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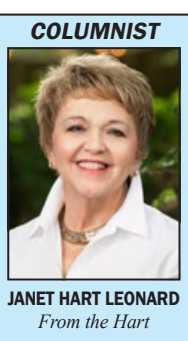


Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(ABOVE LEFT) Jennifer Hatcher, Director of Development for the Humane Society for Hamilton County, and Lion Brian Abraham. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lions Bruce Bowman and Mike Birk with the check for Habitat for Humanity.

Filling the Gratitude Bucket

To have and to hold from this day forward. For better, for worse. I'm not talking about marriage. I am talking about Gratitude. How can we hold onto Gratitude when life is not going the way we want it to go?



Can we be grateful when we are dealing with the worst? Living a life of Gratitude is a decision. As I become older, I'm noticing how much easier it is to handle life's challenges if I live intentionally with gratitude. My mother taught me this. Each day, as I write in my journal, I write five things I am thankful for. They are simple things like ... My daughter, Emily, called me to chat. Chuck and I were the only ones in the restaurant at 4:00 for an early dinner. My Chobani Sweet Cream was in stock at the grocery. A nice man held the door open for me at the coffee shop. I found the perfect Christmas Cards while browsing Barnes and Noble. Writing these things in my journal makes me feel blessed. It's as if those things are poured into my Gratitude Bucket, and my heart smiles. Feeling grateful lessens my anxiety when all is not well in my life. Have I mentioned I am a worrier? I often pray while walking through my neighborhood and downtown. Before I tell God of my needs, I thank Him for another day and ask Him to show me someone who needs encouragement. "Paying it forward" doesn't have to involve money. It can involve a compliment, a kind gesture, or even a simple smile.

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Westfield Lions raise over \$25K at Poker for Sight tournament

Joshua Kublnick takes home \$10,000 first-place prize

By JEFF LARRISON For The Reporter

On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16, over 260 poker players competed in the Westfield Lions Club's semi-annual "Poker for Sight" tournament. Over \$25,000 in prize money was paid out, with Joshua Kublnick coming in first place and claiming the \$10,000 prize.

The first thing Kublnick said when he received his check was that it would be going toward the down payment of a house he is trying to buy.

For the tournament, the Lions netted just over \$25,000, which will go toward the numerous organizations and projects supported by the club. Prior to each of three qualifying sessions and the final round, the Lions presented \$1,500



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

Joshua Kublnick (front row, third from left) won first prize worth \$10,000. He plans to put his winnings toward the down payment on a home.

"Big Checks" to organizations that work with veterans, blind students, citizens that struggle to afford health care, and the homeless. This year's recipients

of the Big Checks were the Indiana Blind Children's Foundation (IBCF), Pets Healing Vets, the Heart & Soul Free Clinic, and Habitat for Humanity.

The IBCF is the fundraising arm of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

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Westfield Youth Assistance Program announces \$12K Giving Tuesday campaign donation match

The REPORTER

Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) has launched its 2024 campaign leading up to Giving Tuesday on Dec. 3. This year, WYAP's goal is to raise \$24,000 during its campaign to use for its programming and operations.

WYAP was founded in 2009 to assist youth and their families facing challenging life circumstances. WYAP has grown exponentially since its founding, paralleling the rapid expansion of Westfield. WYAP connects youth with services such as mentoring, tutoring, mental health counseling, summer camps, enrichment activities, and more. The funding for WYAP's services is mainly through donations and sponsorships from members of the Westfield community.

For the last several years, WYAP has taken part in Giving Tuesday, "The Annual Day of Giving," which asks people to take a moment during the holiday season to think about how they can give back to their community. This year, WYAP has been blessed by two anonymous donors who have come together



Photos provided by WYAP

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program serves children and young adults across the city and Washington Township. (ABOVE LEFT) Rachel (Mentor) and Daisy (Mentee), a match in WYAP's Mentoring Program. (ABOVE RIGHT) Jennifer (tutor) and Memito (youth).

to match up to \$12,000 total.

"We are beyond grateful to our generous matching donors and all those who plan to donate to our Giving Tuesday campaign," WYAP Board President Tammy Havard said. "It is truly inspiring to see our community come together to make a lasting positive impact on our youth."

In 2023, WYAP connected 30 youth with mentors, served 64 youth with WYAP tutors, connected uninsured/underinsured youth with 456 individual/family therapy sessions, and provided 397 camp and enrichment activity opportunities for Westfield youth. These numbers grow yearly, and WYAP aims to

continue meeting and fulfilling these needs.

To help WYAP continue to serve Westfield youth and have your donation matched by our generous anonymous donors, please donate at westfieldyouth.kindful.com. The Giving Tuesday campaign is active through Saturday, Dec. 7.



Visit Santa & Mrs. Claus at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

It's that merry time of year! Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit the Sheridan Public Library from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Bring your list and enjoy some Christmas cheer. Santa will hand out craft bags with wooden toys and books (available while supplies last). Thank you to Carmel Kiwanis for donation of these toys.

Enjoy the Holiday Workshop with hot chocolate, donuts, fun games, reindeer food making station, family photo opportunity, and more.

The library is located at 103 W. 1st St.

Phantom Claus is coming to town this December

By STU CLAMPITT news@readthereporter.com

On Dec. 6 at 6 p.m., four men who have played the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award-winning musical Phantom of the Opera are coming to the Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel, for a night of music you don't want to miss.

Brent Barrett, John Cudia, Franc D'Ambrosio and Ciarán Sheehan, under the music direction of Ryan Shirar, will bring you Broadway classics, including some select Phantom favorites, along with holiday songs to help get you into a Christmas state of mind.

The Reporter spoke to one for-

mer Phantom, Brent Barrett, about his musical career and what you can expect from the Dec. 6 show.

Barrett's theatrical background includes playing the lead in Kiss Me Kate and Billy Flynn in Chicago, among many others.

Barrett told The Reporter his first opportunity to be in Phantom was when he was asked to portray Raoul, Vicomte de Chagny, in Toronto - a role he turned down. Later, in Las Vegas, he auditioned with Andrew Lloyd Webber. That audition was not his first with Webber, and certainly not the most interesting.



Barrett

"I think the first time I auditioned for Andrew was for when they were bringing Aspects of Love to New York," Barrett said. "And I'll never forget it because it was at the Minskoff Rehearsal Studios, and I had stopped in, there was a little deli downstairs. I just wanted to get something to drink and I saw this natural ginger soda. I said, 'oh, well that might be good.' So I picked that up and I started drinking it. And then I got into the audition and all of a sudden that ginger soda started repeating."

Barrett had chosen "Music of the Night" for that audition, and be-

tween line he was trying not to burb loud enough for Webber to notice.

"It was one of those auditions that I will never forget because of the absurdity of it," Barrett told The Reporter. "Singing 'Music of the Night' and burping all the way through it and they don't know."

For the Dec. 6 performance, there will be no ginger soda before Barrett and three other former Phantoms wow audiences in Carmel with Broadway hits and Christmas classics.

Barrett told The Reporter while he has known Franc D'Ambrosio for many years and has worked with John Cudia, he has never done a show with any of them. Since

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Carmel & Clay Township begin new chapter of shared history



Photos courtesy Jennifer Hershberger
Officers of the Carmel Clay Historical Society, along with Carmel and Clay Township officials conducted a ribbon cutting Nov. 17 at the new historical society museum. Matt Snyder (wearing the blue jacket in the top left photo), who led the township drive to build the facility, speaks to a crowd waiting to enter an open house at the museum which is located along the Monon Trail a block south of Main Street in Carmel.

Fishers' own Gabriel Blankenship serves his country aboard *USS Milius*



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ange Olivier Clement
Seaman Gabriel Blankenship of Fishers uploads ammunition into a Mark .38 25 mm machine gun system during routine operations aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer *USS Milius* (DDG 69), in the Pacific Ocean on Nov. 14. *Milius* is forward-deployed and assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, the Navy's largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th Fleet's principal surface force.

Heights receives Gold Star 'Carrying the Torch Award'

The REPORTER

The Indiana School Counselor Association presented Hamilton Heights School Corporation counselors with the Gold Star Carrying the Torch Award for each of their schools on Nov. 15.

Receiving this status demonstrates that Heights' schools have a comprehensive and accountable school counseling and guidance program, aligned to Indiana School Counselor and



Photo provided
(From left) Hamilton Heights' School Corporation school counselors April Baugher, Jessica Cantlon, Lori Watson, Chelsea Pacheco, Sabrina Duncan, Tricia Rudy, and Nikki Wert after being presented with the Gold Star Carrying the Torch Award for their buildings.

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



US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

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



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(From left) CALEA Commissioner Marlon Lynch; Erin Crask, Hamilton County Public Safety Communications; Travis Comer, Records and Accreditation Specialist for Hamilton County Public Safety Communications; Mike Hubbs, Director of Public Safety Communications; Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman; and CALEA Executive Director Craig Hartley.

Hamilton County 911 team earns CALEA accreditation

Perhaps only county in USA to be fully certified across inter-agency departments

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County 911 Communications Team recently completed the process for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

The milestone was celebrated during the CALEA Conference from Nov. 13 to 16, marking Hamilton County as one of very few, if not the only, county in the na-

tion to have all its municipal police departments, Sheriff's Office, and 911 Center nationally accredited. The rigorous process includes comprehensive evaluations, adherence to best practices, and a commitment to continuous improvement.

"Achieving CALEA accreditation is no small feat," 911 Director Mike Hubbs said. "The process requires extensive preparation, ded-

ication, and teamwork. We faced numerous challenges, but our team worked tirelessly to meet the stringent standards set forth by CALEA. It is a true testament to our commitment to excellence in public safety."

Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman expressed her pride in the achievement, saying, "I am incredibly proud of the work our agencies have put into

earning this accreditation. It speaks volumes about our dedication to providing the best possible service to our community. Holding ourselves to such high standards ensures that we are always prepared to respond to emergencies effectively."

It took Hamilton County 911 Communications two years to complete the CALEA accreditation process.

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My mother taught me this. She focused on others, which helped keep her heart smiling. I rarely heard her complain, even when I knew she had things to complain about. She always said your problems will not seem so big when you are busy helping others.

Some people will always look for the worst in situations, while others will always look for the better. I choose to look for the better.

A little gratitude goes a long way. Life is too short to carry around a basket of negativity. It drives me crazy when I see so many people jumping on the social media bandwagon of negativity. Negativity breeds negativity, while positivity breeds gratefulness.

What are you carrying?

It's your decision what you have and what you hold. Is your Gratitude Bucket full, or is it empty? From this day forward, will your thoughts about being grateful make your life better, or will they worsen it? The decision is yours.

True contentment is not having all you want but being grateful for what you have. Never wish you had what someone else has. You have no idea what they went through to have it, nor what they are going through.

I've learned to mind my own bucket. I'm grateful for what is in it.

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PHANTOM

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Carmel is the first stop on the current Four Phantoms tour, those in attendance will be able to say they saw it first.

Because the show is in December and Chirstkindmarkt will be right outside, you can expect holiday favorites like "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," among others.

Joining the Four Phantoms on stage will be Kaley Ann Voorhees, one of the youngest performers to play the role of Christine, the female lead in *Phantom*.

Tickets are available online at tinyurl.com/Four-Phantoms or by calling the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

Please be aware that there are changes in traffic patterns around the Allied Solution Center for the Performing Arts now through Dec. 24 due to the many events taking place in and around Carter Green. There is a map on our website at tinyurl.com/ChristkindmarktParking2024 to help you find your way to free public parking.

If you'd like a preview of Barrett's live performances, Clips from "Life Is: The Music of Kander & Ebb" is available at tinyurl.com/BrentBarrettLifels, and clips of some Christmas songs can be found at tinyurl.com/BrentBarrettChristmas.

