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Noblesville Rotary bolsters Ivy Tech Scholarship Fund

Submitted

The Noblesville Rotary Club made its annual donation to the Noblesville Rotary IVY Tech Hamilton County Scholarship Fund on Sept. 24.

For the past eight years, the club has dedicated the proceeds from its primary fundraiser, the Noblesville Rotary BrewBQ, to support students at Ivy Tech. Marking its biggest contribution ever, the Rotary Club presented a check for \$26,000. This money will cover the full cost of a full semester of tuition for up to five local students.

"We believe in the power of education to transform lives," Club Past President Carrie Dixon said. "To us this isn't a donation, but rather an investment in the future of Hamilton County. Our BrewBQ, again, exceeded all expectations, and we are humbled to be able to support so many of our local students."

The 2024 BrewBQ was attended by more than 500 local residents. It is one of the largest amateur barbecue compe-

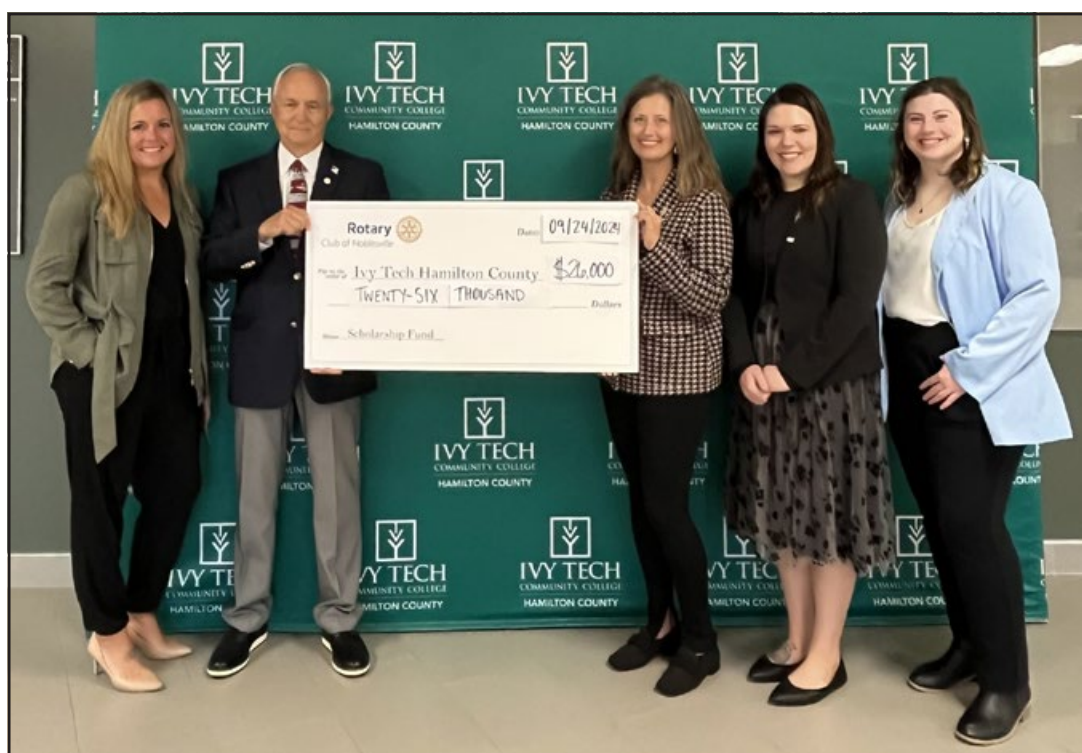


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(From left) Carrie Dixon, Jeff Derda (Noblesville Rotary), Rachel Kartz, Kelly Wallace, and Emily Cullen (Ivy Tech).

titions in central Indiana. The BrewBQ has become the highlight of the summer schedule for many grillers.

The 2025 BrewBQ is

scheduled for Aug. 9, 2025. To enter a grill team or learn how you can support the scholarship fund, please email noblesvillerotary@gmail.com.

The Noblesville Rotary meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of every month at Ginger's Café, 1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

Bribes for potty training

There are certain bold statements you make before having children that after having them, you realize how little you once knew about being a parent. You know, those statements like "my child will never have a tablet at the table when we go out to dinner."

I used to say that I would not bribe my kids; they would simply do as they are told. Right? No. And if you still insist that you won't, well, you haven't potty trained a stubborn three-year-old little boy recently.

There are few things that make a parent sweat and cause stress quite like the impending deadline of preschool approaching. Why? Children must be completely potty trained before beginning school. It's a rite of passage in the life of a toddler and their parents. It's the end of an era. It's kind of the bridge from baby/toddler to little kid.

My first-born picked up potty training very quickly. She is my people-pleaser. She did well with a little sticker chart on the fridge and a prize bag. In fact, it was so uneventful with my daughter that I barely remember it.

Well, then there's my Paddy. My sweet and spunky, sticky, and oh-so-stubborn little boy. Unlike his sister, he is not a people-pleaser. He's a doll, but you're not going to rattle his cage, and quite frankly, if you don't like it, he doesn't really care.

COLUMNIST



MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

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Westfield Library Foundation kicks off season with holiday unveiling party

Proceeds from Christmas Tree Raffle to benefit Westfield Public Library

Submitted

The Westfield Library Foundation will ring in the holidays with a Christmas Tree Unveiling Party from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

The festive event will celebrate the launch of the Foundation's annual Christmas Tree Raffle, featuring themed trees decorated by Erin Downey, the Foundation's Executive Director and a talented interior designer.

The morning will include the very first peek at five uniquely decorated trees and live carolers as well as holiday-inspired story times and crafts for the kids. Tickets for the raffle are just \$10 each, and on this special day

only, if you buy five tickets, you get one free.

After the open house, raffle tickets will be available at the library and online, with sales closing on Sunday, Dec. 1. Winners will be drawn on Monday, Dec. 2. The Foundation hopes to raise \$10,000 through the raffle.

"We couldn't be more excited to kick off the holiday season with what we hope will become a new tradition in our building," Downey said. "Decorating for the holidays is a passion of mine, and I believe this year's tree selection will truly resonate with our community. Every penny raised will support library programming and



Photo provided
Westfield Library Foundation Executive Director Erin Downey is ready to decorate for the holiday season.

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Two Sheridan High School students earn honors from College Board's National Recognition Program

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Students at Sheridan High School earned academic honors from the College Board AP Honor Roll. The program celebrates the hard work of thousands of high school students nationwide to help them showcase their strong academic performance.

For the first time, the academic honors recognize first-generation students in addition to rural and small-town, black, indigenous, and Hispanic or Latino students. The program opens college access for more students because many institutions use the awards for their recruitment efforts.

At Sheridan High School, two students received recognition:

- Owen Bell – National First-Generation Recognition
- Devyn Pewarski – National Rural & Small Town Recognition

"We are incredibly proud of Owen and Devyn for earning these honors," Principal Rick Davis said. "Their dedication and perseverance are truly remarkable,

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County honored for water availability study

Commissioners & Surveyor's Office accept County Achievement Award

The REPORTER

The Association of Indiana Counties has awarded Hamilton County with its prestigious County Achievement Award for the county's Water Availability Study.

County Commissioners Christine Altman, Steve Dillinger, and Mark Heirbrandt and County Surveyor Kenton Ward accepted the award during the Association's annual conference held in Switzerland County Sept. 23 to 26.

"Hamilton County has long been one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation," Ward said. "Our water supplies and distribution systems, like other infrastructure, have had to



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(From left) Project Engineer and Hamilton County Surveyor Candidate Gary Duncan, County Commissioners Steve Dillinger, Christine Altman, Mark Heirbrandt, and County Surveyor Kenton Ward.

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POTTY



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(ABOVE) First round of bribes. (TOP RIGHT) Second round of bribes. (RIGHT) Third time's a charm, right?

Pat doesn't do well with change. In fact, his initial response to anything new is to not like it. Then, once he's comfortable with it, he is fine. It's a dance we've done for over three years and have artfully mastered with him at this point. He did not want a big boy bed, he did not like the idea of transitioning from diapers to pull ups, and he wasn't crazy about a toothbrush either. He has never been in a hurry to grow up. Given that he's my baby, I've probably let him get by with more, and his stubbornness is one of his most endearing qualities.

The time came to begin potty training. We did the whole production of going to the store to pick out our big boy underwear. He settled on Buzz Lightyear and Spiderman drawers. While we were at the store getting his underwear, he found the toy section. He found a big Woody and Buzz toy from *Toy Story* that he thought he needed to have. Of course, my daughter chimed in that she also needed this special *Frozen* toy, too. I told them that we were not going to get those toys today, but maybe we would another day or he could think about it for Christmas. End of story.

He had a sticker chart on the fridge. Don't forget the gummy bears. I brought this home and we went over the whole deal. If he goes potty on the toilet, he gets a sticker for his chart, a gummy bear, and then he gets to pull a prize from his special bag.

If you've potty trained recently, you probably have done what all parents do.

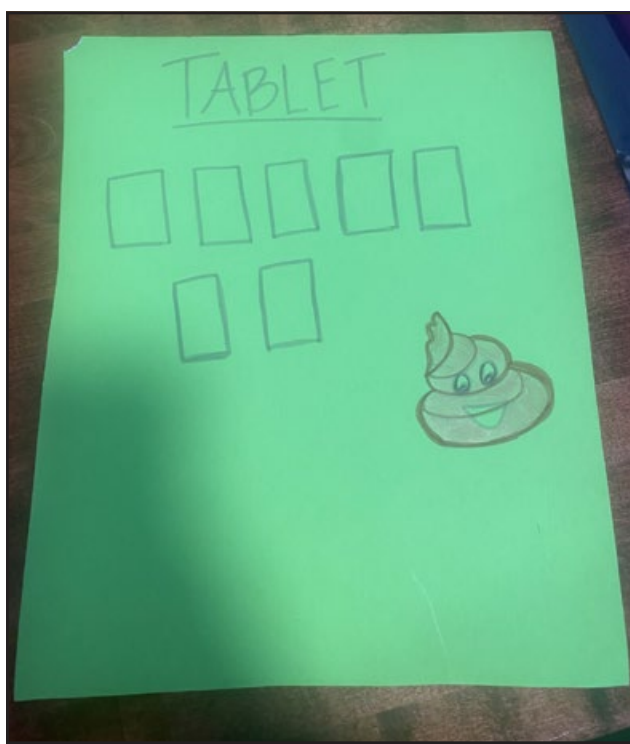
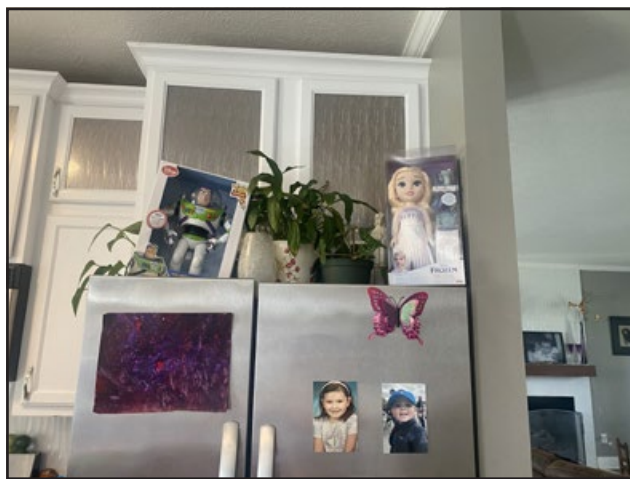
You take to the internet to figure out what to do. Everything says stay calm, don't punish, and never lose your patience. Well, guess what? Those people must have not done this recently because you realize what a game of chess it is when it comes to potty training a kid, especially a smart one.

I quickly realized about an hour into the process that Pat is a highly motivated kid, but it's on his terms. He is one that you can reason with and will take a bribe. He was hit or miss initially. He did not really care much about the prize bag. Yeah, it was fine the first 10 times or so, but after a while, it lost its luster quickly. He would sometimes go on the potty and other times he was wetting his pants.

In a moment of absolute desperation, I remembered how badly he wanted the Buzz and Woody toys. I decided I could try to bargain with the kid. I went to the store to get the Woody that he saw and loved. If you've met my daughter, you know that she is a very bossy little thing that has no problem keeping her brother in check.

I knew that she was going to have to be part of this process and have a buy-in to make this successful. I bought the *Frozen* toy that she wanted and his Woody from *Toy Story*. I brought them home and made a special sticker chart.

I told Pat that for every time he goes pee on the potty that he will get a sticker and once he gets 10 stickers, he can have his Woody doll. I told my daughter that she



needs to help and encourage Pat, help remind him to go to the bathroom, and each time Pat gets a sticker, so does she. A little peer pressure, right?

