OFFEROR] HEREBY AFFIRMS that offeror and its affiliates are not: (a) involved in any current or pending litigation or legal disputes with any federal, state, or local governmental entity; (b) in arrears to any federal, state, or local governmental entity of any debt or contract; (c) a defaulter as surety or other obligation upon any federal, state, or local governmental entity or (d) in failure to perform faithfully in any previous contract with a federal, state, or local governmental entity in the preceding five (5) years.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF) Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared the above-named and swore that the statements contained in this Non-Collusion Affidavit are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to me this day of , 2024. Notary Public Signature

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO 29D01-2405-DN-00504)
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:)
Edith Ahinaye Amarteifo Kudowor)
Petitioner)
v)
Solomon Kobla Kudowor)
Respondent)

29D02-2408-EU-000373
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF PATRICIA LYNN)
FITZSIMMONS, DECEASED)

SUMMONS
The State of Indiana to Respondent:
Solomon Kobla Kudowor
772 Industrial Dr.
Elmhurst, IL 60126
You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above.
If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing.
If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that may include but not limited to any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal), and other distribution of assets and debts, attorney fees and costs.
Dated: May 20, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24
R4970

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of August 2024, Kaycee Fitzsimmons-Boris (FKA Kaycee Lynn Fitzsimmons) was appointed personal representative of the estate of Patricia Lynn Fitzsimmons deceased, who died on June 20, 2024.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated this 27th day of August, 2024.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Court
For Hamilton County, Indiana
Attorney Gary P. Bonk, #20519-45
Attorney for the Petitioner
900 Parker Place, Suite A
Schererville, IN 46375
(219) 864-7800
R4989 9/30/24, 10/7/24

29D01-2409-ES-418
Sarah J. Randall, #26598-29
Church Church Hittle + Antrim
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court.
Notice is hereby given that Julia D. Johnson was, on September 24, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MATTHEW M. JOHNSON, deceased, who died July 8, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on September 24, 2024.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
9/30/24, 10/7/24
R5007

29D02-2409-EU-000407
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:)
RALPH RASNAKE JR)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Cause No. 29D02-2409-EU-000407
In the Superior Court 2 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Craig Rasnake on 9/19/2024 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ralph Rasnake Jr, deceased, who died on 8/29/24.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this 19th day of September, 2024.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Court
For Hamilton County, Indiana
9/30/24, 10/7/24
R4993

29D01-2404-MI-003683
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Emma Faith Brokamp
Name of Minor
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp
By Next Friend
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that, Jo Ann Marie Brokamp, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on March 23, 2023 to change the name of Emma Faith Brokamp to Emma Faith Sparks.
The Petition is schedule for hearing in the Hamilton County Circuit Court on December 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: August 9, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
9/30/24, 10/7/24, 10/14/24
R5003

STATE OF INDIANA)
SS:)
COUNTY OF Hamilton)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
COURT)
CASE NO. 29C01-2404-MI-003683
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp
Petitioner.
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp, whose mailing address is: 196 Amys Run Drive Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Jo Ann Marie Brokamp has filed a petition in the Hamilton-County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Jo Ann Marie Sparks.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: December 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp
Petitioner
Date: August 9, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
9/30/24, 10/7/24, 10/14/24
R5004

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO 29D03-2408-DN-9610
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Quita Yvette Knazze)
Petitioner)
v)
Charles Patrick Orrison)
Respondent)
SUMMONS
The State of Indiana to Respondent:
Charles Patrick Orrison
413-A Cecil St
Durham, NC, 27707
(954) 616-7928
You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above.
If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing.
If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that may include but not limited to any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal), and other distribution of assets and debts, attorney fees and costs.
Dated: August 27, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk of Courts
9/30/24, 10/7/24, 10/14/24
R5022

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF MARK DERBIQUE,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
In the matter of the Estate of Mark Derbique, deceased.
CAUSE NUMBER: 29D02-2409-EU-000416
Notice is hereby given that Bridget Derbique was on September, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Mark Derbique, deceased, who died on June 19th, 2024.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this September 26, 2024.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
Prepared by:
Ethan Runnebohm, Atty #36217-49
Moore Law, LLC
104 Aspen Drive
Batesville, Indiana 47006
(812) 932-1227
R5063 10/7/24, 10/14/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO 9D03-2409-GU-000206
IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:
GABRIEL FELIPE ARENAS DIAZ,)
Minor)
NOTICE OF SUIT
To the biological father, Albeiro Arenas Sanchez, or any other interested person:
Petitioner, Marli Yiset Diaz Mondragon, has filed a Petition for Appointment of Guardian Over Person of Minor in the Hamilton Superior Court. A hearing on said Petition is scheduled on November 19, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. in the Hamilton Superior Court, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.
At the hearing, the Court will decide whether the individual, Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz, is a minor under Indiana law. The Court will also decide whether the Petitioner, Marli Yiset Diaz Mondragon should be appointed guardian of the person and estate of Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz. This proceeding may substantially affect the rights of Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz. The Court will hold this hearing for the purpose of determining whether a Guardian should be appointed for Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz.
The Court may, in its discretion, appoint another qualified person as Guardian. The Court also may, in its discretion, limit the powers and duties of the Guardian to allow the minor, Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz, to retain control over certain property and activities.
Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz may attend the hearing and be represented by an attorney. The Petition may be heard and determined in the absence of Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz, if the Court determines that his presence is not required. If Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz attends the hearing, opposes the Petition, and is not represented by an attorney, the Court may appoint an attorney and/or a Guardian Ad Litem to represent Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz at the hearing.
The Court may, on its own motion, or on request of any interested person, postpone the hearing to another date and time. You may appear at this hearing and be heard by the Court. If you do not appear, the Petition will be heard and acted upon by the Court in your absence.
Dated: September 30, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County
This instrument prepared by Catherine S. Christoff, #11571-02 CHRISTOFF & CHRISTOFF
130 West Main Street, Suite 22
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
(260) 422-1561
Fax: (260) 422-1563
R5070 10/7, 10/14 10/21/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO 29D01-2405-DN-00504
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Edith Ahinaye Amarteifo Kudowor)
Petitioner)
v)
Solomon Kobla Kudowor)
Respondent)
SUMMONS
The State of Indiana to Respondent:
Solomon Kobla Kudowor
772 Industrial Dr.
Elmhurst, IL 60126
You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above.
If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing.
If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that may include but not limited to any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal), and other distribution of assets and debts, attorney fees and costs.
Dated: May 20, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24
R4970