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Lions Clubs International places an emphasis on supporting organizations that fight the causes of blindness and helps those suffering from it. This has been part of LCI's focus since Helen Keller challenged LCI to be "Knights of the Blind" at the 1926 LCI convention. To learn more about IBCF and the ISBVI, and how you can support them, go to IndianaBCF.org.

Pets Healing Vets is a program run by the Humane Society of Hamilton County. It works to pair up veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI with carefully selected shelter animals. Funds raised for Pets Healing Vets go to helping defray the cost of pet ownership for these veterans. You can help support this amazing program by going to HamiltonHumane.com/programs/pets-healing-vets.

The Heart & Soul Free Clinic in Westfield is an organization the Westfield Lions have been committed to supporting for several years. Providing free medical services to those who can't afford them fits perfectly with the Lions Club's motto

"we serve". The number of people in Hamilton County utilizing Heart & Soul's services continues to grow every year. Please consider supporting this tremendous organization by going to HeartAndSoulClinic.org.

Prior to the championship round on Saturday night, the Lions presented Habitat for Humanity with a Big Check to help with their projects in central Indiana. Habitat for Humanity brings citizens together to help build homes for those battling homelessness and needing a hand up. You can support the Central Indiana Chapter of HFH by going to IndyHabitat.org.

The Westfield Lions' next tournament is scheduled for April 25 and 26, 2025. To find out more about the tournament and how to register, go to LionsPoker.org.

In the meantime, the Westfield Lions are looking for men and women interested in making a difference in our community. Please go to WestfieldLions.org to find out more about the club and how to become a member.

TORCH

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Student Standards and American School Counselor Association (ASCA) standards. Participating schools and school counseling programs will implement a plan that includes the establishment of a program vision and mission, data-based accountability, standards-driven student guidance activities, counseling and advocacy, program management, the alignment of resources and an annual improvement plan.

Because Indiana is one of six states in the nation to

earn reciprocity with ASCA's Recognized ASCA Program (RAMP) for the state's Carrying the Torch to Student Success Comprehensive School Counseling Initiative, the Gold Star status also qualifies each building for RAMP recognition.

Congratulations to Nikki Wert and Tricia Rudy at the Elementary, Sabrina Duncan and Chelsea Pacheco at the Middle School, and Lori Watson, Jessica Cantlon (also nominated for High School Counselor of the year), and April Baugher.

Credit union wisely gives to Hamilton County Harvest



Photo provided by Everwise Credit Union

On Nov. 18, Everwise Credit Union presented a \$10,000 check to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank. "Here at Everwise Credit Union, we're incredibly proud to support our local food banks," Everwise President and CEO Jason M. Osterhage said. "It's not just about giving money; it's about providing nourishment, hope, and a sense of community." Learn more about Everwise at EverwiseCU.com. If you'd like to donate to or volunteer for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, find out how at HCHFoodBank.org. (From left) HCHFB Board members and staff were joined by Celeste Jones (Area Manager at Everwise), Andrea Mikels, Mary Lou Finchum, Janet Gafkjen, Anita Hagen, Adam Young (Area Manager at Everwise), Suzanna Hobson, and Brad Lewis.

Noblesville Lions induct four new members



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

As part of the Noblesville Lions Veterans night meeting, they inducted four new members to the club. They were inducted by Lion DG Rocky Simpson. The Lion family is growing! (From left) Lion DG Rocky Simpson, Lion Jeff Kozicki sponsored Todd Thurston, Lion Julia Kozicki sponsored Kate Baker, Bruce Moss was sponsored by Lion Larry Jacobi (not pictured), and Lion John Einsfeld sponsored Scott Willis.

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Community News

Come have breakfast with Santa!

Bring your littles and come eat breakfast with Santa from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Red Bridge Community Park Building in Cicero.

Call (317) 796-8672 to reserve your spots at \$7 each. Besides breakfast, Phi Beta Psi, Delta Chapter will provide crafts, stories, coloring for little ones, and a sales table for adults.

Seasonal support for Indiana Veterans available through 'Operation Holiday'

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) is now accepting applications for its Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) Operation Holiday program.

In its fourth year, this program provides financial assistance to Indiana veteran families, offering \$200 per family for food and \$300 per household dependent for essential expenses that become difficult during the holiday season. Veterans and their families can apply now until Friday, Dec. 13.

"As joyful as the holiday season can be, it also brings heightened financial pressures that may weigh heavily on military veterans and their families," IDVA Outreach Director Joe DeVito said. "Since its inception, this program has supported more than 500 veteran families in Indiana, and we hope to reach even more veterans across the state this year."

MFRF's Operation Holiday program may only be

used to provide services to veteran families experiencing financial difficulty who reside in the state of Indiana, have served, or are currently serving in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and hold a DD-214, LES, or National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 22. Applicants must provide the following documentation:

- DD-214
- Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), if currently serving
- W-9
- Direct Deposit form
- Proof of income
- Bank Statement
- Proof of child's residency
- Proof of child's dependency

All applications must be completed and submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. The application, as well as additional information about the program can be found online at tinyurl.com/IndianaMFRF. Veterans with questions regarding the program or their application should call (317) 232-3910.



Shonkwiler named SRO of the Year



Noblesville Schools is celebrating school resource officers throughout the district, and last week, recognized Noblesville Police Department Sergeant Jason Shonkwiler as SRO of the Year.



The latest awardees include (from left to right, top to bottom) the media classes at both HSE and Fishers high schools, FJHS music teacher Amanda Cornet, Bill DeLisle on behalf of the Southeastern Media Network, Lauryn Gerard on the behalf of HSE High School's United Performing Arts Program, Kelly Wolf on behalf of the Southeastern Elementary Lego STEAM Lab, and James Ziino for virtual reality curriculum at Fishers High School.

Fadness surprises local teachers with highest grant funding yet

Fishers sets record with over \$170K awarded for new Educator Innovation Grants

The REPORTER

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness recently visited local schools to surprise six teachers with more than \$170,000 in funding as part of the new Educator Innovation Grant program, marking the highest grant amount awarded so far.

The program launched this year, with \$500,000 allocated for the 2024 budget to empower educators within Hamilton Southeastern Schools with the resources to bring innovation to the classroom and inspire students to rethink learning.

Recent grant recipients included:

- **HSE High School and Fishers High School:** \$82,100 to pilot a Career Exploration Virtual Reality Experience enabling media classes at both high schools to create local career exploration content that students can experience through virtual reality. The program will provide virtual experiences in various career pathways and industries, helping students overcome time, geography, safety, and financial constraints when seeking career opportunities. By collaborating with LearningTimeVR, students will co-create VR content, gaining valuable technical skills and ensuring that career exploration material remains current and relevant. This VR initiative also has the potential for use in city economic development, allowing prospective compa-

nies and professionals to immerse themselves in the local economic environment.

- **Amanda Cornet (eighth-grade teacher at Fishers Junior High School):** \$2,400 for Professional Development for Music Learning Theory. Cornet will attend professional development in Asheville, N.C., where she will learn from American composer & violinist Christian Howes, to enhance student learning of music and ultimately increase the difficulty of music being played by students and improve students' sight-reading skills.
- **Bill DeLisle (HSE High School):** \$57,000 to support the Southeastern Media Network (SMN), founded in 2023 that synchronizes six student-led teams, including Newsroom, Yearbook, Public Relations, Broadcast, and Sports Media. SMN, the most comprehensive student media staff in Indiana, offers hands-on, real-world opportunities to enhance communication and media skills, fostering pathways into post-secondary education or the media industry. The grant will facilitate the growth of SMN, which has tripled in enrollment over the past two school years and provide updates to resources that meet 21st-century media program needs.
- **Lauryn Gerard (HSE High School):** \$1,000 for

the United Performing Arts (UPA) Program to enable students with and without disabilities to collaborate in choral performances, bridging a gap in inclusive arts programs. This program innovates learning for students with disabilities in the performing arts and creates leadership opportunities for students in the choir and drama programs.

- **Kelly Wolf (third-grade teacher at Southeastern Elementary):** \$6,128 for the Southeastern Elementary Lego STEAM Lab. Wolf's project will use Lego Education BricQ Motion Sets and Lego SPIKE Essential Sets to introduce students to complex concepts such as force, motion, energy, and coding, encouraging problem-solving and critical thinking.
- **James Ziino (Fishers High School):** \$22,000 for the Virtual Reality Curriculum. The proposed VR project will allow students to experience a wide range of educational content interactively. This program at Fishers High School will allow students to explore historical sites, scientific concepts, and cultural landmarks from around the world.

The city has awarded over \$251,223 in grant funding to 17 educators from 10 schools, impacting over 12,500 students to date. In May, six educators were awarded more than \$50,000 in grant funding for projects

including updates to the maker space at Riverside Intermediate School, 3D printers for the Fishers Maker Playground's Fifth-Grade Study Trips, and bringing Vex Robotics, a computer science and coding program to the classroom.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and project requests have no funding cap.

"I'm excited to see our local educators embracing this opportunity and taking on projects that enrich their classrooms and emphasize their dedication to lifelong learning through professional development," Mayor Fadness said. "Their creativity, innovation, and passion are truly inspiring and highlight the outstanding quality of the HSE Schools system, reflected in this year's unprecedented level of grant funding."

Grants are awarded by a selection committee comprised of former educators from HSE Schools, community entrepreneurs, and HSE alumni. Committee members include Mike Fasold (retired junior high educator), Kaleigh Arndt (former elementary educator), Brad Jackson (retired junior high educator), Amy Murch (Conner Prairie teacher in residence), and Jordin Alexander (HSE alumna and City of Fishers Chief of Staff).

Learn more about the grant program at fishersin.gov/InnovationGrant.


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Kiwanis Club of Cicero welcomes Shop For Kids President Dustin Dixon

A heartwarming tradition in Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero recently hosted Dustin Dixon, President of Shop For Kids (SFK), at their weekly meeting. Members learned about the remarkable impact of this community-driven organization, which has been quietly transforming lives in Hamilton County for the past 15 years.

Founded in 2009 by Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Todd Green, SFK began as a simple idea. While patrolling the streets of Northern Hamilton County, Deputy Green recognized that, despite the county's affluence, there were families who needed a helping hand, especially during the holiday season. Partnering with his father, Bud Green, he approached local businesses for donations to take children shopping for Christmas gifts – and thus, a cherished tradition was born.

Last year, SFK raised over \$12,000, providing



Photo provided

The Cicero Kiwanis Club recently welcomed Dustin Dixon (front center).

almost 60 children with an unforgettable shopping experience.

"We collaborate with organizations like Good Samaritan Network, Youth Assistance Programs, local schools, churches, and rely on word of mouth to identify families in need," Dixon said.

Each child is paired with a law enforcement officer from the Indiana State Police, Cicero, Sheridan, and Arcadia Police Departments, with the Depart-

ment of Natural Resources joining this year. Before the shopping spree, the children and their officer "elves" bond over lunch, games of ping pong, and foosball. The event culminates in an exciting police-escorted drive, complete with lights and sirens, to a local Target store.

"We make sure to understand the children's needs by talking with parents," Dixon said. "But the real joy for the officers is fulfilling the children's wishes."

"Shop For Kids has a dual mission," Kiwanis Club of Cicero President Mark Bailey said. "It not only brings holiday cheer to children in need, but also strengthens the relationship between law enforcement and the community."

This year's event is set for Saturday, Dec. 7. For more information, to nominate a child, or to make a donation, please contact shopforkidshc@gmail.com or visit [Facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC](https://www.facebook.com/ShopForKidsHC).

Grace Care Center gets holiday boost from Duke Energy Foundation

The REPORTER

Nonprofits across the state, including eight in northern and north-central Indiana, will benefit from grants from Duke Energy Foundation.

The funding, which totals more than \$100,000 for organizations statewide, will help provide hunger relief and address other crucial community needs ahead of the holidays.