Both children could see their toys in the box as were placed on top of the refrigerator. I told him that when he fills the chart, the toy is his. Well, he filled the sticker chart in no time. At this point, he had mastered the No. 1 end of the bathroom, but No. 2 was another story.

Back to the store I went. This time, I went and got the Buzz Lightyear toy and another doll for my daughter. Except, I'm not about to be played by a three-year-old. You're not getting this for 10 stickers. That's child's play. You're going to earn your keep and it's going to cost you 20 stickers. Within a day and a half, the Buzz was his. He still would not poop on the potty. He's a pee master, but No. 2 is not happening. This kid runs a tough bargain.

Pat is obsessed with my tablet. He begs me any chance he gets to play with it. Sometimes I let him and most of the time I don't. I was making him sit on the toilet and he asked if he could play on the tablet. I told him no, but that if he pooped on the potty that I would go buy him one for himself. My husband looked at me like I was really starting to lose it. I did not care. I was desperate and if this kid is playing chess with me, I'm losing.

This required a brand-new sticker chart. My hus-

band and I are well-aware that we are both being manipulated by a three-year-old, and at this point, my only question is: *what's your price, young man? What will it be? A tablet? Fine.*

Off to Target I went. The new sticker chart on the fridge had a cartoon of poop on it, which my son just adored and was tickled pink with laughter. This one is going to cost you seven stickers, pal.

I was talking to a friend and sharing our potty-training adventures. He reminded me that it's all about perspective and he's my last one to ever need diapers. Then, I'm reminded that my little baby is really growing up and going to school. Before I know it, I'm going to blink and he's going to be in high school, and I'll be telling his girlfriend how long it took for him to stop pooping his pants.

Is he playing me? Probably. Does a little part of me respect his stubbornness and get a kick out of him? Most definitely. Does bribery work? Yes. Everyone has their price. Pat certainly had his and I have mine. By any means necessary to get this kid ready for school and he was just smart enough to take me to the cleaners over it.

He's a stinker in more ways than one.

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

TREE

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services in the coming year, so we hope the community will pack the house."

This year's tree themes and sponsors include:

- The Polar Express: The Farmers Bank (also the event's Presenting Sponsor)
- The Patriotic Nutcracker: The City of Westfield
- Taylor Swift's Christmas Era: Grand Maple Dental
- A Vintage Christmas: Medallion Partners

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• Diamond and Pearls: Moyer Fine Jewelers
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RECOGNITION

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and these awards reflect not only their academic achievements but also their potential to succeed in college and beyond."

Both students expressed gratitude for the recognition.

Bell said, "Being recognized as a first-generation student means a lot to me and my family. It feels good to know that my hard work is paying off and opening doors for my future."

Pewarski added, "Coming from a small town, it's super motivating to see how opportunities like this can impact my future. This recognition serves as a reminder that there's always possibility to grow, no matter how far off it seems."

Eligible students must meet the following criteria to qualify: earn a grade-point average of B+ (equal to at least 3.3 or 87 to 89 percent) or higher, score in the top 10 percent on PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 assessments in their state, or earn a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams by the end of 10th grade. Additionally,

students must attend school in a rural area or small town or identify as African American/black, Hispanic/Latino, indigenous/Native American, or first-generation college students.

In addition to these individual student honorees, Sheridan High School was awarded "Bronze" Status on the College Board AP Honor Roll for its success with the AP Program. To receive Bronze recognition, a school must meet the following: 40 percent or more of the graduating cohort took at least one AP exam during high school, 25 percent or more of the graduating cohort scored a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam during high school, and 2 percent or more of the graduating cohort took five or more AP exams during high school with at least one being taken in the 9th or 10th grade.

These achievements underscore the commitment of Sheridan High School to academic excellence, providing opportunities for students to thrive and preparing them for future success.



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WATER

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stretch to keep up. We need to do what we can now to ensure we can deliver safe and reliable water to the community in the future."

Hamilton County hired an environmental consulting firm to conduct the comprehensive study on water availability after the Indiana Development Finance Authority published a report highlighting an alarming increase in water usage in Hamilton County. The three-year study, costing \$2,145,000, began in 2021 and includes monitoring aquifer and surface water levels and quality, improving long-term water availability, expanding aquifer yield for drinking water, and exploring innovative designs for aquifer recharge.

The hope is that the study will help identify effective conservation practices and avoid a potential groundwater supply crisis.

Mark Heirbrandt, President of the Hamilton County Commissioners, expressed his enthusiasm about the award and the significance of the study.

"We are honored to be recognized with this award," he said. "Hamilton County remains dedicated to ensuring a sustainable water future for its residents and looks forward to continuing its efforts to balance growth with responsible water management."


The study was funded from Hamilton County's share of the American Resilience Plan Act.

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Hamilton County marks one year since groundbreaking on new utility district

Water & sewer service to be operational by early 2025

The REPORTER

It's been a year since Hamilton County broke ground on the Baker's Corner/U.S. 31 Infrastructure Investment Project. The \$45 million project aims to extend sewer and water utilities to the Baker's Corner area, located just north of Westfield on U.S. 31.

"We are thrilled to see the progress on this transformative project," said Mark Heirbrandt, President

of the Hamilton County Commissioners. "Our main objective is to give residents the option to connect to our utilities, especially given the health concerns surrounding high E. coli levels and failed septic systems in the area. This project not only addresses those concerns but also encourages high-quality development that can provide high-earning jobs and essential services to our growing community."



Heirbrandt



Wessler

The new utility district will cover a significant area, with boundaries stretching from approximately three miles east of U.S. 31 to approximately two miles west of U.S. 31 and 216th Street north to 296th Street, encompassing 42 square miles – nearly the size of the City of Carmel.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation



Photos provided by Hamilton County

The new utility district will cover a 42 square-mile area of northern Hamilton County.

has already designated 80 acres in the region for agricultural businesses, with several housing developments expressing interest in connecting to the new utilities.

"With these improvements, we are also expanding broadband access and making crucial road enhancements for the growing populations of Cicero, Sheridan, and other northern towns along the corridor,"

Heirbrandt added.

Marty Wessler, Chief Executive Officer of Wessler Engineering, anticipates the water and sewer systems will be operational by the first quarter of 2025, allowing residents to begin connecting to the utilities.

"Construction for the Indiana National Guard Armory on 276th Street on the east side of U.S. 31 is on schedule and within budget,

and the rest of the project is coming together swiftly," Wessler said.

Funding for the project includes \$25 million from Hamilton County's share of the American Rescue Plan Act, \$10 million in bonds, and \$10 million from the State of Indiana. An additional \$20 million from the state will

facilitate the creation of the Hamilton County Regional Utility District. County commissioners are in the process of shoring up contracts with water and sewer providers.

As the project progresses, Hamilton County is actively engaging with local developers and municipalities to ensure responsible

and sustainable growth in the region.

"Now that residents are seeing the infrastructure take shape, including the installation of a water tower and fire hydrants, there is an increasing interest in the area for both residential and commercial development," Heirbrandt said.

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Broadway and film classic *Fiddler on the Roof* makes its return to Indianapolis' Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre after a 10-year hiatus. With a book by Joseph Stern, music by Jerry Bock, and lyrics by Sheldon

COLUMNIST



KEN KLINGENMEIER
A Seat on the Aisle

Harnick, this much-beloved musical is currently presented in its eighth edition on the B&B stage, directed by Eddie Curry.

Douglas E. Stark has taken the starring role of Tevye in all eight of the productions and it certainly shows that this is his "signature role." He fits the part and the part fits him. His sincere portrayal leads a fully talented cast in a striking production. Stark is matched up with Judi Mann as wife Golde, along with Jennifer Preston, Isabella Agresta, and Sadie Cohen as daughters Tzeitel, Hodel and Chava, respectively. Lucy Featherston and Allie Stacy join the family

as younger daughters Shprintze and Bielke.

As the center of the story, this group provides remarkably strong performances. Some highlight moments for me were Tevye and Golde's lovely

"Do You Love Me?", the three oldest daughters' energetic "Matchmaker", the family's beautiful "Sabbath Prayer", and the full company in the rousing opening number, "Tradition."

Of course, this show is filled with love stories and the older girls are partnered nicely with their beaux: Joey Boos as Tzeitel's Motel, the tailor, Justin Tepper as Hodel's Perchik, the student, and Will Leonard as Chava's Fyedka, the Russian soldier. The conflicts these three duos provide are well-played – at times joyous, at times sorrowful, and all their musical numbers are especially well done.

A highlight for everyone in attendance is the noteworthy scene entitled The Dream. Tevye hopes to convince his wife that Motel is the best possible husband for their Tzeitel and his concocted version of a dream is played out on stage by the entire company with a remarkable set of costumes, lighting and portrayals. Christine Zvakos is featured as the scary Fruma-Sarah in what is truly a show-stopper.

Main supporting characters are offered by Mark Goetzinger as butcher Lazar Wolf, Bill Book as innkeeper Mordcha, Adrienne Reisweg as chatty matchmaker Yente, and Scott Greenwell as the town's elderly Rabbi.

The simple set design is by Michael Layton, with dynamic lighting by Ryan Koharchik and sound by Daniel Hesselbrock. Kathy Henry did the wonderful costume design, while Andrew Elliott provided the wigs. Musical director Terry Woods flawlessly leads the B&B orches-



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Golde (Judi Mann) searches for the answer to Tevye's (Douglas E. Stark) question in "Do You Love Me?"

tra through the score and Sally Scharbrough's choreography is both solid and inventive. Finally – Chef Larry Stoops provides a delicious buffet for the occasion, with a fine array of tempting dishes.

Bottom line: This classic piece of musical theatre more than gets its due in B&B's thoroughly enjoyable production. The even talent

level here is notable – every scene, every musical number is compelling and well-done.

Fiddler on the Roof continues through Nov. 24. Show times and reservation availability can be viewed at BeefAndBoards.com or call the box office at (317) 872-9664. Due to the great demand for tickets for this show, two additional performances have recently been added: a matinee on Saturday, Nov. 9, and an evening performance on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

One last appreciation:

Ten years ago, I was a part of the cast of Fiddler on the Roof. With Mark Goetzinger and Doug Stark, I was among the oldest cast members. Here, 10 years later, Mark and Doug are revisiting their roles while I take a seat and watch. I just want to pay tribute to these gentlemen who are so very devoted to their craft and who still do remarkable jobs at it. Mazel tov, my friends.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

Local lawmakers: Hoosiers can use new online tool to compare health care prices, quality

The REPORTER

Area legislators encourage Hoosiers to take advantage of a new state website to compare health care prices and quality.

In 2020, state lawmakers passed a law establishing the newly launched Indiana All Payer Claims Database, which is overseen by the **Indiana Department of Insurance**, to help increase transparency in health care costs. The **website** collects insurance claims data from public and private health care payers to track the cost, utilization and quality of health care across the state.

"This new database can give Hoosiers a better understanding of what providers are nearby and an idea of what they could expect to pay for certain services," House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said. "As we move forward, we'll continue to look at ways to drive down health care costs while increasing access and affordability of care."

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said the APCD lets Hoosiers search what other patients have paid for common pro-

cedures across regions, providers and insurance plans. Additionally, the database includes a list of health care providers that perform services within certain distances from a zip code, the average out-of-pocket costs for a service and the quality rating for that facility. For example, Hoosiers needing a knee replacement can select their insurance, procedure and ZIP code on the database to view a list of nearby health care providers that perform the service, the quality rating for that facility and the average out-of-

pocket cost.

"This new resource can help consumers know their expenses upfront and the availability of care nearby before deciding whether to move forward," Jeter said. "This is a strong step in the right direction, and we'll keep looking for solutions to address the affordability and availability of health care."

According to State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville), the goals of the database are to inform Hoosiers seeking medical care, identify state health care needs, support health care policy, and improve the quality and affordability of health care in the state.

"This online database is a significant step forward to creating more transparency in Indiana's health care system," Goodrich said. "I encourage Hoosiers to utilize this tool, and explore their health care options and prices."

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) said information collected by the APCD complies with the security standards outlined in the U.S. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act also known as HIPAA and the U.S. Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act. On-point Health Data, the Indiana APCD administrator, is also certified by HITRUST, an industry-leading standard in health data security that uses both federal and state security requirements.

"Consumers compare prices for cars, homes and any other major expenses they plan on working into their personal budgets," said Schaibley, sponsor of the

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Finkam to share city's progress & her plans at first annual address

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam will highlight progress and detail plans for the City of Carmel as part of her first State of the City address, hosted by OneZone Chamber of Commerce.

Covering progress on key initiatives since she took office in January, the Oct. 29 event will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at The Palladium.

Guests will hear updates on the city's new task forces, including efforts focused on housing, supporting senior citizens, vet-

erans, and young professionals.