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO 29D01-2405-DN-00504
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Edith Ahinaye Amarteifo Kudowor)
Petitioner)
v)
Solomon Kobla Kudowor)
Respondent)
SUMMONS
The State of Indiana to Respondent:
Solomon Kobla Kudowor
772 Industrial Dr.
Elmhurst, IL 60126
You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above.
If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing.
If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that may include but not limited to any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal), and other distribution of assets and debts, attorney fees and costs.
Dated: May 20, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24
R4970

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2404-MF-004599, wherein U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF2 Acquisition Trust was Plaintiff, and Edwin E. Moore, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Penny D. Biddle, Norman L. Biddle and Credit Acceptance Corp, were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 7th day of November, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
The following real property, situated in the City of Cicero, County of Hamilton and the State of Indiana: And known as being Lot Number 53 in the Town Of Deming (Deed Record E, page 5), the East half of the alley between Lot's Number 52 and Number 53, in the Town of Deming, and a part of the Southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 4 East, located in Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana being more specifically described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Lot Number 53 in the town of Deming (Deed Record F, page 5), said point of beginning being the North right of way line of Walnut Street (50 foot right of way), thence West 80.25 feet on and along the North right of way line of Walnut Street to the centerline of an alley (12 foot right of way) between Lots Number 52 and Number 53 In The Town of Deming; thence North 148.5 feet on and along the centerline of said alley to a point on the North line of the Town of Deming, said point being in the West line of the Southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 4 East; thence North 00° 43 min. 37 sec. West (assumed bearing) 68.52 feet on and along the West line of said Southeast quarter, thence South 77° 25 min. 35 sec. East 82.44 feet, thence South 00° 43 min. 37 sec. East 51.14 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot Number 53, thence South 148.5 feet to the point of beginning.
29-06-05-401 -004.000-008
and commonly known as: 4010 E 226th St, Cicero, IN 46034.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-2404-MF-004599 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff

DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Jackson Township
4010 E 226th St, Cicero, IN 46034
Street Address
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR
R4963 9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:)
RALPH RASNAKE JR)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Cause No. 29D02-2409-EU-000407
In the Superior Court 2 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Craig Rasnake on 9/19/2024 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ralph Rasnake Jr, deceased, who died on 8/29/24.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this 19th day of September, 2024.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Court
For Hamilton County, Indiana
9/30/24, 10/7/24
R4993

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
EMMA FAITH BROKAMP)
Name of Minor)
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp)
By Next Friend)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp, whose)
mailing address is: 196 Amys Run)
Drive Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the)
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby)
gives notice that Jo Ann Marie)
Brokamp has filed a petition in the)
Hamilton-County Circuit Court)
requesting that their name be changed)
to Jo Ann Marie Sparks.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: December 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.)
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp)
Petitioner)
Date: August 9, 2024)
Kathy Kregg Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)
9/30/24, 10/7/24, 10/14/24)
R5004

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 09/09/2024, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Hamilton County, in Hamilton County, Indiana, located at 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 on November 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, to-wit:
Lot 107 in Springmill Streams-Section Six, an Addition in Hamilton County, Indiana as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument No. 87-46555 on November 5, 1987, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Together with: Parcel "A" in Claybridge at Springmill, an Addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide No. 72, as Instrument No. 89-27503 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known as: 12878 Mayfair Lane, Carmel, IN 46032
State Parcel Number: 29-09-27-007-022.000-018 Township : Clay
This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).
It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Hamilton County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate.
Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisalment laws.
THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
Attorney for Plaintiff
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 736-5579
15-24-00168
R4964 9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29C01-2402-MF-002163 wherein Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, was Plaintiff, and Camlan T. Dieu, et al. were the defendant, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 3rd day of October, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 851 in Deer Path, Section Eighteen (18), an addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded November 13, 2008 as Instrument Number 2008056394 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More Commonly Known As: 15527 Old Pond Circle, Noblesville, IN 46060
Parcel No. 20-11-15-00-26-055.000
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff
R. ELLIOTT HALSEY, #38073-45
TRAVIS B. BARRY, 38072-45
KELLEY, KRONENBERG, P.A.
Wayne Township
15527 Old Pond Circle, Noblesville, IN 46060
Street Address
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R4965 9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24

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

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 Wehe 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 at 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