Locally, Grace Care Center Foundation of Hamilton County received \$5,500 to purchase food distributed through the Choice Food Pantry and Mobile Choice Food Pantry.

"These organizations are consistently there for



LaBarr

Hoosiers when hardships arise," Duke Energy Indiana Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said. "There's often an increased need for their services

during the holiday season, and I'm so grateful that we're able to collaborate

with them and boost their positive impact on our local communities."

About the Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides more than \$30 million annually in philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation is funded by Duke Energy shareholders.

Boys & Girls Club to receive matching donations through #GivingTuesday

Multiple donors team up to create "Limitless Possibilities" for Club Kids

The REPORTER

Now through Dec. 3, the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville will be participating in #GivingTuesday; a global day of giving that encourages and celebrates philanthropy worldwide.

The Club is hosting a campaign to create "Limitless Possibilities" for thousands of local kids. The first \$20,000 in donations to the campaign will be generously matched thanks to George Kristo and Tim & Beth Meister.

"We are immensely grateful for the incredible generosity of our donors," BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry said.

"Their selfless contributions not only provide much-needed support but also serve as a testament to the power of compassion and community. Together, we are making a meaningful impact and creating positive change. Our heartfelt thanks go out to each and every donor for their kindness and commitment to providing youth with opportunities to succeed and excel. Kids today need people to see their potential and help them achieve it – and the Boys & Girls Club is here for that reason."

This year, the Club's goal is to surpass last year's total of \$43,000

that was raised through #GivingTuesday.

In 2023, BGCN served 2,086 local youth with its affordable, high-impact after school programs while serving more than 27,000 healthy snacks and nutritious meals. As a community staple for 73 years, the Club has offered local kids after school programs and opportunities to experience new things and be themselves in a place they can call their own.



A peer-to-peer fundraising campaign is taking place now through Dec. 3. Donations can be made at the QR code above, dropping off a donation, or donating online by visiting bit.ly/BGCN2024.

New committee continues Carmel mayor's efforts to support transparency & accountability

The REPORTER

Ushering in a new era of transparency, accountability, and fiscal stewardship, the Carmel City Council, with Mayor Sue Finkam's support, approved the formation of a new committee to review the city's ties to affiliate non-profit organizations.

Unanimously approved at the Nov. 18 council meeting, the Affiliate Review Committee builds upon efforts initiated earlier this year by Mayor Finkam.

In August, the Mayor addressed the significant expenses associated with Promote Carmel, Inc. with the closing of the All Things Carmel retail store, then took action toward further strengthening the Christkindlmarkt through a

new governance framework. And in October, the mayor launched the financial transparency portal. Providing residents with a clear and detailed look into the city's financials, the portal makes it easier than ever to track where and how public funds are being spent.

"I look forward to continuing the work already underway alongside the city council and this new committee," Finkam said. "This action by the council brings an additional level of



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accountability and transparency to our work that will ultimately benefit our taxpayers."

The Affiliate Review Committee will review and produce a summary of each non-profit associated with the city, its governance structure and federal tax requirements, potential conflicts of interest, compensation of executives, city investments in the organization to date and a current balance sheet of the entity's assets and liabilities.

Following last week's meeting, City Council President Tony Green said he was pleased with the mayor's support and the unanimous approval by council members.

"Our council members have repeatedly demonstrated a commitment to support our city. This latest action by our mayor and council places further emphasis on efficiency and stewardship, making an enduring impact on our city's operations and finances," Green said.

Jeff Worrell, council member at-large, sponsored the resolution that formed the new committee.

You can access the portal at tinyurl.com/Carmel-TransparencyPortal.

Sheridan seeks 'HELP' with dump trucks from Indiana Bond Bank

The REPORTER

Indiana Treasurer Daniel Elliott announced Wednesday that the Indiana Bond Bank assisted the Town of Sheridan with financing dump trucks through its Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase (HELP) Program.

The \$301,794 purchase of essential equipment was made possible through this program.

"The HELP Program is super simple with just a one-page form, helping cities and towns score great rates with flexible terms," Elliott said. "Without it, many places might not afford the gear they need to keep things running smoothly."

The HELP program assists Indiana communities in obtaining essential equipment through a standardized and efficient lease-purchase process. It provides standard-term leases with flexible repayment options at competitive rates. By effectively securing competitive bids from various financial institutions statewide, the

program ensures the lowest financing costs, thereby saving taxpayer money.

Since its inception, the HELP program has financed over \$471 million in essential equipment for Indiana communities.

About the Indiana Bond Bank

The Indiana Bond Bank (IBB) was established as a self-supporting quasi-government entity by the Legislature in 1984. A seven-member board oversees the Bond Bank, with the Treasurer serving as the chair of the board, the Public Finance Director of the Indiana Finance Authority is statutorily appointed, with the remaining five members being appointed by the Governor. The Bond Bank assists local governments in the process of issuing debt and provides the following programs: the Advance Funding Program, Community Funding Resource Program, Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase (HELP) Program, Fuel Budgeting Program, and Interim Loan Program.

Register for ASIST Suicide Intervention Course at Franciscan Health in Carmel

The REPORTER

Franciscan Health in conjunction with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be hosting a LivingWorks Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) course on Wednesday, Dec. 4 and Thursday, Dec. 5 at Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital, 10777 Illinois St., Carmel.

The course will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and attendees must be present for both days of the course to receive certification. Attendees must register for the course.

LivingWorks ASIST is a two-day, two-trainer, workshop designed for members of all caregiving groups. Family, friends, and other community members may be the first to talk with a person at risk but have little or no training. ASIST can also provide those in formal helping roles with professional development to ensure that they are prepared to provide

suicide first aid help as part of the care they provide.

The emphasis of the course is on teaching suicide first-aid to help a person at risk stay safe and seek further help as needed. Participants learn to use a suicide intervention model to identify persons with thoughts of suicide, seek a shared understanding of reasons for dying and living, develop a safe plan based upon a review of risk, be prepared to do follow-up, and become involved in suicide-safer community.

The learning process used is based on adult learning principles and highly participatory. Graduated skills development occurs through mini lectures, facilitated discussions, group simulations, and role plays.

The course will be led by Tina Hoffman, Community Health Improvement coordinator at Franciscan Health.

Register online now at afspindianaasistoct2.attendee.com.

Important Indiana property tax notice

Check with Auditor's office to ensure your exemptions are in place before end of the year

Submitted by Meridian Title

If you purchased a home or recorded a deed to change the title of your home in 2024, you should verify with your County Auditor that your homestead deduction has been applied and/or is still valid before Dec. 31, 2024.

The deadline for filing for the homestead deduction using a Sales Disclosure Application, which must be filed with the Assessor and Auditor before the Deed can be recorded, is Dec. 31, 2024. The deadline for filing via the homestead application on a previously filed Deed and Sales Disclosure is Jan. 15, 2025.

If married (even if your spouse is not going in title), the spouse must provide their name and last five digits of their Driver's License and Social Security numbers in applying for a homestead deduction.

To file the homestead deduction, you need the tax ID number and the last five digits of your Social Security

number. If you do not have a Social Security number, you will need the last five digits of a valid U.S.-issued ID.

The mortgage deduction is no longer available after Jan. 1, 2023.

A deduction OR exemption validly in place on Jan. 1 of any given year will remain in place for the current tax year even if the use or ownership of the property changes after Jan. 1.

Homestead Deduction forms are available at in.gov/dlcf/2344.htm.

If you have questions, you can contact the Hamilton County Auditor's Office by calling (317) 776-8400 or going to hamiltoncounty.in.gov/443/Auditors-Office. The office is located in the Historic Courthouse with offices in the basement and on the first floor. Property tax deductions can be filed online at hamiltoncounty.in.gov/368/Property-Tax-Deductions-Credits or in person at the Hamilton County Auditor's Office.

Westfield veterans honor veterans

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield held its second annual Veterans Day ceremony, "Honoring Service and Sacrifice," on Monday, Nov. 11, at the Bridgewater Club. Of the guests who filled the large room, around 100 were veterans, more than fourfold the number of veterans at last year's event.

Brian Gould, U.S. Army veteran and executive director of the Build Indiana Council, emceed the event.

"Veterans Day is a time when we remind our fellow Americans to stop and say thank you to those who served," Gould said.

Speakers for the event included Westfield Mayor Scott Willis and Westfield Police Chief Shawn Keen, both Marine Corps veterans.

Army veteran Roy Adams served as the keynote speaker.

"The culture of service doesn't end with military discharge," Adams said. "It's a lifelong commitment and decision. It's about giving back to the community, mentoring young people, and supporting fellow veterans."

Adams supports his fellow veterans through

his locally-based non-profit, Chairs of Honor. Through Chairs of Honor, chairmakers from around the country craft individual heirloom chairs to be presented to veterans. Those veterans' stories are then recorded through an interview and linked with the chair through a digital ID.

"Subsequently, the veteran's story is preserved for generations to come," Adams said.

Following his speech, Adams had Mayor Willis draw a raffle ticket from those handed out to the veterans present at the ceremony. They then presented the winner of the raffle, Air Force veteran Zachary Kinkead, with a handcrafted chair sponsored by Indiana Members Credit Union. Adams will be following up with Kinkead to record his experience in service.

In addition, Willis recognized the winners of the inaugural Veterans Day poster and essay contests. Third grader Emet Swan, fifth grader Jackson Adams, and sixth grader Max Swan were announced as winners of the poster contest, and junior Adam Baker read his winning essay. All winners were



Photo provided by City of Westfield

(From right) Westfield Mayor Scott Willis and Chairs of Honor Founder Roy Adams present Air Force Veteran Zachary Kinkead with a Chair of Honor.

presented with gift cards from a representative of contest sponsor American Structurepoint.

Willis ended the ceremony by presenting each veteran present with a coin from the city honoring their service.



Photo provided by City of Westfield

(ABOVE) Mayor Willis ends the ceremony by presenting each veteran present with a coin from the city honoring their service.



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(ABOVE) (From right) Westfield Mayor Scott Willis recognizes sixth grader Max Swan, fourth grader Emet Swan, and fifth grader Jackson Adams as winners of the inaugural Veterans Day essay contest. (BELOW) The Westfield High School Signature Sound Choir, under the direction of Alison Wessel, sang the national anthem as well as the armed forces medley.



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(ABOVE LEFT) Junior Adam Baker reads his winning essay. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield Police Chief and Marine Corps veteran Shawn Keen speaks to the crowd. (BELOW LEFT) Air Force veteran Lisa Wilken spoke about the significance of the Missing Man Table, which was set up to the side of the stage. (BELOW RIGHT) Carmel resident Camille Nelson shared her poem "Hounds of Hell," which has been read at public events and is preserved in the Smithsonian.



Noblesville Lions honor Vets with dinner & introductions



Photos provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, the Noblesville Lions served local veterans with a free Thanksgiving dinner at Ginger's Café. Each veteran was introduced by their evening sponsor. The invited speaker, Bill Doss of the Hamilton County Veterans Corporation (HCVC), gave information to the Lions about his organization that helps veterans. HCVC is working to get the American Legion and VFW organizations to combine with HCVC to provide services. HCVC is looking to setup a complex and combine activities of all veteran organizations in the area. (RIGHT) Lions Club V.P. Hayden Parsons (left) thanks speaker Bill Doss.



The power of community & connections: a language of kindness

Submitted by Pooja Thakkar

As Eric Hoffer famously said, kindness can be its own reward. We become kind by acting kindly.

During our recent Hamilton County Leadership Academy class meeting, Alicia Klingerman, the executive director of Family Promise of Hamilton County, mentioned that her pantry was running low and she needed help providing nonperishable items for those in need before the holidays. Our team immediately responded by donating bags full of items to support her cause.