General admission tickets start at \$20 and are available [online](https://www.onezonecommerce.com).

All tickets must be purchased through The Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. OneZone membership benefits can be used for this event for general admission tickets. Reach out to Maggie Byrd Zollo at maggie@onezonecommerce.com to apply



Finkam

member benefits. Box seating is available. Please email Kiley Chandler at kiley@onezonecommerce.com to purchase. Box seating includes a VIP event from 3 to 4 p.m. with Mayor Finkam.

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt controversy Ex-board members call for probe into ownership rights

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
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Two former Christkindlmarkt board members on Monday said they consider the festival's financial questions secondary to the fundamental issue of who owns it.

Some of the festival's supporters have begun calling on the Carmel City Council to investigate Mayor Sue Finkam's decision to abruptly replace the entire Christkindlmarkt board earlier this month.

Two of the board's three members were terminated at a meeting on the morning of Oct. 3 and board chair Sue McDermott resigned the next day.

McDermott said they were all "blindsided" by the decision, particularly since Finkam had just brought them on in January to find a way to make the festival financially independent.

"All of us had significant nonprofit experience and had been working diligently to get things ready for this year's market," she said. "It was a shock, and at that meeting, we also learned new board members were appointed."

After more than a dozen people spoke against the decision at the **Oct. 7 City Council meeting**, Finkam told the council she was concerned by what she called a lack of clarity surrounding the festival's financial position.

She said she wanted to ensure the festival could reimburse the city for roughly \$1.5 million worth of costs. Finkam said she never received the data she wanted.

In separate interviews, McDermott and former board secretary-treasurer Brenda Myers told News 8 Finkam only asked for financial data once, in early July, and never made any follow-up inquiries or gave any indication she was dissatisfied with the board's response.

The Christkindlmarkt is run on the city's behalf by the nonprofit Carmel Christkindlmarkt, Inc.

"Since its inception, the market has existed as, and I quote from founding docu-



Photo provided by City of Carmel

ments, 'a wholly-controlled subsidiary that supervised, operated and controlled by the city, existing for the sole benefit of the city of Carmel,'" Finkam said at the Oct. 7 meeting.

Board members and council members, though, dispute Finkam's account.

McDermott and Myers said they were never able to locate a document containing any such wording before they lost their positions on the board. City Council member Jeff Worrell said he has never found any such wording, either.

"The documents do talk about how the Christkindlmarkt is a supporting organization for the city of Carmel in order to carry out certain missions but I can find nothing that uses 'wholly-owned subsidiary,'" he said. "I have asked for it multiple times."

McDermott and Myers said Finkam's decision could jeopardize the festival's tax-exempt status. Myers said the city owns Carter Green and the festival buildings but the event itself is run by the nonprofit.

Finkam's office would not make her available for an interview Monday, instead sending a statement from the mayor:

"I made a commitment to taxpayers to protect their interests and, in accordance with CCI's By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation, I made a change in market governance to gain a full understanding of market financials and how much taxpayers subsidize the event.

As a City, we remain fully focused on supporting our market's leadership, vendors, and volunteers, to

ensure the Carmel Christkindlmarkt remains the best and most authentic market in the country."

McDermott and Myers are not among those calling for an investigation but Myers said she encourages supporters of the Christkindlmarkt to continue speaking publicly. She said she hopes either the city council or a third party resolves the issue. Worrell said any decision to investigate is ultimately up to the council president.

The next Carmel City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Oct. 21.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/local-news/christkindlmarkt-supporters-call-for-investigation-into-ownership-spat.

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2020 law. "With many still struggling to access affordable health care, this new online tool can help Hoosiers make more informed decisions, and choose the services and providers that best meet their needs."

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the ability to compare costs for different treatments or providers, Hoosiers can choose options that best fit their needs and budget."

Hoosiers can visit apcd.idoi.in.gov to compare health care prices and quality, and find out more information. Questions and suggestions for the current or future reports and dashboards can be submitted by email at apcd@idoi.in.gov.

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Angela Brown to narrate *Lincoln Portrait* for Carmel Symphony Orchestra

The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) announces that acclaimed soprano Angela Brown will narrate Aaron Copland's poignant work, *Lincoln Portrait*, during a special performance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at The Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts.

This event promises to be a captivating blend of music and history, celebrating the enduring legacy of President Abraham Lincoln through the lens of one of America's most celebrated composers.

Brown, known for her powerful voice and dynamic stage presence, has garnered international acclaim for her performances in opera and concert. Her ability to convey deep emotion through storytelling makes her the perfect choice to bring Copland's evocative

narrative to life.

Lincoln Portrait combines orchestral music with the powerful words of Abraham Lincoln, creating a profound tribute to unity, freedom, and the American spirit. This unique performance will not only honor Lincoln's legacy but also inspire audiences to reflect on the ideals he championed.

“We are honored to have Angela Brown join us for this significant work,” CSO Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain said. “Her artistry and passion will undoubtedly elevate the experience for our audience, making it a memorable evening.”

Brown was a featured artist on the two-time Grammy Award-winning recording “Ask Your Mama.” Among her other multiple awards is the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award from The Coalition for Af-



Photo provided

Multiple award-winning soprano Angela Brown will accompany the CSO on Saturday, Nov. 16.

rican Americans in the Performing Arts.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter

Green, or by calling (317) 843-3800. For more information about the event and to purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

Center names Dave Wilson as Director of Corporate Development

The REPORTER

A sponsorship and development professional with nearly three decades of experience has been named to the new position of Director of Corporate Development at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts and the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation.

Dave Wilson comes to the post from a similar position at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art in Indianapolis. He previously served as Director of Corporate Development & Partnerships for

the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and Vice President of Corporate Sponsorship for 500 Festival Inc., as well as holding multiple sales and development positions at *The Indianapolis Star*.

In his new role, Wilson will cultivate relationships locally and nationwide to build and expand the corporate sponsor portfolios of Allied Solutions Center and the Songbook Foundation. “Dave's extensive ex-



Wilson

perience and connections in the local and regional business community made him the ideal choice for this position,” said Kendra Latta, Vice President of Development for the two organizations. “He brings a fresh perspective to our work in providing value to sponsors while generating vital revenue for arts and educational programming.”

A longtime Indianapolis resident, Wilson holds a bachelor's degree in adver-

tising and marketing from Indiana University.

“Living and working in central Indiana, I have seen firsthand the tangible, positive impact Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts and the Great American Songbook Foundation have made on the regional arts and culture community,” Wilson said. “I am honored to join such important organizations, and I look forward to working with the amazing staff and corporate community to continue providing programs and performances that enrich people's lives.”



Cicero native Stephen Michel promoted to senior financial officer at Farm Credit Mid-America

The REPORTER

Cicero native Stephen Michel has taken on a new role at Farm Credit Mid-America as a senior financial officer at its Kokomo office.

Michel has been with Farm Credit Mid-America for 13 years, initially serving as a credit officer, where he analyzed retail agricultural customers in northern Indiana. He later transitioned to commercial agriculture, focusing on large grain producers in Northwest Indiana.

Most recently, Michel led a team of credit officers, providing financial analysis and feedback to retail agriculture clients. His deep understanding of the retail agriculture industry gives him the knowledge and expertise to guide clients through the complexities of the agricultural landscape, ensuring they make informed financial decisions that align with their goals.

“I'm excited to bring my 13 years of experience serving the retail ag portfolio to my new role as a senior financial officer working with Howard and Tipton County agricultural customers,” Michel said. “As someone who grew up in Tipton, I am truly excited to return to the area,

where my spouse and I have strong family ties. Agriculture is such a personal journey, and I understand that success looks different for everyone. My goal is to provide thoughtful insights and support our local producers in a community I deeply care about as they navigate both the challenges and opportunities that arise.”

Michel earned his degree in agricultural finance from Purdue University in 2008. With deep personal ties to the area, he is passionate about fostering relationships with local producers and understanding their needs.

“Stephen consistently brings valuable insights and a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities our customers face every day,” says Natasha Cox, regional vice president with Farm Credit Mid-America. “We invite anyone in the community to stop by our office to meet Stephen and the rest of our team to learn more about how we can support their futures.”

Farmers and producers can connect with Michel and Farm Credit Mid-America team members by calling the Kokomo office at (765) 868-9207. Learn more at [fcma.com](#).

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Clara Furst graduated from the AIC Institute for Excellence in County Government.

Furst graduates from AIC Institute for Excellence in County Government

The REPORTER

The 2024 graduates of the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) Institute for Excellence in County Government included one staff member of the Hamilton County Surveyor's Office.

Clara Furst, MS4 coordinator/Permits graduated from the program after accruing 30 credit hours of study within a two consecutive year period. The courses are geared specifically to county government and include courses on Leadership, Human Resources, Legal and Ethical Issues, Budget and Finance, Cy-

bersecurity and Communications to name a few. Graduation was during the AIC's annual conference in Florence, Ind.

About AIC

The Association is made up of elected county officials and was founded in 1957 for the betterment of county government. Each of Indiana's 92 counties are members of the association. The AIC Board of Directors is responsible for overall AIC policy and management. AIC serves its members through lobbying, education, publications, research and technical assistance.

CarDon & Associates to hold open house for brand-new Copper Trace Senior Living expansion

The REPORTER

Senior living management company CarDon & Associates will unveil the new expansion of its Westfield community, Copper Trace, during an open house for the public from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29. Tours, refreshments, and door prizes will be provided.

The Copper Trace expansion project began construction in late 2023 and added 37,500 square feet to the main campus building. Overall, the expansion has more than doubled the number of assisted living apartments by adding 40 new units consisting of 27 one-bedroom, six large one-bedroom and seven two-bedroom residences. Additionally, new amenities and renovations have upgraded the property, including a newly renovated dining room, cafe, fitness center, and lounge/activity area.

"This expansion will comfortably accommodate the growing needs of seniors in Westfield and surrounding communities," CarDon President and CEO Kent Rodgers said. "It offers opportunities for seniors who want to remain self-sufficient with the assurance of assistance when needed, as well as individuals coming out of short-term rehabilitation who might benefit from assisted living care."

In addition to provid-

ing a safe and welcoming environment for seniors to live, the Copper Trace expansion also brings new employment opportunities to the city of Westfield. Copper Trace supports residents with a comprehensive continuum of care, and there are ample open job opportunities for skilled associates within assisted living, rehabilitation, long-term care, and memory support services.

Architectural and interior design firm Studio Three Design developed the look of the expansion while long-running renovation company Summit Construction oversaw the building process.

Copper Trace is located on the northeast corner of 146th Street and Ditch Road at 1250 W. 146th St. The new units are available now for reservation, and interested future residents can learn more [here](#).

A second open house, offered for professionals in the community, will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 30. RSVPs for the upcoming open houses are requested but not required.



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

Open Doors Food Pantry was grateful for the help from Westfield Lions Club and Elevance Health.

Westfield Lions & Elevance Health work to feed hungry students

Volunteers fill over 400 "Weekend Food Bags"

By JEFF LARRISON

Westfield Lions Club

Utilizing a \$1,900 grant from Lions Clubs International (LCI), the Westfield Lions Club partnered with Elevance Health to fill over 400 bags of food for Westfield school students in need.

This is the second year in a row that the Lions and Elevance have taken advantage of the opportunity to secure LCI funds to purchase food items for the Open Doors Food Pan-

try's "Weekend Food Bag" program.

The motto of the Lions is "We Serve," and working with organizations like Elevance Health that want to positively impact communities is a perfect way to reflect that. Fifteen Elevance employees worked side by side with several Lions to put together food bags that

are delivered to all the Westfield elementary schools. Once the schools receive the food bags, the administrators at the schools distribute them each Friday to students who need them.

The Westfield Lions Club has been a significant supporter of the Open Doors Food Pantry over the years. They have donated

thousands of dollars and volunteered countless hours to help sustain an integral part of the Westfield community.

To find out how you can become a Lion and help those in need, go to westfieldlions.org. They are looking for men and women that want to make a difference in our community.

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If you have questions or need directions to the open house, call (317) 844-5050 or email infoCOP@cardon.us.