ARCADIA

WESTFIELD

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2206-MF-3956, wherein Indiana Members Credit Union of Indianapolis, Indiana d/b/a Indiana Members Credit Union was Plaintiff, and Mary R. Williams et al. were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 7th day of November, 2024, at the hour of 12:00 p.m., at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 6, BLOCK 1 IN WILLIAM SHAFFER'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ARCADIA, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND RUN THENCE EAST 41.5' TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 332'; THENCE EAST 66'; THENCE 332'; THENCE WEST 66' TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.
More Commonly Known As: 301 E. South Street, Arcadia, IN 46030
Parcel No.: 29-02-24-213-005.000-009 & 29-02-24-213-012.000-009
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Attorney Travis J. Spencer, #30143-91
Indiana Members Credit Union
510 Madison Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46227
Date: November 7, 2023
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana
Jackson Township
301 E. South Street
Arcadia, IN 46030
Street Address
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address herein.
R4958 9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D03-2404-MF-004682 wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC was Plaintiff, and , Diane K. Harmon, as Personal Representative for the Estate of David W. Ritchie, Matt Ritchie, as Heir to the Estate of David W. Ritchie, Michelle Hemmerling, as Heir to the Estate of David W. Ritchie, State of Indiana, Department of Revenue, North Harbour Property Owners Association, Inc. and Diane K. Harmon, as Heir to the Estate of David W. Ritchie were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the November 7, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot 402 in Section 12 of North Harbour, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, pages 66-67 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known address: 112 Wesley Circle, Noblesville, IN 46062
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana
Township: Noblesville
Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 29-06-23-101-014.000-013
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Manley Deas Kochalski LLC
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff
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R4959 9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2405-MF-006049 wherein U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of BKPL-EG Series N Trust was Plaintiff, and Thomas Andrew Weixler, et al., were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 7th day of November, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
LOT NUMBER 57 IN JOHNSON ACRES, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CARMEL, IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 193-197 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More commonly known as: 1663 Obara Court, Cannel, IN 46033
Parcel No. 29-10-20-401-043.000-018
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 29D05-2405-MF-006049 in the Superior court of the County of Hamilton, Indiana.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Plaintiff Attorney
Dennis V. Ferguson (8474-49)
Joel F. Bonkamp (27410-49)
Sottile and Barile, LLC
7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
Clay Township
1663 Obara Court, Carmel, IN 46033
Street Address
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NOTICE
SOTTILE AND BARILE LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
R4960 9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2402-MF-001650, wherein Longbridge Financial, LLC was Plaintiff, and The Unknown Heirs at Law of Anthony L. Lindley, Deceased, Woodberry Homeowners Association, Inc. and Occupant(s) of 14255 Holly Berry Circle, Fishers, IN 46038, were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 7th day of November, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot Number 105 in Woodberry Section 5, a Subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded March 6, 2001 as Instrument No. 20010001107 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
29-11-20-108-039.000-020
and commonly known as: 14255 Holly Berry Circle, Fishers, IN 46038.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-2402-MF-001650 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Fall Creek Township
14255 Holly Berry Circle, Fishers, IN 46038
Street Address
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NOTICE
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR
R4961 9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2405-MF-005671, wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and David N. Ayala and Melissa Ayala, were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 7th day of November, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot Numbered 25 in Cedar Lake, Section Two, an Addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per Plat thereof, Recorded in Plat Book 14, pages 73-75 and Corrected by Affidavit of Correction Recorded as Instrument Number 87-45418, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
29-09-24-106-007.000-018
and commonly known as: 1419 Jeffrey Ct W, Carmel, IN 46032.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-2405-MF-005671 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Clay Township
1419 Jeffrey Ct W, Carmel, IN 46032
Street Address
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DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR
R4962 9/23/24, 9/30/24, 10/7/24

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SHERIDAN

BZA Public Notice

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals on October 15, 2024, 5:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss the following:
• 24-V-05: Variance of standard Variance of standard to allow a lot area reduction from two (2) acres to .5 acres, a lot width reduction from 200 feet to sixty-six (66) feet, a lot frontage reduction from 100 feet to sixty-six (66) feet, a side yard setback reduction from thirty (30) feet to nineteen (19) feet, and a rear yard setback reduction from thirty (30) feet to six (6) feet. Application by Jason Blankenship and pertains to the real estate generally located at 904 W. Second Street, Sheridan.
Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals. Persons interested in presenting their views in person, written or verbally shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place.
Hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during the regular office hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That file may also be viewed online at www.Sheridan.in.gov.
Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals
Jennifer Miller, Secretary
R5055 10/7/24

APC Public Notice

This notice is to inform you of a public hearing to be held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission on October 15, 2024, 6:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss:
• 24-UDO-02 Town of Sheridan requests an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance applying to the following Articles: 2.3, 3, 4.8, 5.14, 5.2, 5.3, 6.5, 6.7, 7.3.
Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission. Persons interested in presenting their views in person written or verbally shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place.
Agenda items may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the APC. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during regular business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That file may also be viewed online at www.Sheridan.IN.gov.
Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission
Jennifer Miller, Secretary
R5056 10/7/24

NOBLESVILLE

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By / At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: Flasher Sign Replacement
Until: 09:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Receipt of Bids: Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:
SEALED BID: Flasher Sign Replacement
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 09:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, October 29, 2024.
Qualification of Bidders: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Traffic Control: Signal Installation and Sign Installation"
The Work: The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of Removal and replacement of various school zone flasher assemblies and pedestrian crossing RRFB assemblies.
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bidders and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.
Bid Documents: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after October 14, 2024. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to rgulley@noblesville.in.gov and dochoa@noblesville.in.gov requesting instructions to download project documents.
Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville - Engineering Department prior to 12:00PM, local time on Thursday, October 24, 2024. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:
Andrew Rodewald, PE
City of Noblesville Engineering Department
Email: arodewald@noblesville.in.gov
Carbon Copy Question To:
Rene Gulley
Street Department
Email: rgulley@noblesville.in.gov
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.
Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.
Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
R5062 10/7/24, 10/14/24

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

The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on application PLAT 000165-2024 on the 28th day of October, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The application submitted by the Church Church Hittle + Antrim requests approval of a primary plat for a 3-lot residential subdivision to be known as "Juergensen Plat" on property located at 5263 East 156th Street all within Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the applications above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Plan Commission.
A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 South 10th Street, Suite 150 in City Hall for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page at www.cityofnoblesville.org, agendas, Plan Commission - September 18, 2023 prior to the meeting date.
NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary
R5064 10/7/24