As I was collecting donations from various Hindu Dharmic organizations to support multiple recipients (Mary Riggs, Boys and Girls Club, welcome basket for immigrants and refugees, Fueled For School in Marion, Hendricks, and Hamilton counties) we were able to add Family Promise of Hamilton County to our list by donating 800 pounds of food on Monday, Nov. 18.

We are a team of over 60 Hindu volunteers who have been dedicating our Wednesday nights since September to the #SewaDiwali fund-

raising campaign in Indiana, which has now expanded nationwide. This is our sixth year of participating in SEWA (Selfless Service to Humanity) and celebrating the Diwali Festival of Lights with a delicious Indian feast, fun, and fireworks with our family and friends. We have now extended our celebration to include our community in need because we believe that food is a basic human need and that no religion is greater than humanity.

One powerful way to instill values of empathy and generosity in our children is by involving them in acts of giving, such as taking them to Aldi on weekday nights to fill a cart with essential nonperishable items for those in need. By selecting items like jelly, peanut butter, mac 'n cheese, and other pantry staples, our children learn firsthand the importance of compassion and helping others in need. This simple act of kindness not only teaches them the value of generosity but also fosters a sense of responsibility and empathy towards those less fortunate in our community. Through these small gestures, we can raise compassionate and car-



Photos provided

Sewa Diwali donated 800 pounds of food to Family Promise of Hamilton County.

ing individuals who understand the importance of giving back and helping others in need.

We let our daughters practice the concepts of saving, spending, and sharing by allowing them to use their piggy banks to help those in need in our community. By sharing their favorite treats and pantry items, they gain a deeper understanding of the importance of giving. We believe that even small gestures can have a big impact,

and no act of kindness is ever too small.

When little Navya sees the sign for a buy one, gets one free deal on the aisle, she quickly grabs one for herself and another for the community. This teaches us as parents and community volunteers the importance of instilling kindness at a young age and doing something positive for others.

I am reaching out to ask you, as a reader, to consider the importance of cultivating

empathy and kindness in our increasingly digital world. In a society where emojis often replace genuine emotions, it is crucial to remember the value of understanding and compassion without passing judgment. We are all navigating our own challenges and obstacles in this unpredictable journey of life. Let's remember that kindness is a powerful force that can easily be overshadowed by negativity.

In order to foster a stronger sense of community and

belonging, we have made the commitment to be open and accessible to our members at all times. As we enter the holiday season, it is important to reflect on the significance of community and connections. Let us strive to be more kind, compassionate, and generous this year. Let us also make a concerted effort to instill in our children the values of empathy and generosity, serving as positive role models for them to follow.



Carmel Education Foundation awards Fall 2024 grants to support innovative classroom projects & student wellness

The REPORTER

The Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) has announced the recipients of its Fall 2024 Great Idea Grants, funding innovative projects that inspire academic achievement and lifelong learning in Carmel Clay Schools. These grants are part of CEF's commitment to providing resources that elevate learning in classrooms, schools, and departments across the district.

This season, CEF awarded over \$15,000 in grants to educators, empowering them to implement creative solutions and impactful initiatives that enhance the educational experience. The awarded projects address diverse areas, including STEM education, wellness, and community engagement, ensuring equitable and accessible opportunities for all students.

CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix expressed her excitement about this year's grant recipients.

"Our grants are an investment in the incredible educators who make Carmel Clay Schools exceptional," Penix said. "These projects showcase their creativity and dedication, and we are thrilled to support their efforts in fostering a dynamic and enriching learning environment."

A team of Engineering and Technology teachers at Carmel High School — Zachery Jones, Zac Bone-



(ABOVE LEFT, from left) Zac Bonewit, a student, Sid Swartzendruber, and Zachery Jones. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Carmel Middle School Principal Deanna Pitman, Kristen Irwin, Katie Russo, and CEF Program Manager Stacey Hetrick.



Photos provided by Carmel Education Foundation

wit, and Sid Swartzendruber — shared:

"Thanks to CEF's support, students in our automotive classes now have access to mobile toolboxes, enabling them to work on live vehicles and complete structured repairs," the teachers said. "This hands-on experience is essential for preparing them for real-world automotive careers and building vital skills for their future."

Kristen Irwin and Katie Russo, teachers at Carmel Middle School, expressed enthusiasm for their STEM-focused project:

"This grant will fund two robotic kits that will allow our students to build and program robots, preparing them to excel in regional and state competitions," Irwin and Russo said. "The project not only enhances STEM skills but also fos-



ters teamwork and critical thinking through hands-on, competitive robotics experiences. We're excited to see our students rise to the challenge!"

In addition to educator grants, CEF has awarded over \$5,000 to 12 schools that promoted their annual Ghosts and Goblins 5K/2K event. These funds are being used to fuel wellness activities at each school, including a family color run at Woodbrook Elementary and yoga classes for all of the more than 700 students at Clay Center Elementary.



Photos provided by Carmel Education Foundation

Thanks to participants in this year's Ghosts and Goblins 5K/2K, over \$5,000 was awarded to 12 Carmel Clay schools that promoted the event.

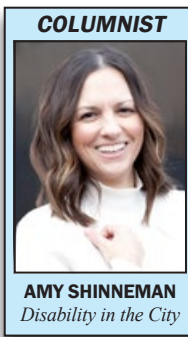
The Carmel Education Foundation continues to play a vital role in supporting academic achievement and lifelong learning for Carmel Clay Schools.

Through educator grants, scholarships, and wellness initiatives, CEF empowers students and educators to thrive. To learn more about

CEF's initiatives or to join their efforts in supporting local schools, visit ccs.k12.in.us.edu/foundation or email foundation@ccs.k12.in.edu.

The shoe dilemma

The first 11 years of my life, I grew up on Harrison Street in Noblesville. I loved living in town. I have many fond memories of cruising the streets on my bicycle and walking to school (yes, that was hard



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Disability in the City

for me, but good for me, too). A memory from those days came rushing to the surface a few days ago. I love it when a good memory bulldozes its way through my brain.

My sister had a pair of white clogs. I thought they were the coolest shoes I had ever seen. I longed to wear them one day. I was happy to take those on as a hand-me-down. I watched her wear them and I thought, "one day those babies will be all mine!"

There was one slight problem with that dream I was dreaming. The actual shoe itself was the very problem. You see, I had a very limited selection of shoes I could choose from. Picture a five-year-old wearing an orthopedic-looking shoe designed for someone much older. That is what was in my realm of possibilities. I often had metal leg braces attached to said shoes. My options weren't too desirable for a young girl who wanted to wear the same shoes her sister and friends were wearing.

If you are familiar with the town of Noblesville, we lived on the east end of Harrison Street near the old high school, a good distance from where the old Dairy Queen was. If you are not familiar with that area, it was not a short walk, especially for a girl who had a tough time walking.

As soon as my parents announced we would be walking to Dairy Queen that night, for some reason, I became obsessed with the thought of debuting those amazing clogs on the walk to get our ice cream. By this time, they almost "fit" me. In my mind, there was nothing that could go wrong. Denial is a part of survival in certain instances. Of course, my parents looked at me like I was nuts when I suggested that I wear the clogs. I was not giving up. Eventually, I guess they decided, I needed to learn my lesson. They were not wrong.

From the get-go it was rocky. I had not even left the sidewalk in the front of

our house when I had the first inkling that my shoe choice was not such a clever idea. They were quite difficult to walk in and keep on my feet because of my gait. I will say that I powered through and somehow made it about halfway to the good ol' DQ before I admitted defeat. I was crushed. I am sure some part of me knew that it wouldn't work. Let's just say, my dad's shoulders got a workout that evening carrying me the rest of the way, and then all the way home.

I never wore the white clogs again, but I have (and sometimes still do) made many more poor shoe decisions. One of the fun things about going places in my wheelchair is that it allows me to be a little more adventurous with my shoes. It's been a fun discovery. The white clogs could be a real possibility these days.

For walking shoes, I enjoy finding cool sneakers and wearing them with all kinds of different outfits. What a fun time to be alive with the current sneaker selection. My sister and I sometimes go on shoe adventures together. She is kind enough to oblige me and try on any shoe I want her to that I could never wear. We have made a lot of funny shoe memories together. What can I say, I'm crazy about shoes, and I guess I always have been. In my mind, if people are going to stare at my feet, I will at least make them look good!

These days, there are several companies designing more current-looking shoes for those who wear leg braces. Many who have started these companies were in situations like mine and wanted to make a change for others. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on how you look at it, I have passed the shoe loving bug on to my two sons. My oldest son is currently on a mission to design the perfect shoe for me. How awesome is that?

Until next time ...

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Pumpkin chucking

Have you ever been pumpkin chucking in the fall?

Part of my family are mechanical geniuses. The affinity part, not the consanguinity part. You know, the kith part, not the kin part. They built two pumpkin chucks to chuck pumpkins in the fall. They raise pumpkins so they had plenty of pumpkins to chuck.

Of course, this fall I had to see the pumpkins chucked because I had heard they could be thrown more than a quarter mile. A family pitch-in dinner and then the chucking began. One chucker shot at close range – several hundred feet. It took on a wrecked vehicle and had several direct hits. The other chucker threw the pumpkin so far away I couldn't see where it landed. I would say it was easily more than a quarter mile. Very interesting day to say the least.

They don't only build pumpkin chucks. One year they built machines to enter the state fair ugly truck contest. I recall they won both first and second prizes that year. I didn't see the other entries, but it could not have been close. Of course, they appear to have every tool known to man and know how to expertly



RAY ADLER
Ray's Ramblings

use them. I'm assuming they were all tools. Many I could not identify.

One year they build a tractor for competition in the antique tractor pull. The tractor had been rigged to appear during a pull to be destroyed. The rear end would appear to break away from the tractor only to have hydraulics restore the apparent broken parts.

My favorite was the old International tractor rigged to operate remotely. I saw it in use at the state fair. With no one in apparent possession, the tractor would be started remotely. If a pretty girl walked by it would give a wolf whistle. After one whistle, the boyfriend kicked the tractor's tire, and the tractor started following the young man with no person at the wheel. It was so realistic that the tractor seemed to be human.

Mechanical geniuses whose expertise is extremely useful and can also be very playful. I recommend pumpkin chucking in the fall.

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A brave new world: 21st century education

In my August column, I wrote about the new diploma+ plans the Indiana legislature was considering. On Nov. 19, I attended a meeting in Fishers where State Representative Robert Behning, also the Chairman of the House Education Committee, and Patrick Mapes, Superintendent of HSE schools, were speaking.

The move to a new diploma program has been in the works for several years. According to Rep. Behning, Indiana 15-year-olds are about five and one-half years behind their counterparts in Singapore and other developed countries. The international organization that tests 15-year-olds across countries for their critical thinking skills found that approximately 14 percent of U.S. students can't distinguish facts from fiction.

Another issue the legislature is trying to resolve is chronic absenteeism in our schools. Statewide, 23 percent of our middle school students are chronically absent and that num-

ber increases to 32 percent in high school. For perspective, that number is enough to fill 2,750 school buses.

Enter the new diploma+ program. Starting in eighth grade, students will be moving towards career exploration. One of the ways for them to do this is with the use of virtual reality goggles. The schools will be amassing a library of career apps that the students can select from to "see" what career may interest them. This will allow many students to start the process of determining which diploma path is right for them with the added benefit that some students will decide that maybe a career they were thinking of is not right for them. In addition to the use of the goggles, students in high school will have expanded work/study programs and apprenticeship opportunities.

To execute the diploma+ program the legislature has set the effective dates as the 2028/2029 school year. Implementation of the new diploma means looking at the

ways that having three different paths towards graduation will affect not only the students but also the teachers as well as community business leaders.

In the end, several of the outcomes of this monumental task could be:

1. To better prepare our students for the future and bring them more in line with the other developed countries.

2. Reduce the absenteeism rate by offering students options that are more relevant to their interests.

3. Increasing the satisfaction of graduates because they have a better idea of what they want to pursue after graduation.