Meeting Notice

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session to discuss land, litigation, and personnel at 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 21, 2024. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

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Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

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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
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Hamilton County Veterans Corp
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Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
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Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

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Resources You Might Need

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Hamilton County Military Veteran

American Legion & VFW Post & Restaurant Hours

Carmel Legion

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Carmel VFW

Su-Th 11a-10p, F-Sa 11a-12a. **Restaurant - Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

Cicero Legion

M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p. **Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm**

Fishers Legion

M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty. **Restaurant Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-12, Food Served Su, Tu, W, Th, F 12-8p, Sa 12-5p**

Noblesville Legion

M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p. **Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

Noblesville VFW

M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p. **Restaurant M-F 6-9p**

Sheridan Legion

M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p. **Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service till close Cicero American Legion Post 341 Hog Roast Oct 19th**



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- Loaded Nachos \$14: Tortilla chips covered in queso with choice of ground beef or chicken, lettuce, jalapeno, charred corn, green onion, sour cream and salsa
- Burrito \$14: Flour tortilla stuffed with chicken, rice, pinto beans and cheese and topped with queso

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- BUFFALO, BBQ OR PARMESAN GARLIC JUMBO WINGS (8) \$15.00: Served with celery sticks and ranch or blue cheese
- NACHOS \$12.00: Chicken, queso, lettuce, jalapeno, salsa, sour cream, chipotle cream
- LOADED FRIES \$12.00: Melted cheddar, bacon bits, green onion and chipotle cream
- SLIDER BASKET (2) \$14.00: Caramelized onion and bacon jam, served with fries
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Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader ready for “fresh perspective” on school board

Dear Editor:
I am writing to support a fresh perspective on leadership for the Noblesville School Board. Dawson, Hanley, and Helvey provide this fresh perspective with an eye on real conservative fiscal principles, actual transparency, and free thought accountable to the voters.

I have known each of these individuals for several years. I can honestly say I am not only familiar with these candidates but also with some of the victories Noblesville has experienced, as well as its challenges. Due to this and what I believe is misplaced credit from letters regarding the incumbent candidates, I feel compelled to speak up.

One great thing the incumbents did do, was hire Dr. Hile as superintendent. Under the leadership and skill of our CFO, Noblesville has improved its S&P rating twice. While this makes me thrilled that, as was mentioned at the Journalism department’s forum, “we’ll get a better interest rate in case we get another bond,” the incumbents have signed off on \$90 million in bonds over the last four years. I don’t believe adding more debt and higher annual debt

payments is fiscally responsible, especially when interest rates and the cost of living have continued to rise. Dawson, Hanley, and Helvey’s promise to voters to not rubber stamp any referendum or bond measure before seeing it and prioritizing our teachers and students is one strong reason to support these candidates.

Under Dr. Hile’s leadership, Forbes ranked Noblesville Schools as one of America’s best midsize employers. Dr. Hile also addressed social issues that inundated the schools in 2020 and 2021, creating a monthly newsletter, and increased transparency with the public that had been ignored before his arrival. Having seen the failures to address these issues before Dr. Hile’s arrival and knowing Dawson, Hanley, and Helvey’s commitment to transparency without political or spiritual bias is a key reason that will turn our good schools into great schools.

Finally, the incumbents have gained the support of the local teachers union and some of our teachers. Unfortunately, the union has failed to acknowledge that some teachers haven’t given their support to any candidate and still others support Dawson, Hanley, and Helvey. While

having teacher support is important, it is also critical to have school board members who are independent thinkers who aren’t beholden to any one group or city official.

I have seen the importance of DHH places not only hearing all opinions on matters but also considering all of these opinions on how they can best represent the entirety of Noblesville. Seeing these things has earned my support for Dawson, Hanley, and Helvey for Noblesville School Board.

While we have a good school district here in Noblesville, and we can do even better. While our own mission and vision don’t state “Academic Excellence,” Noblesville schools have the potential to be better than our neighbors in every measurable category and truly be excellent.

Under fresh leadership that will work alongside Dr. Hile and the victories he has already gained for Noblesville; Dawson, Hanley, and Helvey can take us into a new and great chapter in Noblesville Schools History.

Tim Cortrecht
Parent to Noblesville students
8th generation Noblesville resident

Letter to the Editor

Dawson, Hanley & Helvey will put education first

Dear Editor:
It’s been inspiring to witness the success at Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation, where board members are focused on getting back to the core mission of educating our children.

Their swift progress shows what’s possible, and now Noblesville has that same opportunity with candidates like Dawson, Hanley & Helvey, who are committed to putting education first and focusing on what matters most – our children’s future.

Mark Walker
Noblesville

Letter guidelines this election season

With the approach of the Nov. 5 General Election, the Hamilton County Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of the business day on Friday, Oct. 25 and will be published on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Letters in response to new topics published in our Oct. 26 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, Oct. 29 and will be published in our Wednesday, Oct. 30 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

Please send your letters to
News@ReadTheReporter.com.

Letters to the Editor do not represent the opinions of The Reporter or our staff.



Letter to the Editor

Readers say Crosser, Lambert & Richardson are best suited for Noblesville school board

Dear Editor:
We are writing to support Christi Crosser, Stephanie Lambert, and Bret Richardson for Noblesville School Board. There have been some misleading claims expressed in previous letters to the editor by critics of the current school board that we’d like to address.

A previous writer took exception to Noblesville Schools’ posture regarding referendums. The writer attempted to make the case that incumbent candidates were liberal spendthrifts that shouldn’t be trusted with taxpayer money. In the process, he chose not to reveal a lot of data that doesn’t support that premise.

We have worked in and around state government for 35 years and know this: school finance is one of the most complex and multi-faceted policy areas there is. If you’re being given only a few cherry-picked data points (as was the case with the previous writer) you likely aren’t seeing the whole picture. School funding is an extraordinarily complex subject that doesn’t lend itself to political statements in a campaign. But here are a few thoughts in effort to simplify:

• None of the current school board candidates were on the board when the referendums currently in effect were passed. As the previous writer suggests, Noblesville may well be a center-right community – and a majority of those voters ultimately approved those referendums.

• As parents of a child who was at Noblesville West Middle School when a shooting occurred, we were thrilled and relieved that the 2018 referendum passed (over the objection of some of the current naysayers). Those investments allowed for a school resource officer in every school and substantially upgraded mental health resources, making our kids safer.

• Asserting that Noblesville should be like Carmel is troublesome for many reasons:

1. Noblesville has a higher percentage of socioeconomically disadvantaged children (which generally increases costs).

2. Carmel’s property tax base is about twice as large as Noblesville’s. So, if the tax rates were the same, Carmel would generate about twice as much revenue.

3. Noblesville schools lose far more money than Carmel due to property tax caps, and therefore must rely on referendum funding to a greater degree than Carmel to generate the same property tax revenue.

4. Noblesville actually collects less property tax revenue per student than Carmel.

So it’s easy to see that when the writer elects to discuss only tax rates, and totally avoids a discussion of collected revenues, voters are misled.

• The writer criticizes the number of times incumbents have voted “yes” on board decisions. The reason there is consensus on the board is because

the superintendent is doing what he was hired to do. He is executing the vision articulated by the board, communicating effectively and building support for his decisions. Lots of no votes would be a sign of dysfunction. Unlike other school corporations, thankfully, Noblesville doesn’t have chaos and infighting distracting them from their mission.

• The previous writer correctly points out that teachers are taxpayers too, and they value fiscal responsibility. What he doesn’t share is that Lambert, Crosser and Richardson are the only candidates in the race endorsed by the Noblesville Teachers Forum.

Finally, voters should keep in mind what happens in a referendum. When a school board supports a referendum, it is simply honoring the idea that the people should have the freedom to decide whether they want to make increased investments in schools to provide better programs and facilities. When a board passes a referendum, it is really taking a stand for America’s ultimate freedom – the freedom of self-determination by the voters.

Christi Crosser, Stephanie Lambert and Bret Richardson are proven proponents of academic freedom, academic excellence, support for all students, and accountability to taxpayers. That’s why we are voting for them on Nov. 5.

Anita & Steve Rogers
Noblesville

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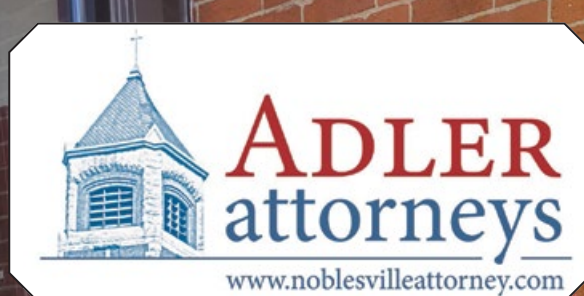


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State Senator Scott Baldwin earns endorsement of NFIB Indiana PAC

Submitted

State Senator and U.S. Marine Corps veteran Scott Baldwin announced Tuesday the endorsement of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Indiana PAC in his campaign for reelection to represent District 20.

"We are proud to endorse Scott Baldwin, as he is a proven supporter of Indiana's small businesses and an owner of one himself," NFIB Indiana State Director Natalie Robinson said. "This election cycle, it is crucial that we have strong pro-small business advocates in the General Assembly, and we are confident that Scott Baldwin will con-

tinue to be one. He earned an 82 percent NFIB voting record, further proving his commitment to small business issues. We look forward to continuing working with him and strengthening the small business economy in the Hoosier State."

Baldwin said he understands how small businesses are affected by government action.

"I'm humbled to have earned the endorsement of the NFIB Indiana PAC," Baldwin said. "As an entrepreneur myself, I understand the impact govern-



Baldwin

ment can have on small businesses and the economy. That's why I'll continue to fight to lower taxes, eliminate red tape and support entrepreneurship and innovation to keep Main Street strong."

In the state Senate, Baldwin has authored and supported policies to strengthen Indiana's reputation as one of the friendliest states in the country for small businesses, including authoring legislation to provide \$100 million in federal tax relief to Hoosier small businesses. He has

also supported policies that reduced individual income tax rates, expanded eligibility for the state's venture capital investment tax credit for Hoosier entrepreneurs, eliminated the state's ban on "happy hours" and increased access to affordable child care to further support Hoosier small businesses and their employees, among others.

Baldwin, with more than 25 years of military and law enforcement experience, is a successful entrepreneur and business owner, a husband, and a father of three.

For more information about Baldwin and his reelection campaign, visit VoteBaldwin.com.

National Association of Social Workers endorses Josh Lowry

Submitted

The National Association of Social Workers Indiana Chapter – Political Action for Candidates Election has endorsed Josh Lowry's campaign for Indiana House Representative in District 24.

The association assists Hoosiers in the areas of mental health, social services, and health-care access.

In a joint statement announcing Lowry's endorsement, Chair Laurie Weinzapfel, MSW, LSW, and Executive Director Beryl E. Cohen, MSW, enthusiastically expressed support for him.

"We are proud to endorse Josh Lowry, who shares our passion for providing social services, mental health, and healthcare access, as well as advancing civil rights," they said. "We are also pleased with his support of social workers and willingness to collaborate with us to make Indiana a better place for all Hoosiers."

Having fostered 12 children and adopted five, Josh Lowry says this endorsement feels like a personal and professional achievement.

"Because of my family's journey, I've seen, first-

hand, the dedication and selfless service of our social workers," Lowry said. "As your representative, it will

be my honor to support mental health legislation that allows social workers to provide stability and support for Hoosier youth."

Lowry has received many endorsements, including:

- Indiana State Teachers Association PAC
- Network for Public Education
- Better Indiana
- Candidates for Common Good
- Center for Freethought and Equality

Indiana House District 24 is currently held by Rep. Donna Schaibley and will be vacated at the end of her term. The district includes parts of Westfield, Sheridan, Whitestown, Zionsville, and Carmel.

Josh and his wife, Alexis, live in Westfield. He and his family are involved with community organizations like the Lions Club of Westfield, Kiwanis of Westfield, the Humane Society, Westfield Youth Assistance, and the Westfield High School Alumni Association.

Learn more about the candidate at LowryForIndiana.com.



Lowry

Indiana home builders announce gubernatorial endorsement for United States Senator Mike Braun

Submitted

The Indiana Builders PAC, the political action committee of the Indiana Builders Association (IBA), has endorsed United States Senator Mike Braun for Governor of Indiana.

"Housing plays a critical role in the success of Indiana's economy and Senator Braun has

shown time and time again his willingness to work with Indiana's builders to keep housing affordable for Hoosiers at every price point," Indiana Builders Association President Kenny Reinbrecht said. "Senator



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Braun's work in the Indiana General Assembly and the United States Senate has earned the support and respect of our leadership across the state.

It is our honor to endorse his election as Indiana's next Governor."

According to Reinbrecht, Senator Braun's leadership in the United States Senate to fight unnecessary regulations that add costs to housing across Indiana and the country make him an ideal candidate for the association.

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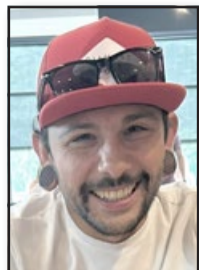
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Anthony Michael Zawadzki
June 21, 1988 – October 11, 2024



Anthony Michael Zawadzki, 36, Cicero, passed away on Friday, October 11, 2024. Born on June 21, 1988, in Banning, Calif., he was the beloved son of Lisa Novero and Frank Zawadzki.