“Not everything has a reason, but everything has a cause.” - Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1988

COUNTY

Request for Qualifications Hamilton County Special Projects for 2025 and 2026 Construction and General Contracting Services

Project Location: Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, Hamilton County Jail Complex, Hamilton County 4H Campus, Hamilton County Highway Department and the Hamilton County Health Department. Noblesville, Indiana
Response Due Date: October 25, 2024 by 4:00 PM
Tentative Selection Date: November 12, 2024
Hamilton County is requesting qualifications (the "RFQ") for professional Construction Management Services ("CM Services") for the following interior and exterior renovations:
• Exterior brick work, renovation, and rehabilitation
• Repair and/or replace windows
• All other special projects approved by Buildings and Grounds for 2025 and 2026
• Install a new HVAC system and remove the existing HVAC system
These services are being requested at the following locations (a non-exhaustive list): the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, Hamilton County Jail Complex, Hamilton County 4H Campus, Hamilton County Highway Department and the Hamilton County Health Department. The RFQ is being issued to solicit certain documents from qualified firms to perform professional services for the above-mentioned project as outlined in this RFQ.
A response to this RFQ is not a guarantee that the firm responding will be awarded a contract to perform CM Services, but only that the responding firm wishes to be considered.
Contact for questions regarding this RFQ:
Mr. Steve Wood
Title: Building and Grounds Superintendent
Phone Number: 317.776.8446
Email: steve.wood@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

INTRODUCTION

Potential firms shall be required to submit the following documents:
1. A response to this RFQ as outlined herein.
2. One (1) original, three (3) copies, and one disc or flash drive of the response are to be submitted.
3. All submittals shall be titled: Request for Qualifications for the Hamilton County Special Projects for 2025 and 2026: Construction and General Contracting Services
4. All submittals shall be made to: Hamilton County Board of Commissioners c/o Mr. Lee Buckingham Title: Director of Administrations Address: 1 N. 8th St., #157 Noblesville, IN 46060

Pre-selection information:

1. The firm shall be properly licensed in Indiana to provide the CM Services requested.
2. A contract with terms similar to a standard contract terms will be executed between the selected firm and the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners. The County reserve the right to modify, amend, or replace the contract with a County drafted contract.
3. The County reserves the right to reject any or all RFQs, to waive any informality or irregularity in any RFQ received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective RFQs received.

Section 1: The Project.

The Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County (the "Commissioners"), Indiana seeks CM Services to begin a project for the renovation and modernization of existing space to accommodate the needs for the County government's continued growth, updating existing systems, updating and installing new HVAC systems, removing old HVAC systems, brick work, and other similar construction services (the "Project").
The scope of Project is:
a. Update and/or replace certain mechanical systems at the current historic courthouse, judicial center, health department center, jail complex and 4-H.
b. Exterior and roof repairs and replacement at various buildings throughout the County.
c. Misc. interior renovations at the County facilities.
d. Work with design and architect team to design miscellaneous mechanical upgrades throughout the County.
e. Coordinate all permitting requirements with Authorities Having Jurisdiction.
f. All of the scope of the Project will likely be performed and completed while continuing the operations of the Hamilton County government at all Project locations/sites.

In order to complete the project, the Commissioners are seeking a qualified professional CM Services firm with experience in the construction, renovations and modernizations of judicial facilities and design of government use space. The potential firm must have the experience to ensure the continued operations of Hamilton County throughout the duration of the Project. The Commissioners expect that the selected firm will provide recommendations and services to work with the conceptual design, prepare construction documents and specifications of the renovations and structures.
The final project scope will be determined through a scoping period with the selected firm, during which the selected firm will be required to provide site analysis, design, operation of the project site during construction, and construction analysis to create a final scope and budget. The scoping period is anticipated to be a very intense and fast-paced process, with the goal of achieving a final budget in the fall of 2024.
Upon receiving a satisfactory scoping schedule from the selected firm, the County will move forward with the Project and selected firm. If the selected firm is unable to produce satisfactory deliverables and budget, the County will begin a new scoping period with another firm or cancel the RFQ process all together. All funding subject to budget approvals for 2025 and 2026.

Section 2: Qualification Information Required (10-pages maximum)

1. Informational Cover Letter
2. Identification, Qualifications and Key Staff
a. Provide the firm name and office location from where the work will be performed. Include the name and contact information for the person authorized to negotiate the proposed contract.
b. Describe the project team, organizational structure and individuals responsible for the delivery of the key tasks.
c. Include a listing of the proposed subconsultants and the tasks to be completed by the prime and each subconsultant.
d. Describe the capacity of the team to complete the required work elements.
3. Describe experience in the construction and construction management of courthouse construction/renovations, or other similar projects, projects and a description of space for other government uses. Include references for the projects noted. List up to four county courthouse projects and similar government projects.
a. Provide references for projects included in the project experience section.
4. Your firm's project understanding and approach to the project.
a. Address your firm's understanding of the services requested and approach to completing the design requirements. Describe your proposed innovative ideas, cost containment measures, energy efficiency and/or sustainable design suggestions, staging and sequencing of work to accommodate operating government offices, seamless design of building additions, quality control procedures, etc.
R5048 10/7/24, 10/14/24

WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON (GRAND JUNCTION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA)