4. Increasing the percentage of students who are college graduates because they know their chosen career path requires a college education.

5. Providing better trained and productive employees for businesses.

There will be many questions that need to be answered as legislators, the Department of Education, and school administration and teachers go through this process. Some of those questions raised at the Nov.

19 meeting were:

- Who assumes the liability if a student is injured in the process of their training?

- Why are critical thinking skills not included as part of the skill development areas?

- Why was a low score of 31 determined for achievement on the ASVAB which is needed for the Enlistment & Service seal?

- How many other states are updating their diploma requirements?
- Do the Indiana higher education schools accept the new diploma?

With so much work to be done and so much at stake for our children's futures, the time to start thinking about how this will impact all of us is now. We have the opportunity to have an impact on how this program will be developed and how it will be rolled out. If we wait, it may be too large an obstacle to change.

Melba Kiser is an outspoken advocate for financial responsibility and transparency in government at all levels. Her column appears at least once each month in The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper.

Local DAR Chapter celebrates Native American Heritage Month

Submitted

Horseshoe Prairie Chapter members would like to remind readers that November is Native American Heritage Recognition Month.

Locally the Delaware, or Lenape, tribe of Native American inhabitants of Hamilton County were removed along with other tribes by the Treaty of St. Mary's in 1820. The Delaware people, original inhabitants of this land, were required to move west of the Mississippi River by 1820. This cleared the way for white settlers to move north and west from the Ohio River.

The NSDAR American Indians Committee is entrusted to the continuing education of the history and culture of this community

as well as the support of the educational and cultural pursuits of its citizens.

DAR members further those objectives by educating themselves and the general public, promoting cultural activities and providing financial and material assistance to the DAR supported schools, American Indian Youth Summer Camps and through the DAR Office of Development. Grants to qualifying Native American projects are considered each year. Chapter members sign holiday cards for the Chemawa Indian School in Oregon each Christmas holiday.

The national committee offers five American Indian scholarships, the Francis Crawford Marvin scholarship and Anne Trevarthan



Memorial scholarship administered by the College of William & Mary, Virginia. In addition to these scholarships, the committee provides scholarship funding to Bacone College, Chemawa Indian School, and Indian Youth of America for summer camp. This year the committee awarded more than \$60,000.

American Indian Committee Chair Sharon McMahon states, "Hamilton County and the surrounding area owes much to our Native American settlers and

this committee dedicates itself and all DAR members to honor and serve the original inhabitants of this land."

About NSDAR

Founded in 1890, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is located in Washington, D.C. For more information about joining NSDAR, go to the Indiana DAR website, darindiana.org or the national website, dar.org. You can contact the local Chapter Horseshoe Prairie at horseshoeprairedar@gmail.com.

Westfield State of the City highlights growth & total investments of nearly \$1B

Submitted by City of Westfield

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis delivered his inaugural State of the City address to more than 400 guests at the Westfield Chamber of Commerce's November luncheon last Thursday afternoon at IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St.

In his address, he recapped a transformative year for the city and outlined his administration's continued progress. Reflecting on the challenges and achievements of 2024, Willis shared his vision for the future of Westfield, focusing on key areas of growth, infrastructure, and community engagement.

"2024 has been a record year for investment in Westfield," Willis said. "When I asked my staff to total the investment of our announced projects for this year, the number nearly hit \$1 billion. It's incredible, and the energy around these investments is nothing short of exciting."

Since taking office in January 2024, Mayor Willis, newly elected Clerk-Treasurer Marla Ailor, and all seven city councilors have worked to set a strong foundation for the city's future. Focusing

on four key pillars – Quality Growth and Livability, Accountability and Transparency, Excellence in Public Safety, and Empowerment through Continuous Improvement – the administration has already made significant strides in shaping Westfield's future.

Westfield Mayor's Youth Council

Willis also unveiled plans for a Westfield Mayor's Youth Council (WMYC), which will launch with the 2025-2026 school year. The Youth Council will provide a platform for young people to engage with and address issues impacting our community, serve as a hub for solution-driven ideas, and offer an inside look at the day-to-day operations of local government. This initiative will empower the next generation of leaders to actively shape Westfield's future. More information on WMYC will be announced in Spring 2025.

Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant

The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant was also introduced. This grant, administered by the Community Development Department,

will allow neighborhoods and homeowner associations to apply for matching funds at a ratio of 2:1. The program will be allotted \$240,000 with neighborhoods being eligible up to \$25,000 in matching funds. The funds can be used to enhance or update landscaping at neighborhood entrances, remove invasive species, renovate entrance signs, or add lighting and fountains to ponds. Grant applications will open in January 2025.

Key Accomplishments of 2024

- **Capital Improvement Plan:** Introduced in April 2024, the new Capital Improvement Plan is a major milestone for Westfield. It outlines infrastructure projects aimed at addressing the city's rapid growth, particularly in roadways and utilities.

- **Downtown Revitalization:** The city is making significant investments in its downtown area, with over \$200 million committed to projects such as Union Square, Park and Poplar, and Ambrose on Main. These efforts aim to create

vibrant spaces attracting new businesses, residents, and visitors.

- **Business Growth & Economic Development:** Westfield has attracted major business investments, including Isotopia, Grand Universe, PhysioLogic, Community Health, Skender Construction, and HNTB Engineering. Together, these projects total more than \$660 million in investments, diversifying the city's corporate tax base and contributing to the local economy.

- **Public Safety Infrastructure:** Mayor Willis also unveiled renderings for a new Westfield Police Department Headquarters near Grand Park and John Dippel Boulevards. The city expects to break ground in mid-2025 and open in 2027. The building is designed to accommodate the department's future growth and expansion. The Westfield Fire Department will see a 25 percent increase in staff for Fire Station 84, enhancing the city's emergency response capabilities and supporting the growing community.

- **Transparency & Accountability:** The administration remains committed

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Multipurpose rooms

I have to chuckle quietly to myself when I tour some people's houses. When they show me their craft room, office, exercise room, and/or guest room, I think of our Old Town Noblesville Victorian worker's cottage. Old houses often don't have rooms for separate purposes like these. Instead, we have what I fondly call "multipurpose rooms."

When you enter our home through one of our two front doors, the first thing you'll see is my office/guest room/music/cat room – with the proper term really being "parlor." My desk is in one corner, with our piano against an angled wall to its right. Mama Kitty, being an old girl, sleeps, eats, and uses the litter box in this room.

We have beautiful double swinging doors to separate this room from the family/living room, which is why the parlor is also our guest room. It turns into the guest room when we inflate the queen-sized air mattress!

You may have noticed I said, "one of our two front doors." Our second door, which is rarely opened, leads into the family room. If you're curious about the reason for this, it's because people didn't have funeral homes back in the day. So, one door led into the front room where you could view the casket when a family



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AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

member or friend died, and the other led into the rest of the house. We even have a shorter window in our parlor where someone was probably ... well ... I'll let your imagination take over.

After you go through the family room, you enter our dining/craft/game room. I don't exactly do crafts, but this is often where I'll do little sewing projects. The dining room also hosts get-togethers with family and friends where we'll eat, then play cards or board games.

Off the dining room is the kitchen/laundry folding/gift wrapping room. The heart of the kitchen is our island, where I spend a great deal of my time. The island is perfect for folding laundry (the laundry/mud room is nearby) and dozens of other tasks.

Those who have read my column for years know that I do some of my exercises at home since I'm not a gym person. I do these in multiple spaces. I start out by doing stretches using our bottom stairs.

Next, I'll go to the dining room for squats and other tough stuff. Then I'll go to the office/guest (oh, you know the rest by now) room for some light weightlifting, since the weights are in that room's closet. Oh ... our closets are also multipurpose ... but that's a whole other column.



Photo provided by Amy Shankland

Why is this window shorter than the others on the first floor of this old home? Find out in this week's Perfectly Imperfect column!

After weightlifting, it's time to go to our upstairs hallway for some floor exercises. I must go there because our second floor is carpeted – our first floor has hardwood floors. Finally, I finish up the exercises in my bedroom.

If I can't hoop dance outside or at First Christian Church – thank you, First Christian, for loaning us your gathering space in cold weather – then I must move some furniture out of the way to do it in our family/living room.

Would I change any-

thing? After being here for 26 years, absolutely not. We love our old home and plan on staying here for at least another decade or two. I'll continue to enjoy our multipurpose rooms/spaces and share them with those I love. After all, the more uses for a room, the more memories!

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Photo provided by Megan Rathz

My favorite person at his favorite place in the world, The Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

They are watching

I was recently scrolling and saw a preacher discussing the importance of the example a father plays in the lives of his children. The speaker was talking about how often a son will become his father both in his words and actions, and his daughter will one day marry it.

Is this always true? Of course not. In fact, the thought of becoming your father or marrying him is very triggering for some people. We all know people who have come from terrible circumstances and have broken the cycle with their own actions. Whether it be addiction, abuse, finances, gambling, drugs, or another vice, there have certainly been a lot of people who can proudly say they did *not* end up like their father. And to those people, I see you and respect you.

For those of us, like myself, who were blessed with the example of a wonderful father who was strong, witty, wise, kind and loyal, protective, successful, generous, faith-centered, and selfless, we looked for those traits when dating a future mate. I saw the way that my dad treated my mom and knew that one day I would not settle for less than that because not only did my dad treat and love my mom well, but he also loved his daughters well. I grew up watching him and noticing many things.

I can proudly say that I look at my husband, Tim, and see the way he treats his own kids and me and feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude. In the season of thankfulness, and which just so happens to be my husband's birthday, I am thankful for the life he works hard to provide for us and the example he sets for our children. He is even-tempered, strong, romantic, protective, hardworking, kind, hysterical, and humble. He puts the kids and me first in everything he does.

He is the dad for my kids that I had as a little girl. I look at my two children, Mary and Pat, and see the example he has set for them by his actions, love, and work ethic, and know that my son has the perfect example of a man, and I know that Mary will know what she deserves in a husband one day.

Mary is noticing how you always let her walk first, how you open my car door, the flowers you bring home for both of us. She notices that you always walk outside in a parking lot to keep us safe or that you sit facing the entrance of a restaurant, so you can see who is entering.

She is aware that even when you're exhausted and ready to go to sleep, you're

the one who goes back down to the car to get her white blanket that she left in there from school dropoff. She knows that you're the room dad for her class. She remembers the days off work you took

to go on field trips. She remembers the way you smile with your eyes when she shows you her new dress and waits for you to tell her how pretty she looks. She notices how you call her bunny. She will remember you doing her hair in the morning. She knows that you would do anything to keep her safe.

She knows. She's watching and paying very close attention.

Pat is also watching. He sees the way that you don't lose your temper easily and keep God at the center of our family. He notices the way that you treat me and how you protect us. He sees the example of a man who is as devoted to me as you are to both of them. He will remember the interest you took in the things he enjoys.

He is noticing that you are kind to people at restaurants and hold doors open for women. He notices that the same soft hands that fix his sister's hair in the morning before school also are the same hands that protect him until he's old enough to protect himself. He also sees that you are an amazing cook and will grow up knowing that it's not just his wife's job to provide food for his family because he saw you cooking for us.

He is aware that being a man is a delicate balance of gentleness and fierceness. He notices that you offer your seat when a lady enters the room and how you take your hat off when we pray. He hears you thank veterans for their service and has seen you buy them cups of coffee.

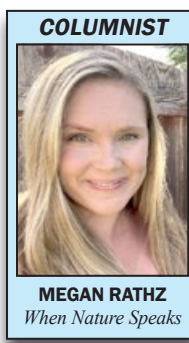
He sees the planning you do for our date nights and the effort you make to make me feel special. He will remember the funny voices you make when reading bedtime stories.