Anthony attended Carmel High School and graduated from Options Charter School. Anthony was currently working for Broken Oak Tree Company, where he worked as a tree disposal specialist. He was a dedicated member of the USDGA, and Anthony was passionate about disc golf! He cherished his collection of Pokémon cards and proudly owned a collection of Air Jordans. Music was a significant part of his life, with Bob Marley’s themes of peace, love, and understanding resonating deeply with him. Anthony was known for his gentle nature, his love for his VW GTI, and his great circle of friends.

He is survived by his mother, Lisa (Larry) Novero of Bradenton, Fla.; father, Frank (Jeri) Zawadzki of Cicero; significant other, Breck Douglas of Cicero; daughter, Marli Paige Stone; sisters, Brianna (Demetrius Lewis) Zawadzki of Indianapolis and Shelby Zawadzki of Cicero; and step-brothers, Zach Novero of Norfolk, Va., and Anthony Novero of Granite City, Ill.

Anthony’s wishes were to be cremated, and the family entrusted his care to Hartley Funeral Homes.

A Celebration of Life will take place at Forest Park Section N, Noblesville, from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 16, 2024, with a meal following at 6 p.m.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

James “Jim” Rondald Hurt
May 17, 1943 – October 2, 2024

James “Jim” Rondald Hurt, 81, Cicero, passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Born in Edmonton, Ky., on May 17, 1943, to the late John and Mary (Skaggs) Hurt, Jim lived a life marked by dedication, love, and an unyielding work ethic.

On September 21, 1963, Jim married Sharon (Wright) Hurt. Following high school, Jim entered the workforce where he was a steelworker at Bridgeport Brass in Indiana. Jim then became an electrician and spent most of his career as an electrician with Johnston’s Electric, where he was known for his skill and reliability. While working for Johnston’s his favorite job was when he got to spend time working at the airport on the tower systems and the runway lights. He was a man of many talents, enjoying anything mechanical, especially working with engines and electrical systems. NASCAR was among his favorite pastimes, reflecting his love for speed and precision. Jim found joy in yard work and was a devoted handyman.

His legacy includes his daughters, Angela “Angie” Stalcup of Cloverdale, Ind., and Jennifer “Jenni” (Brad) Schweitzer of Cicero. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Christopher (Cara) Hester of Camby, Ind., Travis (Morgan) Schweitzer of Cicero, and Nikolas (Taylor) Schweitzer of Fishers; great-grandchildren, Landon Hester, Raelyn Heavner, Carson Schweitzer, Easton Heavner, Teagan Schweitzer, and Aislinn Schweitzer; sisters, Joette (L.C.) Moss of Edmonton, Ky. and Betty (Walter) Ferinburg of Missouri also survive him.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, John T. Hurt; his mother, Mary Kathleen Hurt; his wife, Sharon Hurt; and his brother, John T. Hurt, Jr.

Jim’s wish was to be cremated and the family has entrusted his care to Hartley Funeral Homes.

Online condolences may be made at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Rodney Lee “Rod” Isenhour
August 3, 1944 – October 8, 2024



Rodney Lee “Rod” Isenhour, 80, Sheridan, passed away on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Born August 3, 1944, in Lebanon, Ind., he was the son of the late Charles Edwin “Ed” and Olive Belle (Swigart) Isenhour.

Not long after graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1962, Rod hired on with Biddle Manufacturing in Sheridan. He remained with the company for 42 years.

His family and the friendships that he formed throughout his life were what he loved most. While his son was growing up, Rod made sure he was as active as he could be in Mike’s activities, beginning with little league football and baseball. As Mike became more involved in high school sports, Rod’s focus shifted from coaching to super-fan. Whether it was football, basketball, baseball, or track, Rod never missed a game or a meet (that included quite a few practices as well).

Yardwork was even a family affair. He and his wife, Karen, would usually do the mowing together. He would start on the west side and Karen on the east, and when they met in the middle, it was time for another of his favorite activities ... sitting on the back deck, watching the birds and keeping a well-trained eye on the how everyone’s crops were fairing throughout the neighborhood. That eye of his probably got most of its training while helping Mike Sedwick bring his crops in, year in and year out.

Rod was always good with his hands. He enjoyed puttering around the garage and working on cars and mowers. He was also quite handy around the house; over the years, Rod ended up remodeling just about every room. And if that wasn’t enough to keep him busy, he teamed up with his brother Rex to flip houses, another family project that kept everyone busy for many years.

Rod always enjoyed sports, whether it was through coaching or participation, or as a fan. He enjoyed playing golf and softball, and in his younger years, weightlifting. He was a die-hard Colts fan and kept close tabs on the Kansas City Chiefs. And when the month of May rolled around, the Indy 500 had his full attention. However, it was his Sheridan Blackhawks that always made him cheer the hardest and the loudest. There were many activities that Rod loved during his life (such as being a proud member of the NRA), but truth be told, nothing could hold a candle to just lounging in the recliner and watching TV.

Rod could be quite the character and had the amazing ability to be able to find the humor in just about any situation. He will be greatly missed by everybody who was lucky enough to have had him be a part of their lives.

Rod is survived by his loving wife, Karen Elaine (Foulke) Isenhour. She and Rod were married on September 1, 1962. He is also survived by two grandsons, Michael Isenhour (Katherine) of Sarasota, Fla., and Zach Isenhour of Westfield; great-granddaughter, Olive Anne Isenhour (and Olive’s mother, Danyelle Isenhour); sister, Ruth Ann Isenhour-Durbin of Sheridan; sisters-in-law, Pat Isenhour, Loretta Foulke, and Anita Foulke; and his nieces and nephews, Greg Durbin, Julie Durbin (Barb), Rhonda Isenhour, and Mindy M. Isenhour-Schieman (Jason).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Edwin “Ed” and Olive Belle (Swigart) Isenhour; son, Michael Bradley Isenhour; two brothers, Charles Ronald “Ron” Isenhour and Rex Alan Isenhour; brothers-in-law, Norris Foulke, Arnold Foulke, and Larry Foulke; and sisters-in-law, Linda Foulke Cox, and Linda Wiles Isenhour.

A celebration of Rod’s Life will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 4 p.m. until the time of service. Pastor Todd Burtron will be officiating.

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Larry Ben “Bear” Bulington
August 18, 1940 – October 4, 2024

Larry Ben “Bear” Bulington, 84, died on Friday, October 4, 2024. He was born at home on August 18, 1940, west of Monon, Ind. His parents were Don and Ida (Denton) Bulington. On August 15, 1964, he married Jane E. Frederick and they shared 60 years of marriage.

He was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Monon High School in 1958. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1959, where he served on the USS Newport News and participated in the U.S. Blockade of Cuba in October 1962. He became an Indiana State Trooper and then a steel mill worker at Inland Steel in Gary. In 1965 he became a UAW line worker at the Dana-Spicer plant in Toledo, Ohio. In October 1968, he was recognized as a hero by the City of Toledo for diving into the Ottawa River at risk of his own life to retrieve a motorist who had gone off a bridge and plummeted into the river. In 1978 he returned to Monon to farm and work as a foreman at Monon Trailer, later becoming a superintendent at Wabash National Trailer factory in Lafayette. Most recently he served as Senior Advisor for Operations Productivity at Autocar Trucks in Birmingham, Ala.

Larry was a lifelong athlete with interests in a wide range of sporting activities, including auto racing, basketball, volleyball, Tae Kwon Do, and bicycling. A fan of classic country, rhythm and blues, and rock and roll, Larry was also a fine dancer and roller-skater. Above all, he was an extraordinary family man who was loved by many.

He is survived by his wife of over 60 years Ida (Frederick) Bulington; sons, Jeff (Susanne) and Mike Bulington; grandchildren, Carter and Elz Bulington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Earl Donald Bulington; and sisters, Louise (Bulington) George, and Alice (Bulington) Fink.

The family has entrusted Hartley Funeral Homes with Larry’s care.

Online condolences may be made at hartleyfuneral-homes.com.



Mary Eileen Champagne
March 6, 1943 – October 11, 2024

Mary Eileen Champagne, 81, Carmel, passed October 11, 2024. She was born March 6, 1943, in Atchison, Kansas, the daughter of James Farrell and Margaret Mary (Callahan). Her family moved to San Diego, Calif., shortly after her birth. Eileen was the last remaining sibling, having been preceded in death by her parents; brothers, James, David, John, Charles, and Tom; and her sister, Carol Burke Couture.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Kent Champagne; daughters Joan Champagne, Jessica Dumas (Matt), and Danielle Smith (Jeff). She was also preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Christine Champagne.

A prominent educator, she was the founding principal of the George Washington Community High School in Indianapolis. She received her bachelor’s degree from the University of San Diego College for Women, a master’s degree in special education from Butler University, and completed Butler’s EPPSP principal’s certification program. In retirement, she was an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (OLMC) Catholic Church of Carmel, including its Merciful HELP Center. She also volunteered at the St. Vincent Carmel Hospital Women’s Health Center.

Her family and friends will remember her for her commitment to helping others and her sharp and infectious sense of humor. She was an excellent cook who loved entertaining or bringing home cooked meals to loved ones. She was a benevolent “Aunt Princess” to many nieces and nephews, and a doting “Granny” to her three grandchildren, Nathan Dumas, Jack Dumas, and Genevieve Smith.

Friends and family will gather at 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel, where the Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 11 a.m.

Burial will follow in Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, 9001 N. Haverstick Road, Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the OLMC Merciful HELP Center, 1045 W. 146th St., Suite A, Carmel, IN 46032. Envelopes will be available at the service.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

IDOLS AND ALTARS

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“Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it. And do not go up to my altar on steps, or your private parts may be exposed.’

Exodus 20:22-26 (NIV)

Bobby Gene Hendrickson

April 1, 1938 – October 10, 2024

Bobby Gene Hendrickson, a devoted husband, father, and joy-filled soul, passed away peacefully on October 10, 2024. Born on April 1, 1938, Bobby’s life was filled with love and laughter, profoundly impacting his family and those around him. He is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret, his sons Richard and Charles, his daughter Heather, as well as nine cherished grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



A skilled machinist at Firestone, Bobby was known for his exceptional talent in solving complex problems, earning him the reputation of a master in his field. His dedication and expertise left an indelible mark on his colleagues and workplace.

Outside of his professional life, Bobby was an avid fisherman and hunter, who found peace in nature’s embrace. His quick wit and sense of humor brightened the lives of everyone he encountered, making him a treasured friend and a fun-loving prankster.

Bobby’s legacy of love, laughter, and dedication will be remembered fondly by all who were fortunate enough to know him. He leaves behind a family filled with love and gratitude for the time they had with him.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, with Kurt Larson officiating. Cremation will take place following the funeral service.

A private family burial at the Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Ind., will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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Football

Football sectional draw, realignment gives different matchups to fields

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

On Sunday, the IHSAA announced the annual football sectional draw. Six classes and a total of 312 schools will be involved in this year's football state tournament. Classes 6A and 5A have 32 in each, while Classes 4A through 1A all are at even amounts as well with 62.

The first round starts for Classes 1A through 4A on Oct. 25, with 5A and 6A starting with their semifinal matchups on Nov. 1.

Sheridan (1A) and Westfield (6A) are the two reigning sectional and regional champions in the county.

Sectional 46 will be different for Sheridan, as they have been playing in Sectional 45 for quite a while. They will be joined by Cloverdale, Indianapolis Tindley and Irvington Prep, along with Hoosier Heartland Conference foes Clinton Prairie, Clinton Central and Tri-Central.

Class 3A Sectional 29 has some newcomers to join Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights. With Bishop

Chatard (success factor) and Brebeuf Jesuit (enrollment) bumping up to Class 4A, Cascade, Speedway, Tri-West, Crawfordsville, West Vigo and Indianapolis Washington fill out the sectional field with the Golden Eagles and Huskies.

The five larger county schools have shifted around a little bit also. Sectionals 3 and 4 will be where those handful will try to advance out of.

Sectional 3 features Westfield, Carmel, Zionsville and Harrison (West Lafayette), who is up in 6A with an enrollment increase.

Sectional 4 has Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Fishers and Homestead duking it out for the crown.

6A Sectional 3

Carmel (3-5) at Zionsville (3-5)

Harrison (West Lafayette) (5-3) at Westfield (7-1)

6A Sectional 4

Fishers (4-4) at Noblesville (2-6)

Hamilton Southeastern (5-3) at Homestead (4-4)

3A Sectional 29

Hamilton Heights (3-5) at Speedway (4-4)

West Vigo (3-5) at Guer-



Allison Waitt / File photo

The IHSAA announced sectional pairings last Sunday as the 2024 football post-season begins next Friday. Pictured is Sheridan's Nolan Page at last season's 2023 Class 1A Regional 3 game, which the Blackhawks won.

in Catholic (4-4)

Cascade (8-0) at Crawfordsville (2-6)

Tri-West (4-4) at Indianapolis Washington (3-4)

1A Sectional 46

Cloverdale (4-3), drew

bye, plays at Tri-Central (1-7) at Indianapolis Tindley (3-4) winner

Sheridan (4-4) at Clinton Central (3-5)

Clinton Prairie (4-4) at Irvington Prep (0-5)

Girls Soccer Regional Semifinals

Tonight: Millers welcome Harrison, Greyhounds travel to Brownsburg

The REPORTER

The soccer post-season continues tonight with the girls regional semifinals.