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, on August 19, 2024, adopted its Resolution No. 19-2024 (the "Declaratory Resolution") making certain proposed amendments to the declaratory resolution and the economic development plan (the "Plan") for the Grand Junction Economic Development Area, each as previously amended (the "2024 Amendments"). The 2024 Amendments (i) designate certain additional parcels within the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City") as an economic development area (such new area, the "2024 Area") and consolidate the 2024 Area with the existing Grand Junction Economic Development Area (collectively, the "Area"), (ii) remove certain parcels from the original Grand Junction Economic Development Allocation Area, (iii) designate certain parcels as a separate allocation area, to be known as the "Park Street Allocation Area," (iv) expand the original Grand Junction Economic Development Allocation Area to include all of the parcels in the 2024 Area (except those parcels in the 2024 Area that are in the Park Street Allocation Area) by designating such portion of the 2024 Area as an allocation area, (v) remove certain parcels from the Area, and (vi) adopt the Plan, together with a supplement thereto (the "2024 Plan Supplement"), as the development plan for the 2024 Area, all as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolution.
A detailed description of the proposed 2024 Amendments, together with maps and plats of the 2024 Area and copies of the 2024 Plan Supplement and the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.
Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the 2024 Amendments and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Written remonstrances to the 2024 Amendments may be filed with the Commission prior to the public hearing at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and via email to Jenell Fairman at: jfairman@westfield.in.gov. At the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will also determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed 2024 Amendments, whether the proposed 2024 Amendments are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Plan and the purposes of the Act, and whether the Plan, with the proposed 2024 Amendments, conforms to the comprehensive plan for the City.
WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R5067 10/7/24

WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON (146th STREET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA)

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, on August 19, 2024, adopted its Resolution No. 25-2024 (the "Declaratory Resolution") making certain proposed amendments to the declaratory resolution and the economic development plan (the "Plan") for the 146th Street Economic Development Area, each as previously amended (the "2024 Amendments"). The 2024 Amendments (i) designate certain additional parcels within the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City") as an economic development area (such new area, the "2024 Area") and consolidate the 2024 Area with the existing 146th Street Economic Development Area (collectively, the "Area"), (ii) designate all of the 2024 Area as a separate allocation area, to be known as the "Towne Run Allocation Area," and (iii) adopt the Plan, together with a supplement thereto (the "2024 Plan Supplement"), as the development plan for the 2024 Area, all as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolution.
A detailed description of the proposed 2024 Amendments, together with maps and plats of the 2024 Area and copies of the 2024 Plan Supplement and the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.
Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the 2024 Amendments and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Written remonstrances to the 2024 Amendments may be filed with the Commission prior to the public hearing at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and via email to Jenell Fairman at: jfairman@westfield.in.gov. At the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will also determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed 2024 Amendments, whether the proposed 2024 Amendments are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Plan and the purposes of the Act, and whether the Plan, with the proposed 2024 Amendments, conforms to the comprehensive plan for the City.
WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R5065 10/7/24

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
) SS: HAMILTON COUNTY
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
) CAUSE NO. 29D02-2302-MF-001830
WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL)
ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL)
CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA)
TRUST 2014-2)
PLAINTIFF
)
vs)
JACQUELINE LEVELL; STEPFON LEVELL;)
SUMERLIN TRAILS HOMEOWNERS)
ASSOCIATION, INC.; MARINER FINANCE, LLC)
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO PERSONAL)
FINANCE COMPANY; STATE OF INDIANA)
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 06/09/2023, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Hamilton County, in Hamilton County, Indiana, located at 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 on November 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, to-wit:
Lot 256 Sumerlin Trails at Hoosier Woods, Section Six, recorded June 8, 2004, as Instrument No. 04-39494, in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 418 Certificate of Correction recorded as Instrument No. 2004-56156, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known as: 11154 Schoolhouse Road, Fishers, IN 46037
State Parcel Number: 29-11-33-013-035-000-020
Township: Fall Creek

This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).
It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Hamilton County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate.

Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of MFRA Trust 2014-2. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisal laws.
THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

Attorney for Plaintiff
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 736-5579
15-23-00081

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
R5061 10/7/24, 10/14/24, 10/21/24

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON (EAST SIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA)

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, on August 19, 2024, adopted its Resolution No. 20-2024 (the "Declaratory Resolution") making certain proposed amendments to the declaratory resolution and the economic development plan (the "Plan") for the East Side Economic Development Area, each as previously amended (the "2024 Amendments"). The 2024 Amendments (i) designate certain additional parcels within the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City") as an economic development area (such new area, the "2024 Area") and consolidate the 2024 Area with the existing East Side Economic Development Area (collectively, the "Area"), and (ii) adopt the Plan as the development plan for the 2024 Area, all as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolution.
A detailed description of the proposed 2024 Amendments, together with maps and plats of the 2024 Area and copies of the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.
Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the 2024 Amendments and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Written remonstrances to the 2024 Amendments may be filed with the Commission prior to the public hearing at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and via email to Jenell Fairman at: jfairman@westfield.in.gov. At the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will also determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed 2024 Amendments, whether the proposed 2024 Amendments are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Plan and the purposes of the Act, and whether the Plan, with the proposed 2024 Amendments, conforms to the comprehensive plan for the City.
WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R5066 10/7/24

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON (WHEELER LANDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA)

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, on August 19, 2024, adopted its Resolution No. 24-2024 (the "Declaratory Resolution") making certain proposed amendments to the declaratory resolution and the economic development plan (the "Plan") for the Wheeler Landing Economic Development Area, each as previously amended (the "2024 Amendments"). The 2024 Amendments (i) designate certain additional parcels within the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City") as an economic development area (such new area, the "2024 Area") and consolidate the 2024 Area with the existing Wheeler Landing Economic Development Area (collectively, the "Area"), (ii) expand the original Wheeler Landing Economic Development Allocation Area to include all of the parcels in the 2024 Area by designating all of the 2024 Area as an allocation area, and (iii) adopt the Plan, together with a supplement thereto (the "2024 Plan Supplement"), as the development plan for the 2024 Area, all as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolution.
A detailed description of the proposed 2024 Amendments, together with maps and plats of the 2024 Area and copies of the 2024 Plan Supplement and the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.
Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the 2024 Amendments and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Written remonstrances to the 2024 Amendments may be filed with the Commission prior to the public hearing at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and via email to Jenell Fairman at: jfairman@westfield.in.gov. At the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will also determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed 2024 Amendments, whether the proposed 2024 Amendments are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Plan and the purposes of the Act, and whether the Plan, with the proposed 2024 Amendments, conforms to the comprehensive plan for the City.
WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R5068 10/7/24