He is watching. He is learning how to be a man, a husband, and a father from you.

I certainly hope that the quote is true, that your son will become it, and your daughter will marry it. Nothing would make me happier to see Pat end up like you and if Mary marries a boy that is just like you.

Thank you for loving all of us, Tim. You are our greatest blessing. They are watching you ... and I thank God for that! Oh, and happy birthday!

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



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When Nature Speaks

The Moon, the River, a Best Friend

By **JEFF DARREN MUSE**
Guest Columnist

Columnist Scott Saalman is too busy reading books to write a Scaramouch column this week. He highly recommends *Dear Park Ranger* by Hamilton County resident Jeff Darren Muse, for your holiday book gift giving. What follows is one of the book's essays, in its entirety. You can also see Jeff read this essay from his hospital bed at this Facebook link: [facebook.com/100066199974843/videos/pcb.850668087149849/612738094420847](https://www.facebook.com/100066199974843/videos/pcb.850668087149849/612738094420847).

August 27, 2007
Skagit River, WA

Ned and I started paddling at four o'clock this afternoon. An upriver wind chafed our faces as the milky green melt of four hundred glaciers carried us downstream. We meandered twenty-five miles from Rockport, under Concrete's steel Tinkertoy, the Dalles Bridge, then beyond the bluffs of Cape Horn, where the Skagit doubles back for a horizon-wide view of craggy Sauk Mountain, named for the Sah-ku-méhu tribe. Late summer withers the peak's avalanche chutes – tawny meadows, a hint of gold. Several miles later, at the old ferry crossing in Birdview, we pulled ashore on this gravel bar, its beach woven with polished rocks and piles of bark-stripped logs. We ate cold pizza and watched the sun set. No tent. No hassle.

The dew is falling thick and fast, smearing these few words. Rising through the cottonwoods, a full moon casts the sand and driftwood around this camp in a shadow-carving glow. We settle into our sleeping bags on plastic tarps, curling the edges to protect our gear. It's no use. We know we'll wake up soaked.

"It'll be sunny tomorrow," Ned says, his last words for the night. Then I zip my bag around my body, the scrape of nylon giving way to water sounds, to rolling waves and eddies curling against the shoreline.

The moon, the river, a best friend. What feels like a best friend. Within weeks, he'll be gone, back



Photo by Jeff Darren Muse

The Skagit River meanders downstream of Rockport, Wash., in July 2007.

to Idaho, back to Driggs. "It actually snows there," he once told me. Here, on this valley bottom, it mostly rains. And Ned doesn't like rain.

We're on our way to Skagit Bay – or so we tell ourselves. Come morning, stocking caps on, we'll shake off the dawn-wet chill like French Canadian voyageurs, taking breakfast after an hour or two in the canoe. Ned's got the broad shoulders of an athlete, though not from gym weights or ball fields, but from mountaintops, sheer cliffs, places I don't go. He may not know it, but I'm giddy, thrilled that the paddle in his hands is adventure enough for his days off. I supervise him at work, but rarely does it feel like that. I hired him, I told my boss, "because this place needs a Ned." Our plan came together only last night as our schedules and aspirations aligned for the first time this summer. We're thriving on the spontaneity of the trip, the uncertainty around each bend. "A quick journey," I promised my wife. She shoved us off, waved.

All told, we'll cover some seventy miles from my house in Rockport to the Skagit Delta on Puget Sound. If the wind and tides will let us, if our backs hold out, we'll hit saltwater by early evening tomorrow. Thanks to her cell phone, a friend from headquarters will



Photo provided

Hamilton County resident Jeff Darren Muse.

meet us wherever we end up – Mount Vernon, Fir Island, the Swinomish Channel in La Conner. "Just call me," she said. "I've got a truck, plenty of room."

But Ned and I agree – about paddling, about life – we want the sea. We want what glaciers can give. We want as far as we can go.

How about you? How far? A Fishers resident not far from his 1969 birthplace, Jeff Darren Muse is the author of Dear Park Ranger: Essays on Manhood, Restlessness, and the Geography of Hope, published by Wayfarer Books in May 2023. Two months later, Muse was diagnosed as having terminal brain cancer. At that

time, he and his wife lived in New Mexico, where they both worked for the National Park Service in careers that had begun decades earlier in Washington's Skagit Valley. In Dear Park Ranger, you can learn about many people, places, and eras they have known throughout the United States. Likewise, check out jeffdarrenmuse.com for links to online and in-store purchasing for the holidays. In 2024, Muse has participated in numerous events and received honors from Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards, Nautilus Book Awards, and Indiana Authors Awards. Email him at jeffdarrenmuse@gmail.com.

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to informing residents through multiple communication channels, including quarterly town halls, a new city website, and a regular printed newsletter.

For those unable to attend, Mayor Willis will host a 2024 Year in Review at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at the Westfield High School Auditorium, 18250 N. Union St. The event will be free, but attendees are asked to register for a free ticket, as seating in the auditorium is limited. Reserved tickets will be available in mid-December.

The Grinch joins Noblesville Youth Assistance's 'Stuff Your Stocking' event

The REPORTER

This holiday season, the Grinch is turning over a new leaf and spreading cheer in Noblesville. Noblesville Youth Assistance Program (NYAP) announces the return of the annual Stuff Your Stocking event that partners with Noblesville Main Street, and Deck the Halls, a unique fundraising opportunity that combines holiday spirit with community support.

Stuff Your Stocking is a festive "trick-or-treat" style tour for families, offering a fun and engaging way to create lasting holiday memories.

Here's how it works:

Purchase your \$15 event ticket: The first step is to secure your spot. Tickets are available now online at one.bidpal.net/stuffyourstocking.

Pick up your stocking and map: On Dec. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m., head to CCH+A Law, at 2 N. 9th St., Noblesville, to receive your stocking and a map highlighting participating businesses.

Fill your stocking with goodies: Follow the map and visit participating businesses marked with a sparkly stocking. At each stop, children and adults can fill their stockings with treats, small toys, and other festive surprises.

This event is more than just fun; it's for a good



Photo provided

cause! Stuff Your Stocking supports NYAP Holiday Assistance. By participating, you're not only creating a cherished tradition for your family, but also contributing to a worthy cause within the Noblesville community.

The Grinch says, "Stuff Your Stocking!"

"We're thrilled to have the Grinch's support this year," said Michelle Schmidt of NYAP. "The Grinch's transformation embodies the spirit of the holidays – it's never too late to spread joy and make a difference."

A sincere thank you to sponsor Generator Supercenter: The Standby Power People. Their generous support is helping to make Stuff Your Stocking a huge success.

Santa Tours returning to Carmel's neighborhoods

The REPORTER

Mark your calendars as Santa returns to Carmel with his friends from the Carmel Fire, Police and Street departments.

The tours began Sunday, Nov. 24 and include 10 dates with 10 different routes through Sunday, Dec. 15. Each tour time will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Santa Tours will also incorporate senior living facilities, schools, and parks for

those who don't live along one of the neighborhood routes.

Keep an eye out for Santa, his friends, and even some surprise guests as they will arrive with flashing red lights – similar to Rudolph's nose – leading the way down the streets of the city. There will be no sirens.

You can check the Santa Tracker to view the routes and find out when he's close to your home or neighborhood at tinyurl.com/CarmelSantaTracker.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Carmel Christkindlmarkt cuts Christmas waste thanks to Duke Energy & Hamilton County Tourism

The REPORTER

Duke Energy and Hamilton County Tourism have given the Carmel Christkindlmarkt more than \$20,000 in grant funding for the 2024 season to support the organization's recycling programs. Both organizations also supported the recycling program in 2023.

This year, thanks to a partnership with RecycleForce, Christkindlmarkt should produce even less waste.

"Sustainability is one of Duke Energy's fundamental objectives," Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said. "We're proud to support the Christkindlmarkt's recycling program again this year as it aligns with our corporate values."

The money will be used to fund efforts to reduce the Market's waste through both public-facing and behind-the-scenes recycling efforts.

"Supporting the Carmel Christkindlmarkt's recycling efforts advances Hamilton County Tourism's commitment to sustainability while creating a cleaner, greener experience for everyone," said Hamilton County Tourism Director of Community Engagement Sarah Buckner. "We hope all Christkindlmarkt visitors enjoy the holiday spirit while making a positive impact that lasts beyond the season."

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt recycling program began last season with support from both Hamilton County Tourism and Duke Energy in 2023. It featured 60 new waste receptacles with signage encouraging recycling and sharing cultural facts about Germany



Photo provided

Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr presents a check for \$10,000 to Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld for sustainability programs.

and recycling.

"Sustainability is not only a value to us at the Carmel Christkindlmarkt," Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld said. "It's also a cultural value for Germans. Given our mission around cultural education, we felt it was very important to become more sustainable ourselves."

According to Rosenfeld, recycling is a German tradition. Germany has the third-highest recycling rate in the world and the highest in Europe. Forty-eight percent of waste is recycled, and 19 percent is composted. Additionally, Germany today has zero active landfills.

During 2023, the goal of Market staff was to see one-third of all waste recycled, but the organization was able to exceed that and recycle one-half of all waste. According to Republic Services, the Market also saw virtually zero contam-

ination, meaning all bins marked for recycling were able to be recycled.

This year, market staff will be working with RecycleForce to monitor waste streams in real-time and optimize recycling efforts where they can. Staff are also adding more signage to encourage recycling and illustrate what can be fully recycled and what can't.

"Tourism and RecycleForce are helping us sort through the recycling and also do an assessment so that in the future we can be even more sustainable as we move forward," Rosenfeld said. "We are so grateful for these grants from Duke Energy and Hamilton County Tourism, and we can't wait to make more progress on these efforts this coming season."

According to Rosenfeld, approximately 475,000 people attended Carmel Christkindlmarkt. That has the

potential to create a great deal of waste, but efforts this year may reduce it even further by adding a composting component to Christkindlmarkt's efforts.

"I am greatly appreciative of the support from Duke Energy, Hamilton County Tourism and RecycleForce for all coming together to help us become more sustainable year over year as an organization," Rosenfeld said. "Last year we started our recycling efforts. This year we're expanding on it by adding composting for our vendors. With composting, as well as bringing in RecycleForce to see and analyze our waste streams, we can become more sustainable, recycle more, reduce more and reuse more year over year."

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt opened last Saturday, Nov. 23. Learn more online at CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com.

Obituaries

Mark Roland Bragdon

December 12, 1955 – November 19, 2024

Mark Roland Bragdon, 68, Carmel, passed away on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital. He was born on December 12, 1955, to the late Ernest Roland Bragdon and Mary Janice (Bridges) Bragdon in Indianapolis.

Mark worked for GTE and attended Mercy Road Church. He enjoyed listening to all genres of music and playing his violin. Mark was a huge history buff and liked Sprint and Indy Car Racing.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Bragdon; daughter, Sarah (Eric) Bucher; sister, Lori Denise (Steve) Wann; brother, Jay Warren (Julie) Bragdon; step-children, Susan McKenzie, Adam Creviston, and Caryn (Grant) Gorman; and his grandchildren, Lydia and twins Alyssa & Bryson Bucher, and step-grandchildren, Owen & Zoe McKenzie.

Visitation will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Monday, December 2, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Pastor Josh Husmann officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Breakthrough T1D (formerly Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), 200 Vesey St., 28th Floor, New York, NY 10281 (breakthrough1d.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Loretta J. Liebke

December 17, 1935 – November 14, 2024

Loretta J. Liebke, 88, Westfield, passed away on November 14, 2024. She was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on December 17, 1935, daughter of Clinton and Gertrude (Kooi) Anderson.

She married Herbert C. Liebke on November 2, 1961. He preceded her in death in 2008.

In addition to her parents and husband, Loretta was also preceded in death by her sister, Marie Nestel; and her beloved dog, Cookie.