Noblesville will host Harrison at the Millers' Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex, with that game starting at 6 p.m. The Raiders will come to Noblesville with a 13-6 record and a victory at the Lafayette Jefferson sectional.

Harrison played three games to win the sectional, starting with a 7-0 win over Logansport in the first round. The Raiders took care of Kokomo 9-0 in the semifinals, then beat McCutcheon 2-1 in the championship game.

Senior Ruth Moser leads Harrison's offense with 24 goals and 11 assists this season, while senior Hannah Voll has 10 goals to her credit. Senior Ryane Clawson has played the majority of minutes as goalkeeper, with 82 saves and a 1.600 goals against average (GAA).

The Class 3A No. 2 Millers are 15-0-2 and also

played three games to win their home sectional. Noblesville beat Anderson 10-0 in the first round, No. 16 Mount Vernon 5-1 in the semifinals and No. 1 Hamilton Southeastern 1-0 to win their sixth consecutive sectional title.

Senior Meredith Tippner has scored 19 goals and dished out 11 assists for Noblesville, with sophomore Delaney Stone next in line with 12 goals. Senior goalkeeper Bella Wyatt has been a force with 58 saves and a 0.258 GAA.

Carmel at Brownsburg

Third-ranked Carmel travels to Brownsburg for its regional semifinal game, which also starts at 6 p.m.

The Bulldogs are 13-6 and won their own sectional. Brownsburg defeated Ben Davis 9-0 in the first round, Plainfield 2-0 in the semifinals and rival Avon 1-0 in the championship game.

Junior Elizabeth Lantrip is the goal leader with 13, while senior Sophia Dawson handing out the most



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Noblesville's Kendall Kramer is part of a Millers defense that has allowed only six goals to opponents all season. Noblesville hosts Harrison at 6 p.m. tonight in a Class 3A regional semifinal game.

assists with 12; she has also put in 10 goals. Junior Ella Hanson is the Bulldogs' goalkeeper, she has 93 saves and a 1.201 GAA.

The Greyhounds are 14-3-2 for the season. They triumphed at the Zionsville sectional with wins over Lawrence Central 7-0 in the first round,

Lawrence North 4-0 in the semifinals and No. 10 Cathedral 3-1 in the championship game.

Senior Olivia Cebalo has been dominant for Carmel, scoring 20 goals. Senior Mary Grace Knapp has had an outstanding goalkeeping season, with 68 saves and a 0.939 GAA.

Volleyball

Blackhawks runners-up at Heartland Conference tourney, Millers see mixed success at Lawrence North Invite, Greyhounds win one match at own Invite

The REPORTER

The Sheridan volleyball team finished as runner-up in the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament last Saturday.

The Blackhawks beat Delphi 25-9, 25-15 in the first round. Trinity Parkin led the offense with eight kills, followed by Lainey Mendenhall with seven, Kenzie Garner with five, Adria Jump with four and Amiyah Doss with two. Meredith Krupp served four aces, while Nova Cross, Jump, Parkin and Garner all hit one ace. Jump dished out 19 assists.

Cross paced the defense with seven digs, Krupp made four, Parkin collected five and Garner had four. Garner made three solo blocks, Parkin and Mendenhall both had one solo and one block assist, and Jump made one solo block.

Sheridan came back to beat Rossville in the semifinals, 16-25, 25-20, 15-11. Parkin again led the hitting with 12 kills, while Mendenhall put down six kills. Jump and Garner both had four kills while Cross and Doss each hit three. Jump and Parkin served two aces, while Cross and Mendenhall each served one. Jump handed out 23 assists.

Krupp had a solid defensive game with 14 digs, as did Parkin and Jump with 10 digs each. Cross made eight digs and Mendenhall collected five. Jump had four block assists, Garner had one solo block and three block assists, while Parkin, Mendenhall and Doss all had one block assist.

The Blackhawks lost to Plainfield in the championship match, 25-18, 25-23. Men-

denhall and Parkin both hit five kills, Garner had three and Cross had two. Mendenhall served three aces, followed by Jump and Parkin with two and Garner with one. Jump dished out 13 assists.

On defense, Krupp collected 12 digs, with Cross making seven. Parkin and Garner both had five digs. Parkin and Mendenhall each made one solo block, while Garner and Jump both had two block assists.

Sheridan finished the regular season 17-10, its best record in school history. The Hawks travel to Taylor on Thursday for the first round of Class 2A Sectional 39, where they play Taylor at 8 p.m.

Noblesville finished 2-2 at the Lawrence North Invitational last Saturday.

The Millers got victories over Perry Meridian in two sets (set scores not available) and New Albany in a sweep, 25-16, 31-29. Noblesville lost to Homestead 25-21, 25-22 and Southwood 25-17, 23-25, 15-12.

The Millers finished the regular season 20-11 and play Fishers Thursday in the first round of Class 4A Sectional 8 at Westfield.

Carmel hosted its own Invitational last Saturday, going 1-3 at the event. The Greyhounds fell to Floyd Central 25-20, 25-22; Mount Vernon 25-23, 13-25, 15-13; NorthWood 25-11, 15-25, 15-12 before beating Plainfield 25-17, 25-18.

Carmel finished the regular season 9-20 and plays Fishers Thursday in the first round of Sectional 8 at Westfield.

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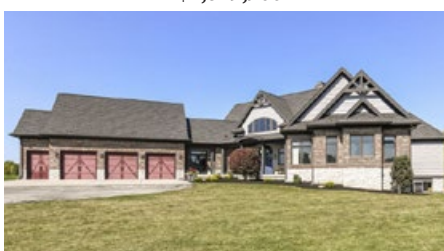


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Tennis

Five county players to play in Saturday's individual regional

The REPORTER

The IHSAA individual tennis tournament moves into the regional round on Saturday and there are five Hamilton County players involved – one singles player and two doubles teams.

One of those doubles teams is playing at Fishers. Junior Landon Osswald and senior Tyler Rich will take on the Shelbyville duo of sophomore Wyatt Armstrong and junior Aiden Smith in the first round of the Fishers regional, which begins at 10 a.m. The winner of that match will play the winner of the second match – an all-senior battle between Brownstown Central's Lane Steward and Pierson Wheeler, and North Central's Max Baltz and Ted Manion – at 2 p.m. for the championship.

The other doubles team is the Carmel duo of senior Michael Bao and sophomore Grant Mu. They will play at

the La Porte regional, taking on the Lowell team of senior Cooper Benton and sophomore Dylan Bisacchi in one semifinal. The other semifinal will see the River Forest team of senior Ruben Perez and junior Macario Ramirez take on Seeger sophomores James Cooksey and Macyn Hughes. The semifinals take place at 10 a.m. Central time (11 a.m. Eastern) with the championship at 2 p.m. (3 p.m. Eastern).

In singles play, Westfield junior Parker Paramoure takes on East Noble junior Ettore Bona in the lone semifinal match at Kokomo, which begins at 10 a.m. The winner faces Fairfield senior Garrett Stoltzfus in the 2 p.m. championship, the unbeaten Stoltzfus (22-0) received a bye into the championship.

Regional champions advance to the state finals, which take place next weekend (Oct. 25 and 26) at North Central.

Cross Country

Carmel & Guerin Catholic take top two spots at Delta Eagle invite

The REPORTER

The Carmel and Guerin Catholic boys cross country teams finished 1-2 at the Delta Eagle Invitational last Saturday at Taylor University.

The Greyhounds won the team competition with a score of 28 points, while the Golden Eagles totaled 56 points for the runner-up spot. Carmel had three runners place in the top six: Cohen Levy was third in 16 minutes, 20.0 seconds, Zach Flint was fourth (16:21.8), Isaac Perrin finished fifth (16:46.6) and Lucas Mallon took sixth (16:49.3). Eli Gomez finished 10th, clocking in at 16:59.7.

Other Greyhounds runners were: 17. Cameron Scher-Millan 17:14.9, 19. Trevor Walton 17:19.3, 23. Amory Spencer 17:25.2, 25. Josh Cale 17:26.6, 26. Ben Meisner 17:32.0, 27. Zachary Judy 17:39.3, 29. Dominic Riego 17:42.7.

Guerin Catholic had the individual race winner: Luke Moster paced the field with a time of 15:50.1. Other Golden Eagles run-

ners were: 11. Sean Laferriere 17:05.3, 13. Austin Rankin 17:12.2, 15. Ashton Sommer 17:15.6, 16. Luke Ross 17:15.7, 17. Hunter Kinzle-Gorman 17:16.8, 20. William Gebhardt 17:20.0, 22. Cole Eckstein 17:22.9, 40. Gavin Becher 18:11.5, 45. Brady Linn 18:24.6, 49. Andrew Santos 18:33.8, 83. Andrew Cantos 19:23.7.

In the girls race, Guerin Catholic finished a close second. The Golden Eagles scored 55 points, behind only Avon's 47 points. Two Guerin Catholic runners placed in the top 10: Taylor Tragger was the individual runner-up in a time of 19:41.6, while Ella Smith finished 10th in 21:09.6.

Other GC girls runners were: 12. Delaney Gould 21:12.7, 14. Kara Van Wokerom 21:16.2, 17. Isabella Galvin 21:36.1, 18. Sophia Galvin 21:38.0, 19. Brinna Wolf 21:39.0, 23. Elly Rodgeron 21:53.6, 28. Lucy Esposito 22:05.0, 31. Caroline Ford 22:09.4, 54. Cadie Koon 23:28.0, 61. Sydney Turner 24:02.9.

Cross Country Rankings

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

BOYS

1. Bloomington North
2. Columbus North
3. Brownsburg
4. Noblesville
5. Carmel
6. Fishers
7. Evansville Reitz
8. Hamilton Southeastern
9. Homestead
10. Mount Vernon
11. Northridge
12. Valparaiso
13. Franklin Central
14. Warsaw
15. Penn
16. Avon
17. Lake Central
18. Zionsville
19. Elkhart
20. Center Grove
21. Ben Davis
22. North Central
23. Chesterton
24. Floyd Central
25. Crown Point

GIRLS

1. Carmel
2. Concordia Lutheran
3. Lake Central
4. Brebeuf Jesuit
5. Noblesville
6. Columbus North
7. Homestead
8. North Central
9. Penn
10. Franklin Central
11. Zionsville
12. Valparaiso
13. Hamilton Southeastern
14. Westfield
15. Harrison
16. Fishers
17. Bishop Chatard
18. Floyd Central
19. Morgan Township
20. Bloomington North
21. Columbia City
22. Brownsburg
23. Avon
24. East Central
25. Goshen

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct. 16
GIRLS SOCCER REGIONALS
 Carmel at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
 Harrison at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 17
BOYS SOCCER REGIONALS
 Carmel at Lawrence North, 6 p.m.
 Harrison at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL SECTIONALS
 Sectional 8 at Westfield
 Fishers vs. Noblesville, 6 p.m.
 Carmel vs. Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.
 Sectional 24 at New Castle
 Hamilton Heights vs. New Castle, 7 p.m.
 Sectional 25 at Brebeuf Jesuit
 Frankfort vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 5:30 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic vs. Crawfordsville, 7 p.m.
 Sectional 39 at Taylor
 Taylor vs. Lapel, 6 p.m.
 Sheridan vs. Elwood, 8 p.m.
 Sectional 42 at Cardinal Ritter
 University vs. Monrovia, 6 p.m.
 Covenant Christian vs. Cardinal Ritter, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18
FOOTBALL
 Avon at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
 Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
 Fishers at Zionsville, 7 p.m.
 Franklin Central at Westfield, 7 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 7 p.m.
 Lawrence Central at Carmel, 7 p.m.
 Sheridan at Carroll, 7 p.m.
 West Lafayette at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.

TENNIS
 State quarterfinals, 10 a.m. at North Central
 Columbus North vs. South Bend St. Joseph
 Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Evansville Memorial
 Center Grove vs. Penn
 Noblesville vs. Jasper

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Colts stars Richardson, Taylor surprise fans at local Dairy Queen

By ANGELA MORYAN
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

WESTFIELD – Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson and running back Jonathan Taylor practiced their “sauce and toss” form at the Westfield Dairy Queen Tuesday while the team enjoyed its weekly day off.