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WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (TOWNE RUN PROJECT) Notice is hereby given that the City of Westfield Economic Development Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., local time, on October 14, 2024, in the City Hall Assembly Room, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, concerning the proposed issuance by the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City") of economic development tax increment revenues bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) (the "Bonds"), which may be issued on a taxable or taxexempt basis for purposes of federal income taxation. The City will provide the proceeds of the Bonds to LOR Corporation or a single-purpose affiliate thereof (collectively, the "Company") to finance a portion of the costs of the design and construction of infrastructure improvements, including, but not limited to, pedestrian infrastructure including trails, sidewalks, gazebo, golf cart parking, landscaping, gateway signage, streetscape improvements, site lighting, public gathering spaces, general site improvements, or other local public improvements located in, physically connected to, or directly serving or benefiting the Towne Run Allocation Area of the 146th Street Economic Development Area (the "Area"), in support of a new mixed-use project consisting of commercial and/or retail facilities and/or related improvements within the Area (collectively, the "Projects").

The Bonds will not be an indebtedness or general obligation of the City and will not be payable in any manner by the taxing power of the City. The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable solely from a portion of the tax increment revenues expected to be generated from the Allocation Area, as described in the agreements of the City concerning the financing of the economic development facilities (such agreements, collectively, the "Financing Agreements"). Copies of the form of the Financing Agreements will be on file with the Clerk of the City and are available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the City during regular business hours daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. At the time and place fixed for the public hearing, all taxpayers, residents or interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed financing of the Projects in writing or in person.

CITY OF WESTFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION R5040 10/4/24, 10/7/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF 2016 LEASE BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held before the Westfield Redevelopment Commission on October 21, 2024 at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (local time) at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074, upon a proposed Addendum No. 2 ("Addendum No. 2") to the existing lease, dated as of August 23, 2016 between the Westfield Redevelopment Authority ("Authority"), as lessor, and the Westfield Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), as lessee ("the existing lease together with Addendum No. 1 thereto, the "Lease"). The Lease and the Addendum No. 2 are for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Westfield, Indiana ("City"). The proposed Addendum No. 2 upon which the hearing will be held modifies the definition of Leased Premises in the Lease by substituting a new definition of Leased Premises ("Substitute Leased Premises") in lieu thereof. The timing and amounts of the Lease Rentals (as defined in the Lease) and the remainder of the Lease remain unchanged. The Substitute Leased Premises consist of certain local public improvements consisting of the acquisition and leasing of certain improved roadways as set forth in the Addendum No. 2 which will be exchanged with the City for the existing Leased Premises. The Lease provides for approximately equal installments according to a schedule attached to the Lease with a maximum annual lease rental of \$1,934,000, payable semiannually on June 15 and December 15 of each year during the term of the lease, commencing on December 15, 2016. Lease Rentals shall be payable from a pledge of a portion of the City's distribution of Local Income Taxes (as defined in the Lease).

The Lease gives an option to the Lessee to purchase the Leased Premises on any Lease Rental payment date. The estimates for the cost of the acquisition of the Substitute Leased Premises, as well as a copy of the existing Lease and Addendum No. 2 thereto, are available for inspection by the public on all business days, during business hours, at the office of the City's Director of Economic Development, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074. At such hearing all persons interested shall have a right to be heard upon the necessity for the execution of the Addendum No. 2, and upon whether the Lease Rentals provided for in the existing Lease to be paid to the Authority are fair and reasonable rentals for the Substitute Leased Premises, whether the services provided by the Leased Premises will serve the public purpose of the City and are in the best interests of its residents and whether the execution of the Addendum No. 2 is necessary and wise. Such hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates and following such hearing the Commission may either authorize the execution of the Addendum No. 1 as originally agreed upon or may make modifications therein as may be agreed upon with the Authority.

Dated October 7, 2024. WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION R5044 10/7/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF 2018 LEASE BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held before the Westfield Redevelopment Commission on October 21, 2024 at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (local time) at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074, upon a proposed Addendum No. 2 ("Addendum No. 2") to the existing lease, dated as of September 12, 2017 between the Westfield Redevelopment Authority ("Authority"), as lessor, and the Westfield Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), as lessee ("the existing lease together with Addendum No. 1 thereto, the "Lease"). The Lease and the Addendum No. 2 are for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Westfield, Indiana ("City"). The proposed Addendum No. 2 upon which the hearing will be held modifies the definition of Leased Premises in the Lease by substituting a new definition of Leased Premises ("Substitute Leased Premises") in lieu thereof. The timing and amounts of the Lease Rentals (as defined in the Lease) and the remainder of the Lease remains unchanged. The Substitute Leased Premises consist of certain local public improvements consisting of the acquisition and leasing of certain improved roadways as set forth in the Addendum No. 2 which will be exchanged with the City for the existing Leased Premises. The Lease provides for approximately equal installments according to a schedule attached to the Lease with a maximum annual lease rental of \$1,743,000, payable semiannually on June 15 and December 15 of each year during the term of the lease, commencing on June 15, 2019. Lease Rentals shall be payable from a pledge of a portion of the City's distribution of Local Income Taxes (as defined in the Lease).