Survivors include daughter, Terri Brown Liebke; son, Mark (Sandy) Liebke; grandchildren, Mike (Moe) O'Brien, Tim (Sarah) O'Brien, Matt (Missy) Liebke, Dan Liebke, Jamie Brown (fiancé, Roger), and Korina (Ben) Bross; great-grandchildren, Jennifer Bross, Katelyn Bross, and Cooper Liebke; great great-grandchild, Jade Gerena; and nephew, Steve (Geri) Nestel.

Loretta dearly loved her family and will be greatly missed by all. Burial will take place in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Ill.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Loretta, be directed to the TLC Animal Shelter, 13016 W. 151st St., Home Glen, IL 60491.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to care for Loretta and assist the family in arrangements.

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Mary Lou Green

July 1, 1934 – November 14, 2024

Mary Lou Green, 90, Noblesville, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her loving children on Thursday, November 14, 2024. She was born on July 1, 1934, to Fred and Dorothy (Abston) Sherrill in Crab Orchard, Tenn.

Mary was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and dear friend to many. She was known for her kindness, generosity, and love for the Lord. Mary was a seamstress for Aero Drapery in Jolietville, then retired from Indiana Mills in Westfield. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and taking care of her yard. Most of all, Mary loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her sons, Steven Green and Doug (Louanne) Green; daughter, Donna Green; grandchildren, Jacob, Brock, Hailey, Chris, Josh, Casey, Tiffany, and Sean; great-grandchildren, Saya, Colton, Memphis, Sawyer, and Landon; and siblings, Charles (Kris) Sherrill, Patricia Swicegood, and Elizabeth (Tom) Couse.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Donald Conrad Green; and siblings, Clarence Sherrill, James "Jim" Sherrill, Yvonne Norman, Glen Sherrill, and Kenneth Sherrill.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at 2 p.m. with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Burial will be at Dogwood Cemetery in Grandview, Tenn., at a later date.

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Santa House on the Square returns

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Historical Society has announced the hours of the 61st season of the Santa House on the Square.

This experience, free with donations encouraged, includes a visit with the big man himself inside his house and a candy cane for each child. This year, the Historical Society is extremely grateful for the sponsorship of Fredericks Contractors.

Two special dates to watch for:

- **Friday, Dec. 6** is First Friday in Noblesville, and the Historical Society Museum (next door to the Santa House) is hosting a free Holiday Open House with an enhanced museum Christmas experience, courtesy of Fredericks Contractors.

- **Saturday, Dec. 7** is the Cookie Crawl in Noblesville, along with the Noblesville Preservation Alliance Holiday Home Tour, and the Museum is participating in both. See

Santa House Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 1: 2 to 6 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 14: noon to 5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 5: 5 to 7 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 15: noon to 3 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 6: 5 to 9 p.m. (First Friday; Holiday Open House)	Thursday, Dec. 19: 5 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 7: noon to 5 p.m. (Cookie Crawl)	Friday, Dec. 20: 5 to 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 8: noon to 3 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 21: noon to 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 13: 5 to 8 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 22: noon to 5 p.m.
	Monday, Dec. 23: 5 to 8 p.m.



Santa, gather cookies, and admire decorations all in one day.

About the Historical Society

The Hamilton County Historical Society, located on the southwest corner of

the square in Noblesville, is in the Old Sheriff's Residence and Jail. The museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. and is free (donations encouraged). In addition to exhibits on Hamilton

County history, the museum includes rooms restored to the 19th century as well as three floors of jail cells. Follow along on Facebook and Instagram and check out hamiltoncoins.com.

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Nicholas Parker Cathcart

April 7, 1992 – November 21, 2024



Nicholas Parker Cathcart, 32, Anderson, passed away after a brief illness on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on April 7, 1992, in Indianapolis.

Nick proudly served his country in the United States Army as an infantryman for eight years. He was a military history buff. Nick worked as a welder and enjoyed golfing, cooking, baking, and BBQ. He liked playing video games and Pokémon with his son, Ian. Nick was a gun collector and avid hunter. He volunteered at his church in the Men's Club and enjoyed working fish fries. Most of all, Nick loved his wife, his boys, and his dogs.

He is survived by his wife, Kaitlin Cathcart; father, William (Shelly) Cathcart; mother, Theresa (Thomas) Hotwagner; sons, Ian Shaw and Simon Cathcart; siblings, Luke Cathcart, Gabrielle Cathcart, Elijah Cathcart, and Noah Cathcart; stepbrothers, Chris Hotwagner, Stuart Hotwagner, Blake Hotwagner, Zach Yurack, and Jacob (Darian) Yurack; brother-in-law, Chris (Evelyn) Emily; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ronald & Kathy Emily; as well as multiple aunts and uncles, and several loving cousins.

Nick was preceded in death by his grandparents, Donald & Joyce Cathcart and Chester & Anna Lipinski; and his uncle, Joseph Cathcart.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers, with Rev. Cole Daily officiating. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 (support.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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Willard (Bill) Allen Dix

December 3, 1931 – November 18, 2024



Willard (Bill) Allen Dix passed away on November 18, 2024. Bill was born on December 3, 1931, in Elizabeth, N.J., second son of Allen G. and Sarah Heller Dix.

After attending Elizabeth schools, Bill earned a BSME from Tufts University (1953), an MAE from Chrysler Institute of Engineering (1955) and completed the Bell Laboratories "Communications Development Training Program" in 1959. Bill was employed as a mechanical engineer at Chrysler Corp., Singer Mfg., and Bell Telephone Laboratories where after 28 years of service, he retired from AT&T Corporation (Lucent Tech). He had an engineering mind and loved to problem solve to make things more efficient and create new products and systems. Bill was the proud holder of eight U.S. patents for products developed with these companies.

Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years, Charlotte Dix; daughter, Inge Dix (Brett) Turner; sons, Andrew C. (Thea) Dix, Robert M. (Jenna) Dix, and Willard M. Dix; and six grandchildren, Jackson Turner, Hannah, Natalie, Eliot, Delaney, and Henry Dix. He was preceded in death by his parents; his only brother, Dr. Robert H. Dix; and his wife, Mary S. Dix.

Bill was an active member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church, serving on a variety of committees, and a 36-year member of the Chancel Choir. He also was a 23-year member of Sounds Unlimited chorale ensemble. His community service included Meals on Wheels, Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission, NPA, and Noblesville Park Board. Volunteering to work at the Belfry Theater was a favorite pastime and he served as a mentor in the Kids Hope program.

Bill spoke often of happy memories growing up and life on Sunrise Camp in Groton, Vt. He was a talented woodworker and handyman. Bill will always be remembered for his willingness to help others and for the ability to fix anything. His easy-going attitude, fun and dry sense of humor, mastery of crossword puzzles, and happiness in life will be remembered. He has left his family and friends a legacy built of faith, values, quiet strength, integrity, and discipline. Bill was highly regarded by all. He loved God, his family, and friends, and they loved him. All who knew him considered him a truly "good guy" and a "grand man," and he will be missed dearly.

Funeral service was held Sunday, November 24, 2024, at the Noblesville First United Methodist Church. All attending were invited to enjoy an ice cream social afterwards, which was Bill's favorite meal.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville United Methodist Church, Chancel Choir, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Paul Anthony Churchward

September 21, 1937 – November 14, 2024



Paul Anthony Churchward, 87, Carmel, passed peacefully in his sleep on November 14, 2024. He was born on September 21, 1937, in Fort Wayne, Ind., the youngest of 11 children, to Charles John Churchward (Cornwall, England) and Edna Josephine Herber (Fort Wayne). He attended Waynedale Elementary School and graduated from Elmhurst High School, Class of 1955.

Obtaining his apprenticeship in December 1957, from the Fort Wayne International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers, Local 147, he practiced his trade for 20 years in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio, until retiring on disability due to an injury suffered on the job in 1975.

An avid sportsman, Paul enjoyed many years of hunting, trapping and, especially, bass fishing on his beloved Indian Lake in Kendallville. A true Hoosier Basketball fan, Paul resided in Indiana all his life in Waynedale, Ft. Wayne, Kendallville, and Churubusco, where he became a regular patron of the Magic Wand Restaurant. Since 2018, he spent his final years living near his children in Carmel, under the kind and loving care of the staff at Magnolia Springs Bridgewater Assisted Living.

A member of the Lutheran Church, Paul was married on June 10, 1960, to his first wife, Janet (Hefflinger) Bellis (Donald). He was later married on August 18, 1993, for 23 years to his second wife, Carolyn (Parker) Cline until her death November 8, 2016.

In addition to his parents, and second wife, Paul was preceded in death by; brothers, William, Eugene, James, Page, and Wilbur Churchward; and sisters, Edna Imel, Susan Vorich, Rita Kendrick, and Cecile Churchward.

Survivors include his first wife, Janet; children, Risa Krauter (Kurt), Bart Churchward, and Holly Hardman (Dave); grandchildren (from Risa), Casey Krauter (Lauren), Nicole Jontony (Dominic), Kelly Krauter, Kevin Krauter, Katie Krauter, Courtney Krauter, and Michael Krauter, (from Bart) Cash Churchward and Dutch Churchward, (from Holly) Katie Mantock (Rob), Camille Hardman, Cierra McGriff (Cory), and Elizabeth Hardman; stepchildren, Pat Cline and Bob (Lisa) Cline; and sister Lorraine Hoss; 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews, most notably David Churchward who grew up like a brother to Paul.

A private ceremony will be held at his final resting place next to his parents at Prairie Grove Cemetery, 6312 Old Trail Road, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Memorial contributions, in remembrance of Paul, may be directed by check, made payable to Magnolia Springs Bridgewater (Employee Appreciation Fund), 14901 Carey Road, Carmel, IN 46033.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements. Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Thomas Frederick Carter

October 16, 1944 – November 20, 2024



Thomas Frederick Carter, 80, Westfield, formerly of Greenville, Mich., passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at his home. He was born on October 16, 1944, to Harold "Scoot" and Mary (Wakefield) Carter in Greenville, Mich.

Tom proudly served his country as a sergeant in the Army National Guard. He worked as an athletic trainer for the University of Wisconsin and was an administrator at Oakfield Baptist Academy. Tom enjoyed coaching basketball and served as a camp ministry director. Tom married Nancy Lou Reed on June 25, 1968. They moved to Indiana in 2014 where they were active in both The Creek Church and Grace Church. Tom lived out his deep faith in Christ and impacted many lives because of it.

Tom is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nancy "Nan" L. Carter; daughter, Joy (Robert) Palmer; son, Gary (Lori) Carter; brother, Bruce (Sherry) Carter; sister-in-law, Mary (Rich) Borrelli; grandchildren, Josh (Megan) Hayward, Bethany (Courtland) Jones, SrA Nathan Hayward (USAF), Andrew Hayward, Anna Hayward, Braydon Carter, Kylie Carter, Kristina Palmer, and Tiffany Palmer; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Don & Doris Reed; infant brother, Jerold Carter; and grandparents, Harold & Ruby Carter, and Ernest & Edith Wakefield.

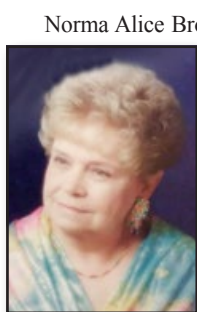
Visitation and services were held Sunday, November 24, 2024, at Grace Church, Student Ministry East – Door 12, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville. Burial was at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chapters of Grief-Share at Grace Church, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville, IN 46062 (gracechurch.us); or Indian Creek Christian Church, 6430 S. Franklin Road, Indianapolis, IN 46259 (thecreek.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Norma Alice Brown

October 16, 1931 – November 18, 2024



Norma Alice Brown, 93, Cicero, passed away on Monday, November 18, 2024, at Allisonville Meadows in Fishers. She was born on October 16, 1931, to Milton and Barbara (Davis) Warren in Mooresville, Ind.