Dressed in full Dairy Queen team gear, the two Colts stars appeared at the Dairy Queen to help promote the fast food chain’s Sauced and Tossed Parmesan Garlic and Honey BBQ Chicken Strip Baskets while also surprising fans with a full-on show.

Richardson tossed the chicken strips to Taylor, who then sauced them with a new signature move – swiveling his hips around to help sauce each strip. The duo then handed out chicken strip baskets to the dozens of fans in attendance.

“I think it’s big on just connecting. You know, outside of them just seeing us in the jersey,” Richardson said. “I think it’s good for them to see us in person and interact with us, you know, laugh and just crack jokes sometimes. So just connecting I think that’s a big thing for us.”

“Any place I like to call home, I’m huge on that, of giving back, being in the community as far as my home in Salem, New Jersey, then going to Wis-

consin, and then now here being in Indy. I like to call this my third home,” Taylor said. “So anytime I get to get out and interact and be amongst the community it’s special for me.”

On the football front, head coach Shane Steichen said Richardson,

who missed the last two games with an oblique injury, is expected to start this weekend against the Miami Dolphins — barring any setback during practice this week.

Taylor continues to heal from a high ankle sprain. He said Wednesday will

be a very important day of practice to see how he feels and assess whether he’ll be healthy enough to make his return against the Dolphins.

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 7:00 pm Avon vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports
 7:10 pm Castle vs Evansville Memorial | Indiana SRN

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candidates speaking to you in their own words (or in the words of duly designated campaign staff). The only edits we have made have been to cut down those statements that were submitted over the 200-word limit we set to ensure everyone had equal space in our pages.

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

On the final two pages, you will find a current list of polling locations and the full list of all candidates who will appear on ballots for this general election.

Sincerely, *The Hamilton County Reporter*

SCHOOL BOARDS

Christi Crosser

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

I am the current Noblesville School Board President. My husband Craig and I have lived in Noblesville for 25 years. Both of my children graduated from Noblesville High School. I'm a small business owner in Noblesville and I serve on nonprofit boards in our community. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of Noblesville Schools over the past four years. The fiscal responsibility of Noblesville Schools is essential. The S&P rating has increased two times over the past four years. The current rating is AA and Noblesville Schools are only one of four school districts in the state with this rating. Noblesville Schools have lowered their tax rate for five consecutive years and are on track to be lower for a sixth year. I champion meeting students' needs to be successful after graduation. This includes college, workforce and military. The expansion at Noblesville High School will add STEM programming through a bond with no increase to the tax rate. I support teachers and staff of Noblesville Schools. They need to be paid well, have the benefits they deserve and be treated as the professionals that they are. Noblesville Schools was named in Forbes Magazine as one of America's Best Midsize Employers.



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David Dawson

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

An educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free people. Thomas Jefferson

I'm Dave Dawson and I want to be one of your representatives on the Noblesville School Board

Lived in Noblesville since 1998. Lifetime Hamilton County resident

Both of my children graduated from Noblesville

I am a fiscal and social conservative

30+ years of commercial real estate management. Have worked with multiple 50+ million dollar budgets at any one time, including 100+ million dollar budgets as a contractor at Eli Lilly. This qualification lends to the fiscal responsibility that every School board member must adhere to when answering to the taxpayer

Ivy Tech Graduate with a degree in business management and I am a graduate of vocational training in HVAC. This will guide me in working to increase the availability and all types of vocational training.

I coached Noblesville boys and girls sports for 9 years and loved every minute of the growth I saw in student athletes.

Fiscal responsibility, Education and Transparency will dominate my term. I do not intend to be just a cheerleader for the administration. The board must take an active role in all aspects of the operations of Noblesville Schools.

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Alison Hanley

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

Alison is a wife and mother to triplet girls who attended Noblesville High School. She is a Speech-Language Pathologist with 35 years experience treating children with speech/language delays and adults/seniors with communicative-cognitive impairments. Alison loves the performing arts and enjoyed watching her daughters perform in choral concerts, piano recitals and dance performances with the Miller Girls at NHS.



Alison believes a strong academic foundation is vitally important to prepare children for adulthood. She feels increased focus on academic achievement is needed due to a high percentage of students (roughly 40-50%) not performing at grade level in reading/writing and math (2024 iLearn scores on IDOE website), putting them at risk to fall further and further behind. With her work experience plus her own daughters' learning struggles, Alison knows how these challenges can impact every area of a child's life.

Alison also wants to see more support for teachers as they face tough challenges in the classroom such as growing numbers of ELL learners and larger class sizes.

Alison believes a renewed focus on academic excellence, transparency with parents/the community, and careful use of tax dollars will help Noblesville Schools continue their excellent reputation for generations to come.

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Brad Helvey

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

Brad Helvey and his family have been Noblesville residents since late 2011. All three of Brad's children are current students in Noblesville Schools. Brad and his wife, Selena own Tenpenny Houseworks, Inc, a construction and remodel company primarily serving Hamilton and Boone Counties. Brad earned his teaching degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2002, and taught in Lawrence Township before moving to Colorado in 2004. Brad currently volunteers with the Noblesville High School Gridiron Club through the Miller Backers organization. Brad is an avid supporter of public education and will press to help Noblesville Schools achieve greater heights in Academic Excellence, Fiscal Management and District Communication.

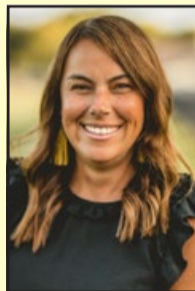


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Stephanie Lambert

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

Stephanie is running for re-election to the Noblesville School Board where she currently serves as vice president. She has lived in Noblesville with her husband, Nate, for 13 years. They have 3 children-a son at Purdue majoring in mechanical engineering, a senior at NHS and an 8th grader at Noblesville West.



She has been a Forensic Scientist with the Indiana State Police, a substitute teacher in the district, a Hamilton County CASA and is the current Republican Precinct Committeeman at Grace Church. Stephanie has a record of supporting all students-no matter their path, including voting yes to a NHS expansion project that will increase Career and Technical Education opportunities like welding and construction management. She also has supported a collaboration with IU Kokomo for a College Core certificate that will give students 30 credit hours of college credit when they graduate-potentially saving families thousands of dollars in college expenses. Stephanie is fiscally responsible and has worked hard to decrease the school tax rate and the district's overall debt every year she has served on the board-while maintaining state of the art facilities and top tier educational opportunities.

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Bret Richardson

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

Bret Richardson is the Board Chair of the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, was a swim and dive coach and volunteer for almost 20 years, is mentoring a student at North Elementary, and completed the Noblesville Schools Miller Ambassadors program.



"I am running for the school board to ensure we stay on the path of continuing our excellence in education. While carefully overseeing our tax dollars, I want to be sure Noblesville School continues to build a strong future for our community."

In addition to his support of the schools, Richardson is a longtime leader in the Noblesville community. He has been on numerous boards including the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Main Street, Noblesville Preservation Alliance, Noblesville Swim Club, and the Noblesville Noon Kiwanis Club. Bret served on the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for 10 years, as a road officer and Reserve Division Captain and was also the co-chairperson for the City of Noblesville Bicentennial Committee.

Richardson and his wife Tammy have three daughters who graduated from Noblesville High School and three grandchildren in Noblesville Schools. Tammy is a former NHS teacher and has worked as a secretary for 20 years at Noblesville East Middle School.

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Latrica Schooley

Candidate for HSE School Board, Fall Creek Twp.

I am a dedicated mother of four and have been happily married for 31 years, all while running my own small business. Like many families, one of our motivations for relocating here was the quality of the schools. I have found immense satisfaction in volunteering within our schools and the broader community.



These opportunities have enabled me to collaborate with educators, parents, and community members.

Being married to an educator has given me a profound understanding of the challenges that teachers and their families encounter. I am honored to have the endorsement of the Hamilton Southeastern Education Association (HSEA), which represents more than 60% of our district's teaching staff, highlighting my commitment to supporting the educators who play a crucial role in guiding students toward success.

My experience in the insurance benefits sector equips me with essential skills to manage human capital costs for our school district, ultimately benefiting our employees and ensuring effective resource allocation. Additionally, my participation on various professional boards has enhanced my knowledge of governance and strategic planning.

As a mother of a child with special needs, I am dedicated to ensuring that our district fulfills its educational promise to serve all students.

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Suzanne Thomas

Candidate for HSE School Board, Delaware Twp.

As a dedicated mother of four, longtime Fishers resident, and active community leader, Suzanne Thomas brings over two decades of passionate involvement to HSE Schools and is the current HSE Board Secretary. Her four children matriculated through HSE Schools (both FHS and HSE grads), college and Marines, and the youngest entered Purdue this Fall.



As an HSE School Board Trustee since 2021, she led initiatives such as reinstating "Academic Excellence" into the district's mission statement and revising the student handbook to improve conduct and classroom environments. Her advocacy for the implementation of the Science of Reading reflects her dedication to advancing literacy education. Suzanne is Chair of the HSE Facilities and Maintenance Committee. She spearheaded the Fishers Elementary School renovation, saving the district \$15 million. She also serves on the Hamilton Southeastern Foundation Board, supporting scholarships, grants, and community initiatives that directly benefit students and educators. As a business owner-realtor, youth coach, and active board member of Fishers Rotary, her leadership spans a wide array of civic and educational arenas. With a history of serving on PTO boards, sports boards, and local charities, she remains committed to improving HSE Schools and ensuring every student receives a high-quality education.

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Mark Heirbrandt

Republican for County Commissioner District 3

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As an active member on various leadership boards, Mark served as President of the Indiana County Commissioners (a statewide association supporting County Commissioners in Indiana), serves as a Board Member for the Humane Society for Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Community Foundation, and is a member of the Big Cicero Regional Board. Mark also serves as an Executive Board Member for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and he was previously on the Westfield Public Safety Merit Board for six years.

Mark's campaign for re-election is multi-faceted in its approach, focusing on: public safety, road safety, cost savings, and communication & transparency. Connecting with Hamilton County residents has always been his most-valued part of serving. Mark looks forward to doing just that in the coming months to continue understanding the county's ever-changing needs.

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Gary Duncan

Republican for County Surveyor

I look forward to being the next Hamilton County Surveyor. I have been a Professional Engineer since 1999, with a broad and diverse background that includes 10-years as a consulting engineer and project manager, 11-years as the Assistant City Engineer in the City of Carmel, and 9-years as the Staff Engineer in the Hamilton County Surveyor's Office.



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

I hold a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from Norwich University and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Purdue University.

I have extensive knowledge of urban drainage, agricultural drainage, public project development, budgeting, funding, design, construction, and project management which allows me to make cost effective decisions regarding drainage infrastructure.

While not an official position, I act as the Deputy Surveyor, which has allowed me to learn all aspects of the position, work with each member of the current staff, other elected officials, and department heads, and immediately assume the responsibilities of County Surveyor at the start of the next term.

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Sue Maki

Republican for County Council At-Large

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



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

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

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

Sue lives in Carmel with her husband of 42 years, Tom Kapostasy. They have two grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and new grandson.

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Scott Baldwin

Republican for State Senate District 20

Noblesville native Scott Baldwin is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran with more than 25 years of military and law enforcement experience, an entrepreneur, husband and father of three.



Scott served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Operation Desert Storm and returned to Afghanistan when Operation Enduring Freedom began to assist Marine Corps personnel. He also served with the Indiana Department of Corrections and as a patrol officer, field training supervisor and detective supervisor with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) for more than a decade where he earned two Medals of Bravery and a Medal of Valor. Scott later volunteered as a reserve detective with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

In the state Senate, Scott has championed fiscal responsibility, supported balanced budgets and cut taxes for Hoosiers. He's also worked to ensure Hamilton County families and students can access high quality education, and to strengthen public safety and support our military and first responders.

Scott is a successful entrepreneur and local business owner. He's also a member of the Noblesville Lions Club, the American Legion and a lifetime member of the VFW and the NRA. He recently created a non-profit hunting and fishing show supporting veterans with PTSD called "Darkhorse Expeditions."

Connect with Baldwin at VoteBaldwin.com or on Facebook.

Joel Levi

Democrat for State Senate District 20

Joel was born and raised in Anderson, Indiana. He attended Anderson University where he met his wife Megan. After getting married they lived in Nashville, Tennessee from 2013-2020. Upon moving back home, they settled in Cicero, Indiana where they now live with their five year old son Mitchell. Joel's son currently attends the Little Huskies Pre-K at Hamilton Heights.



Megan and Joel have always had a heart for healthcare. His wife is a nurse practitioner at Community Health. Joel is a pharmacy technician in the Coumadin Clinic and Outpatient Pharmacy at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

Levi is running for State Senate so that our children can live in the Indiana they deserve. This starts with our kids feeling safe at school. The simplest way to ensure this is with common sense gun laws.