The Lease gives an option to the Lessee to purchase the Leased Premises on any Lease Rental payment date. The estimates for the cost of the acquisition of the Substitute Leased Premises, as well as a copy of the existing Lease and Addendum No. 2 thereto, are available for inspection by the public on all business days, during business hours, at the office of the City's Director of Economic Development, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074. At such hearing all persons interested shall have a right to be heard upon the necessity for the execution of the Addendum No. 2, and upon whether the Lease Rentals provided for in the existing Lease to be paid to the Authority are fair and reasonable rentals for the Substitute Leased Premises, whether the services provided by the Leased Premises will serve the public purpose of the City and are in the best interests of its residents and whether the execution of the Addendum No. 2 is necessary and wise. Such hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates and following such hearing the Commission may either authorize the execution of the Addendum No. 1 as originally agreed upon or may make modifications therein as may be agreed upon with the Authority.

Dated October 7, 2024. WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION R5045 10/7/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF 2024 LEASE BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held before the Westfield Redevelopment Commission on October 21, 2024 at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (local time) at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074, upon a proposed Addendum No. 2 ("Addendum No. 2") to the existing lease, dated as of April 15 2024 between the Westfield Redevelopment Authority ("Authority"), as lessor, and the Westfield Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), as lessee ("the existing lease together with Addendum No. 1 thereto, the "Lease"). The Lease and the Addendum No. 2 are for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Westfield, Indiana ("City"). The proposed Addendum No. 2 upon which the hearing will be held modifies the definition of Leased Premises in the Lease by substituting a new definition of Leased Premises ("Substitute Leased Premises") in lieu thereof. The timing and amounts of the Lease Rentals (as defined in the Lease) and the remainder of the Lease remains unchanged. The Substitute Leased Premises consist of certain local public improvements consisting of the acquisition and leasing of certain improved roadways as set forth in the Addendum No. 2 which will be exchanged with the City for the existing Leased Premises. The Lease provides for approximately equal installments according to a schedule attached to the Lease with a maximum annual lease rental of \$1,748,000, payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1 of each year during the term of the lease, commencing on July 1, 2024. Lease Rentals shall be payable from General Revenues (as defined in the Lease) of the City and, to the extent General Revenues are not sufficient, from a special benefits tax levy collected in the Westfield Redevelopment District and, in addition, any tax increment collected in certain allocation areas may be used to pay Lease Rentals (each as defined in the Lease), as determined by the Clerk-Treasurer, with the advice of the City's municipal advisor.

The Lease gives an option to the Lessee to purchase the Leased Premises on any Lease Rental payment date. The estimates for the cost of the acquisition of the Substitute Leased Premises, as well as a copy of the existing Lease and Addendum No. 2 thereto, are available for inspection by the public on all business days, during business hours, at the office of the City's Director of Economic Development, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074. At such hearing all persons interested shall have a right to be heard upon the necessity for the execution of the Addendum No. 2, and upon whether the Lease Rentals provided for in the existing Lease to be paid to the Authority are fair and reasonable rentals for the Substitute Leased Premises, whether the services provided by the Leased Premises will serve the public purpose of the City and are in the best interests of its residents and whether the execution of the Addendum No. 2 is necessary and wise. Such hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates and following such hearing the Commission may either authorize the execution of the Addendum No. 1 as originally agreed upon or may make modifications therein as may be agreed upon with the Authority.

Dated October 7, 2024. WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION R5046 10/7/24

COUNTY

STATE OF INDIANA)) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY OF HAMILTON)) DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Emily Vestal Drain Reconstruction NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Drainage Board at its regular meeting September 30, 2024 adopted the reconstruction report of the Surveyor and the Amended Schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessment for periodic maintenance, finding that the costs, damages and expense of the proposed improvement would be less than the benefits which will result to the owner of lands benefited thereby.

The Board issued an order declaring the proposed improvement established. Such findings and order were marked filed and are available for inspection in the Office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

If judicial review of the findings and order of the Board is not requested pursuant to Article VIII of the 1965 Indiana Drainage Code as amended within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice, the findings and order shall become conclusive.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD BY: Steven C. Dillinger PRESIDENT ATTEST: Lynette Mosbaugh SECRETARY R5050 10/7/24

COUNTY

STATE OF INDIANA)) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY OF HAMILTON)) DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Mary Wilson/Oak Park Drain Reconstruction NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Drainage Board at its regular meeting September 30, 2024 adopted the reconstruction report of the Surveyor and the Amended Schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessment for periodic maintenance, finding that the costs, damages and expense of the proposed improvement would be less than the benefits which will result to the owner of lands benefited thereby.

The Board issued an order declaring the proposed improvement established. Such findings and order were marked filed and are available for inspection in the Office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

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HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD BY: Steven C. Dillinger PRESIDENT ATTEST: Lynette Mosbaugh SECRETARY R5051 10/7/24

COUNTY

STATE OF INDIANA)) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY OF HAMILTON)) DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Little Eagle Creek Drain, Cove Horny Arm, Osborne Trails Section 14 NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Drainage Board at its regular meeting September 30, 2024 adopted the reconstruction report of the Surveyor and the Amended Schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessment for periodic maintenance, finding that the costs, damages and expense of the proposed improvement would be less than the benefits which will result to the owner of lands benefited thereby.