If elected into the Indiana State Senate, Levi's top priority would be spearheading legislation so that Democrats and Republicans can join together to keep our Hoosier children safe. His goal is to reach across the aisle and find Republican legislators that believe in the Second Amendment, but that also believe in requiring background checks at gun shows and on third party sales.

Connect with Levi at JoelLeviForIndiana.com or on Facebook.

Jennifer McCormick

Democrat for Governor

Jennifer McCormick is a lifelong educator and multi-generational Hoosier from New Castle, Indiana. She has spent decades serving Indiana as a teacher, principal, and most recently, state superintendent of public instruction. While superintendent in rural Indiana, Jennifer fought to protect local control of school districts to ensure parents, teachers and administrators could make the best decisions for their children. As state superintendent, she was a powerful advocate for teachers and students ensuring they had the resources they needed to succeed while also protecting the taxpayer dollar by demanding transparency and fiscal accountability. Jennifer believes it's time we elect a public servant leader who demands excellence and empowers Hoosier voices so, together, we can make Indiana an attractive state in which to live, work and thrive.



Connect with McCormick on Facebook or at McCormickforGov.com.

FEDERAL

Robby Slaughter

Independent for Fifth Congressional District

To earn a spot on your ballot this November as an independent candidate, I spent a year traveling our district and collected over 6,000 signatures. I also met nearly everyone else in this section of the paper who is running for office. I believe they are good people. But as the old saying goes, "A bad system will defeat a good person every time." We all know that our current system---one of political parties and special interests---is no longer helping our country. Polarization, extremism, and the wealthy donors behind them are in control instead of everyday Americans.



The biggest problem we face in our country is not education, it's not the border crisis, it's not the economy or injustice. It's that we, the people, no longer trust our politicians. Without trust, nothing is possible. And the only way to earn trust again is for politicians to give up power through term limits, through radical financial transparency, and by actually spending time with voters regardless of their political party. My goal is to earn your trust. Have questions? Want to help? Call me at 317-670-4563.

Connect with Slaughter at RobbySlaughter.com or on Facebook.

Dr. Chris Hartig

Democrat for State Representative District 29

Dr. Chris Hartig was raised by a Vietnam Veteran Marine who taught him that "you must put in the work to get the results," and a mother who gave him the values to "do the right thing, especially when it seems like a hard choice." He is ready to put in the work as the Democratic candidate for Indiana House Representative, District 29 (Noblesville and part of Fishers).



Dr. Hartig worked 15 years in the mortgage and finance industry and spent the last decade as a Management and Leadership professor at WGU Indiana, supporting working Hoosiers to upskill to earn training and certifications to improve their lives. He earned a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership from Northcentral University, an MBA in Management and Strategy from Western Governors University, and a BA in Economics from Ball State University.

His legislative priorities are to serve as a guardrail against the unchecked extreme supermajority, protect personal freedoms, and support public schools.

Connect with Hartig at DrChrisForIndiana.com or on Facebook.

Stephanie Jo Yocum

Democrat for State Representative District 88

I love Indiana and all my fellow Hoosiers who call Indiana home. I was born and raised here. I have watched firsthand as extreme policies have emerged from the Statehouse causing Hoosiers to face many unfortunate challenges.



As Indiana State Representative for District 88, I will work to make Indiana a place where people choose to live, businesses operate, and all thrive. My priorities include ensuring public school funding, educator empowerment, and preschool access. I will fight to protect workers' voices, rights, and safety. I will work to raise the minimum wage and support small businesses, creating economic prosperity for all. It is imperative that we restore reproductive freedom in Indiana. No one should be victimized because of a broken system.

My experience and passion will enable and guide me as State Representative. I am an established public servant with 20 years leading large healthcare and education non-profits. My commitment to service began in AmeriCorps managing programs for diverse groups of students. My commitment continues in my career and as a volunteer. I am an advocate for cancer research and supporter of local organizations. I serve as Chair of Serve Indiana, our state's governor-appointed commission on volunteerism and service.

Connect with Yocum at StephanieJoYocum.com or on Facebook.

Josh Lowry

Democrat for State Representative District 24

Josh was born and raised in Martinsville, Indiana. He attended Indiana University where he met his wife, Alexis. He then pursued his childhood dream of becoming a professional wrestler, before settling down and attending law school. Josh spent five years as a Deputy Attorney General practicing constitutional law, where he defended state agencies such as the Department of Child Services and Indiana State Police. Josh has argued in front of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and conducted jury trials.



As your representative, Josh will advocate for:

- Reproductive rights
- Empowering teachers
- Thriving local economies
- Investment in childcare
- Protected environment

Josh and Alexis moved to Westfield in 2009, where Alexis grew up. Alexis's family has lived in Westfield for generations and she is currently the president of the Westfield Alumni Association.

Josh and Alexis have fostered 12 kids, 5 of which they adopted. When not driving one of his children to practice or work, they enjoy staying active, playing basketball and volunteering with community organizations like the Lions Club of Westfield, Kiwanis of Westfield, the Humane Society and Westfield Youth Assistance.

Connect with Lowry on Facebook and at LowryForIndiana.com.

Victoria Garcia Wilburn

Democrat for State Representative District 32

Dr. Wilburn is an associate professor at Indiana University-Indianapolis where she partners with organizations to solve pressing issues that impact central Indiana residents, which inspired her to run for State Representative. She was first elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 2022 and is a member of the Family, Children, & Human Affairs Committee, Employment, Labor, & Pensions Committee, and the Judiciary Committee.



In 2022 she passed groundbreaking legislation in Public Law 139, providing mental health and resiliency training to public safety professionals statewide. Her dedication to the disability community was recognized as Disability Advocate of the Year (2024) and she helped carry signature legislation for Mental Health America. She is committed to people over politics.

Dr. Wilburn's most notable accomplishments include induction to the Indiana Latino Leadership Circle, Junior Achievement Best & Brightest, Outstanding Woman Leader by Indiana University Office of Women, and selected by the White House as part of the Inaugural Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

Garcia Wilburn earned her Bachelor of Science from Boston University and both her Master & Doctor of Health Science degrees from the University of Indianapolis. Victoria and her husband have three wonderful children, which are her life's greatest accomplishment.

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PRESIDENT

Carol Asher	Independent
Paij Boring	Independent
Susan Maude Buchser	Other
Claudia De la Cruz	Party for Socialism and Liberation
Cherunda Lynn Fox	Independent
Kamala D. Harris	Democratic
Tom Hoefling	Independent
Shondra Irving	Independent
Doug Jenkins	Independent
Nala Baozun Scott Johnson Jr.	Other
Robert F. Kennedy Jr.	We The People
Andre Ramon McNeil Sr.	Independent
William Cody Nalbach	Independent
Chase Olive	Libertarian
Peter Sonski	American
Donald J Trump	Republican
Cornel West	Independent

U.S. SENATOR

Antonio Xavier Alvarez	Independent
Jim Banks	Republican
Phillip D. Beachy (Phil)	Independent
Andrew Horning	Libertarian
Valerie McCray	Democratic

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 5

Deborah A Pickett	Democratic
Lauri Shillings	Libertarian
Robby Slaughter	Independent
Victoria Spartz	Republican

STATE

GOVERNOR

Mike Braun	Republican
Jennifer G. McCormick	Democratic
Donald Rainwater	Libertarian
Christopher Ryan Stried	Independent

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Todd Rokita	Republican
Destiny Wells	Democratic

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 20

Scott A. Baldwin	Republican
Joel Levi	Democratic

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 24

Josh Lowry	Democratic
Hunter Smith	Republican

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 29

Christopher Hartig	Democratic
Alaina Shonkwiler	Republican

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 32

Patricia Bratton	Republican
Victoria Garcia Wilburn	Democratic

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 37

Todd Huston	Republican
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 39

Daniel (Danny) Lopez	Republican
Matt McNally	Democratic

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 88

Chris Jeter	Republican
Stephanie Jo Yocum	Democratic

COUNTY

AUDITOR

Todd Clevenger	Republican
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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

Steven C. Dillinger	Republican
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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

Mark E. Heirbrandt	Republican
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COUNCIL, AT LARGE (vote for 3)

Brandon (Brad) Beaver	Republican
Keely J. Gladieux	Democratic
Sue Maki	Republican
Steven R. Nation	Republican

SURVEYOR

Thomas William Davis	Democratic
Gary Duncan	Republican

TREASURER

Susan Byer	Republican
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JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT

Andrew R. Bloch	Republican
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JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT 1

Michael A. Casati	Republican
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JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT 6

Stephenie K. Gookins	Republican
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SCHOOL BOARD

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOL BOARD, AT LARGE (vote for 2)

Robin L Clark	Non Partisan
Dina Ferchmin	Non Partisan
Jon Shapiro	Non Partisan
Kristina (Kris) Wheeler	Non Partisan

HAMILTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD, JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Kevin Cavanaugh	Non Partisan
Elizabeth Fouch	Non Partisan

HAMILTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD, WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP

Gretchen S. Pennington	Non Partisan
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HSE SCHOOL BOARD, DELAWARE TOWNSHIP

Greg Lannan	Non Partisan
Latrica A Schooley	Non Partisan

HSE SCHOOL BOARD, FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP

Suzanne Thomas	Non Partisan
Terry Tolle	Non Partisan

HSE SCHOOL BOARD, WAYNE TOWNSHIP

Sarah E. Parks-Reese	Non Partisan
John F. Stewart	Non Partisan

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD, AT LARGE (vote for 3)

Christi Crosser	Non Partisan
David L Dawson	Non Partisan
Alison Hanley	Non Partisan
Bradley A. Helvey	Non Partisan
Stephanie Lambert	Non Partisan
Bret Richardson	Non Partisan

SHERIDAN SCHOOL BOARD, MARION TOWNSHIP (BOONE CO.)

Dan Fleming	Non Partisan
John Hunt	Non Partisan
Eric Nyberg	Non Partisan

WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 1

Carrie Larrison	Non Partisan
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WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 3

Matthew Hullinger	Non Partisan
Carl Mike Steele	Non Partisan

LEGAL NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

The voters of HAMILTON County are notified by the county election board in accordance with Indiana Code 3-10-2-2 that a general election will be held in the county on November 5, 2024, with the polls open for voting from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

In accordance with the list of candidates and the public questions certified to me by the State of Indiana or this county's election board, and the certificates of candidate selection filed in the office of the circuit court clerk of this county, the following offices and public questions or judicial retention questions, if applicable, will be on the general election ballot:

OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY VOTERS

- PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR US PRESIDENT & VP
- US SENATOR
- GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR, INDIANA
- ATTORNEY GENERAL, INDIANA
- US REPRESENTATIVE, 5
- STATE SENATOR, 20
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 024
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 029
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 032
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 037
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 039
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 088
- JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT, HAMILTON
- JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT, HAMILTON
- COUNTY AUDITOR, HAMILTON
- COUNTY TREASURER, HAMILTON
- COUNTY SURVEYOR, HAMILTON
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER, HAMILTON
- COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, HAMILTON
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, CARMEL-CLAY
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, JACKSON, WHITE RIVER
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, NOBLESVILLE
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, SHERIDAN
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

The text of public questions submitted to voters, if applicable, are as follows:

Public Question #1

Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to remove the state superintendent of public instruction from the list of officeholders who shall discharge the powers and duties of the governor if the office of the governor and lieutenant governor are both vacant?

Local Public Question - Sheridan Town

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

Public Question - Adams Township

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JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

The text of judicial retention questions submitted to voters, if applicable, are as follows:

Retention of Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana

Shall Justice Derek Read Molter be retained in office?

Retention of Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana

Shall Justice Loretta H. Rush be retained in office?

Retention of Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana

Shall Justice Mark S. Massa be retained in office?

Court of Appeals Judicial Retention – Fourth District

Shall Judge Rudolph Reginald Pyle III be retained in office?



IN-PERSON ABSENTEE OR "EARLY" VOTING INFORMATION

The dates, times and locations of in-person voting at the circuit court clerk's office and, if applicable, at satellite offices are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Location Address and Location Hours. Lists various locations like Carmel Library, Cool Creek Nature Center, Jill Perelman Pavilion, etc., with their respective voting hours.

NOTICE TO VOTERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County has approved the following locations as voting places for the Primary Election to be held in Hamilton County, Indiana on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Large table with 7 columns: Site Name, Voting Location, Address, Add City/State/Zip, Precinct 1, Precinct 2, Precinct 3, Precinct 4. Lists numerous voting sites across Hamilton County, Indiana, including churches, schools, and community centers.

SPECIAL POLLING PLACE: HAMILTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT JUDICIAL CENTER 1st Floor, 8th Street Entrance