The Board issued an order declaring the proposed improvement established. Such findings and order were marked filed and are available for inspection in the Office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

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HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD BY: Steven C. Dillinger PRESIDENT ATTEST: Lynette Mosbaugh SECRETARY R5041 10/4/24, 10/7/24

COUNTY

STATE OF INDIANA)) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY OF HAMILTON)) DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Little Eagle Creek Drain, Cove Horny Arm, Osborne Trails Section 14 NOTICE

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HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD BY: Steven C. Dillinger PRESIDENT ATTEST: Lynette Mosbaugh SECRETARY R5042 10/7/24

COUNTY

STATE OF INDIANA)) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY OF HAMILTON)) DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Morse Park Softball Request for Proposals: Sealed bid proposals for managing the Morse Park Softball Complex program for the 2025-27 spring, summer, and/or fall leagues (minimum of 2 seasons) at the Morse Park Softball Fields, 19777 Morse Park Ln, Noblesville, IN 46062 will be received by the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department's office, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN, 46060-1305, until 4:30 p.m. (Local time) on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024. Informational packets regarding proposal requirements can be gathered at the Parks & Recreation Department's office during regular office hours before the submittal date.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2024. HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA By: Patrick Mapes, Superintendent R5042 10/7/24

COUNTY

STATE OF INDIANA)) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY OF HAMILTON)) DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Morse Park Softball Request for Proposals: Sealed bid proposals for managing the Morse Park Softball Complex program for the 2025-27 spring, summer, and/or fall leagues (minimum of 2 seasons) at the Morse Park Softball Fields, 19777 Morse Park Ln, Noblesville, IN 46062 will be received by the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department's office, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN, 46060-1305, until 4:30 p.m. (Local time) on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024. Informational packets regarding proposal requirements can be gathered at the Parks & Recreation Department's office during regular office hours before the submittal date.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2024. HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA By: Patrick Mapes, Superintendent R5047 10/7/24

COUNTY

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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 seek 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 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 proactively 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
Progress payments will be made on the basis of hours of work completed during the course of the engagement in accordance with the firm’s dollar cost proposal. Interim billings shall cover a period of not less than a calendar month. The City reserves the right to withhold ten percent (10%) from each billing pending delivery of the firm’s final reports.

VII. EVALUATION PROCEDURES

A. Selection Personnel

Proposals submitted will be evaluated by the Audit Committee.

B. Evaluation Criteria

The following represent the principal selection criteria which will be considered during the evaluation process of proposals.

- 1. Mandatory Elements
a. The audit firm is independent and licensed to practice in Indiana.
b. The audit firm’s professional personnel have received adequate continuing professional education within the preceding three years.
c. The firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the City of Westfield.
d. The firm submits a copy of its most recent external quality control review report, and the firm has a record of quality audit work.
e. The firm adheres to the instructions in this request for proposals on preparing and submitting the proposal.
f. The firm submits 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.
2. Technical Qualifications
a. Expertise and Experience
i. The firm’s past experience and performance on comparable government engagements.
ii. The quality of the firm’s professional personnel to be assigned to the engagement and the quality of the firm’s management support personnel to be available for technical consultation.
iii. Experience with the preparation of federal and state financial assistance and related reports.
iv. Experience in providing assistance to meet the requirements of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program.
b. Audit Approach
i. Service Delivery Plan: Describe how the firm intends to conduct the audit in the first year versus subsequent years. Describe the service delivery system including what will be done, by whom, how and where. Provide detail on staffing requirements. Describe how the services will be coordinated and monitored and how access to them will be ensured through entrance conferences, progress reporting, and exit conferences.
3. Price - Cost will not be the primary factor in the selection of an audit firm.

C. Oral Presentations

During the evaluation process, the selection personnel may, at their discretion, request any one or all firms to make oral presentations. Such presentations will provide firms with an opportunity to answer any questions the selection personnel may have on a firm’s proposal. Not all firms may be asked to make such oral presentations.

D. Final Selection

The selection personnel will recommend a firm for approval by the Audit Committee. It is anticipated that a firm will be selected by November 12, 2024. Following notification of the firm selected, it is expected a contract will be executed between both parties within thirty (30) days of approval.

E. Right to Reject Proposals

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.

The City of Westfield reserves the right without prejudice to reject any or all proposals or parts thereof for any reason, to negotiate changes to proposal terms and to waive minor inconsistencies with the request for proposal.

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/>

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

What's Going On!
@VFW Post 6246 Noblesville

- 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

TRIVIA NIGHT
EVERY WEDNESDAY
Starts at 7pm
Trivia themes include pop culture, sports, music & more!
Cash PRIZE!!!!
NOBLESVILLE AMERICAN LEGION
273 S 8TH ST, NOBLESVILLE

\$5 Per Person

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

HAVENS HOPE RANCH AND STABLES
OCTOBER 5, 2024
10:00 TO 2:00 PM
HAVEN FOR HEALING
501(C)(3)
'FALL FESTIVAL' GRAND OPENING

- Food
- Music
- Games
- Pumpkin painting
- Carriage Rides
- Pony Rides
- Visit our critters
- Silent Auctions
- Prizes
- Hay Rides
- Face Painting
- Bonfire

Are you interested in renting a booth to sell your merchandise or advertise your business? Contact Diane for details...

MUSIC - FOOD - CARRIAGE RIDES - FACE & PUMPKIN PAINTING - HAY RIDES & MORE
(317) 373-1255
4445 West Smokey Row Rd., Greenwood
www.havenshoperanchandstables.com

Aspire Madison County Stand Down Oct 11

Aspire
Madison County
2024 Madison County Veterans Stand Down

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 EVERYWHERE

The PGA HOPE session for our Military Veteran community will be at Highland Golf & Country Club, 1050 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>

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	

CROSSER - LAMBERT - RICHARDSON
TRUSTED & EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP

VOTE !

CROSSER-LAMBERT-RICHARDSON are the the only candidates ENDORSED by the Noblesville Teacher's Forum

Teachers and Staff
We value the recruitment and retention of exceptional teachers and staff by supporting a positive school culture and competitive compensation.

Students
We are committed to the success of all students by fostering excellence in academics and workforce development and prioritizing student outcomes through continuous improvement and growth.

Fiscal Stewardship
We remain steadfast in our commitment to further reducing the school tax rate for the sixth consecutive year, all while maintaining our state-of-the-art facilities.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD
★ **Vote! CROSSER, LAMBERT, RICHARDSON** ★
Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Early Voting Available October 8th through November 4th

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