Norma was a 1949 graduate of Jackson Central High School in Arcadia. She retired after 33 years of working in the office for Firestone/Bridgestone, and was also a licensed cosmetologist. Norma liked to play BINGO, go bowling, reading, and watching murder mystery shows. Most of all, Norma loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia (Forest) Winkle; grandchild, Samantha (James "Pete") Powers; great-grandchildren, Mya Cooper and Hunter Powers; and great great-grandchildren, Robert and Warren Jones.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, Robert Brown.

The Brown Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Norma's care. Honoring Norma's wishes, her urn will be interred at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flower, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 (alz.org/indiana).

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Kevin Robert Garris

May 31, 1956 – November 15, 2024



Kevin Robert Garris, born May 31, 1956, passed away on November 15, 2024.

Kevin graduated from Butler University in May 1978 after majoring in Accounting. He was an active member and Treasurer of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Kevin was mischievous and smart, always working to get ahead, and soon owned several businesses ranging from computers to restaurants.

His favorite hobbies and greatest joys included:

- Traveling and cruising often, with fond memories of being able to swim with the dolphins in the Caribbean. He was also blessed to visit one of his favorite spots twice, Alaska.
- Kevin was an avid bowler and also loved his annual golf trips. He enjoyed visiting casinos and playing cards with family and friends. Double Deck Euchre was his favorite game.
- There were too many concerts to name, but Kevin was certain to see the Eagles as often as possible!
- In his later years, Kevin discovered a new joy and happiness, riding eTrikes with his wife and dear friends.
- Always an animal lover, Kevin owned many dogs over the years. You would often find him watching birds and deer in the yard, fox by the window, and he would delight to see any new critters along the way.

Kevin loved his wife Deb with his whole heart. He always said he was married 8/26 on Deb's birthday so he would only have to remember one date every year ... but we celebrated big!

Kevin was loyal and stayed connected with many friends from decades past. Especially close were dear friends Lloyd Ford, Steve Sgroi, and Charlie and Andi Thomaschek.

Surviving family includes his wife Deb Garris, married 46 years, sister Kathy Birk and husband Mike, nephews Chris and Nick, sister Tammy Chapman and nieces Nikki and Lexi. Kevin was the beloved son of the late Bob and Mary Garris.

In lieu of a service, Deb asks that you remember Kevin in your own way.

Donations can be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation (T2T.org) or Indy Humane Organization (IndyHumane.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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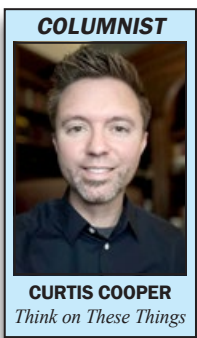
There was a man with a habit of grumbling about life, but every time his family ate, he always gave thanks for the food.

One day after complaining about work and then complaining about the food, after he gave thanks for the food, his little girl asked, "Daddy, does God hear us when we pray?" "Why, of course," he replied. "He hears us every time we pray."

She paused for a moment and asked, "Does He hear everything we say the rest of the time?" "Yes, dear, every word," he replied, excited that his daughter was thinking about God. But his pride came before his fall with her next question, "Then, which does God believe?"

Can you relate? I know I can.

Ephesians 5:20 says, "Give thanks always for all things." Can we all agree we are more likely to com-



CURTIS COOPER
Think on These Things

plain about everything than we are to give thanks for everything? That is so sad because we are so blessed! But here we are, in America, one of the richest nations, blinded to our blessings and seeking things to gripe about.

Ever notice how we do that? We do not praise and thank God like we should! Also, notice it says we are to ALWAYS give thanks for ALL THINGS. There has been no shortage of God's blessings; likewise, there should be no limit to our gratitude. Do we understand why the Bible puts so much emphasis on giving thanks?

Let us not forget that giving thanks has always been the battleground.

In **Genesis 3:1-4**, God knew what man needed was a heart of gratitude towards Him and what He had given them, but Satan convinced Eve she had the right to feel ungrateful and slighted by

God. Satan got Eve focused on God's one restriction rather than the many, many blessings God provided for them (all those trees, except the one tree) in this wonderful garden.

Do you know how I know they were not grateful? Because God's blessings were not good enough. Is that not true with us? I get focused on the one thing God says I cannot enjoy and suddenly I struggle to find a way to be thankful for an entire world full of blessings. So, what do I do? I become ungrateful and complain.

Romans 1:26-31 has this whole list of ungodly, terrible things that are fundamentally destructive to societies, nations, and the world. Paul says in Rome (where they live) there were people like this. In **Romans 1:21**, Paul says, "because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, NOR WERE THANKFUL, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

Do you know what happened in Rome? Or Greece, Babylon, Egypt, Jerusalem, or any society that has ever been destroyed because of ungodly corruption? Do you know why the world is being destroyed? At the heart of it all, people are ungrateful. Let us remember that the next time we complain, instead of giving thanks.

Let us not forget for whom we are to give thanks.

Psalm 103 commands us to thank God and forget none of His benefits. 1 Timothy 6:17 says, "God gives us richly all things to enjoy."

Do we give thanks for our food? Are we thankful

that we do not have to worry about where our next meal comes from? Or do we take our food for granted?

Do we give thanks for our possessions? We tend to have an overabundance of those in this country. Even when we do not, we are rich compared to most people in the world. They are gifts – let us not lose sight of the Giver.

Do we give thanks for our life/health? In **Isaiah 38:1-6** Hezekiah was in tears, pleading with God and God gave him 15 more years. But **Isaiah 38:15-20** recounts a prayer where Hezekiah said, "If I am dead, I can not praise you, let me live and I shall praise you." Let us use what time we have left to praise and give thanks to God who has given us life.

Do we thank God for His offer of salvation? We are all lost and dead in our sins (Rom 6:23; Eph 2:2-3), but because of God's great mercy and love (sacrificed His only begotten Son) to extend a message of forgiveness and grace to you (Eph 2:4-9). What will you do about that? Will you repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins, just like those lost souls did in Acts 2:38, 41? There is no greater blessing to give thanks. Grace leads to forgiveness, and forgiveness leads to thankfulness. Are you grateful? Have you been forgiven?

Visitors are welcome and valued. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!

Giving thanks for two fine educators

Update No. 139

This message is dedicated to Jarrod Mason and Robert "Bob" Gordon – two incredible educators who were laid to rest this month. They are deep losses for their families and our school community. The outpouring of sympathy and condolences from the greater Hamilton Heights community and beyond speak volumes about who they were, their impact, and what they meant to our community.

Jarrold, a 1994 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School, served as the high school principal since 2008. Bob, a 1957 graduate of Walnut Grove High School, served as principal of Hamilton Heights Elementary School from 1989 to 2001.

Jarrold, who returned to his alma mater to make a difference, did just that. He created an exemplary learning community that maximized every student's success, worked to empower teachers to be facilitators, leaders, and coaches, and cultivated a positive school climate that was inviting and safe for everyone. He was deeply admired by friends and colleagues alike. Though his time with us was much too short, his legacy of building strong relationships and championing initiatives that enhance the school experience lives on.

Bob was blessed with a long and fulfilling life. With a gentle demeanor, quiet strength, and sage advice, he was a mentor to many and a cherished friend to all. He enjoyed a long, distinguished, and respected career in public education that spanned four decades and over 20 more active



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

retirement years. His effectiveness in his role as an educator and principal stemmed from the personal guidelines by which he lived. He treated everyone with respect, saw the good in each individual, created the best learning environment for every child, and encouraged everyone (students and staff) to realize their potential.

Bob and Jarrod were not only great leaders, they were wonderful humans who made a profound impact within our small school district. Their unwavering commitment to fostering a supportive, inspiring, and challenging learning environment in their buildings had a transformative effect on students and staff alike. Each made a difference through their leadership and tireless advocacy for student success. Each cultivated a legacy of excellence, compassion, and resilience that will continue to inspire and shape our school district for generations to come.

As we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday next week, may we find strength and comfort in our cherished memories of Jarrod and Bob and the legacy they left. It was a privilege to know them both. We are forever grateful they chose Hamilton Heights. By following in their footsteps, we can honor their legacy and ensure that their vision of a brighter future, where every student can flourish and find success at Heights, lives on.

Let us hold tight that feeling of gratitude to help us navigate both the joys and the sorrows of life's journey. Thank you Jarrod and Bob, you did good.

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Girls Basketball

Greyhounds on winning streak

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

CARMEL – The Carmel girls basketball team is trending in the right direction.

The Greyhounds have shrugged off a slow start and are now above .500 for the first time this season, having won three straight games. Carmel ran its win streak to three with a 54-48 victory over Fort Wayne Carroll last Saturday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.



Shepherd

The ‘Hounds started strong, leading 16-9 after the first quarter. Izzy Shepherd scored six points, with Lauren Perry and Madi-

son Wallace both hitting 3-pointers.

The Chargers used an 8-0 run to lead 17-16 in the second period, but Carmel answered that with a 7-0 spurt to take a 23-17 halftime lead. Mallory Bourquein hit two free throws, Izabella Ramsey made a layin and Shepherd finished the half with a triple.

“We had a pretty good rotation,” said Greyhounds coach Rick Risinger. Carmel had to deal with adversity when promising freshman Catherine Bassi was injured in the first quarter and didn’t return to the game.

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Hamilton County High School Football Semi-State



Photo by Joshua Herd

The Westfield football team is heading back to the Class 6A state championship game. The Shamrocks beat Crown Point 30-7 last Friday at Riverview Health Stadium to return to the state finals for the first time since 2021.

WESTFIELD WINS SEMI-STATE

Rocks crush Crown Point for ticket to state championship

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

WESTFIELD – Minutes after the Westfield football team punched its ticket to the Class 6A state championship game, junior defensive lineman Alex Aramboles repeated something his head coach once said to the Shamrocks.

“We don’t lose the same way twice,” Josh Miracle told his team.

Last year, Westfield dropped a semi-state game at Crown Point in double overtime. The ‘Rocks avenged that loss this year on their home field, running away from the Bulldogs 30-7 last Friday at Riverview Health Stadium to win the 6A north semi-state and return to the state finals for the first time since 2021.

Aramboles said that in last year’s game, the Sham-



Photos by Joshua Herd

(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield’s Beau Braun scored on a 66-yard touchdown reception. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield’s Cato June made two interceptions, including one in the first quarter that set up the Shamrocks’ first touchdown.

rocks started out slow. They made sure not to do that again.

“This year, we came in fast,” said Aramboles. “We came in hot. We were ready to go.”

Westfield’s defense was ready, with Cato June making a first-quarter interception to give the ‘Rocks the ball on CP’s six-yard line. Deacon King handled things from there, running the ball

four yards for Westfield’s first touchdown of the game. Owen Wright’s extra point kick would be the first of many points for the kicker.

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Golden Eagles make history, beat Heritage Christian first time ever

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic scored a historic victory over Heritage Christian last Saturday, beating the Eagles 48-43 in a Circle City Conference game.

It was the first time the Golden Eagles have beaten Heritage in program history. Guerin Catholic jumped out to a 15-7 by the end of the first quarter. Ava Bills scored seven points in that period, and she was just getting started.

The Golden Eagles led

26-19 at halftime. Heritage Christian made a comeback in the third quarter, cutting GC’s lead to 34-31. Guerin Catholic held on in the fourth period, with Bills pouring in 11 points.

Bills scored a career-high 28 points, with points in every quarter. Annie Murphy added 10 points.

Guerin Catholic is 2-2 and plays at Lapel Tuesday, then hosts Cardinal Ritter on Saturday.

Millers looking to bounce back this week

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – With the final seconds of the first half rapidly dwindling last Saturday night, Noblesville senior Meredith Tippler rose up near the edge of The Millers’ center-court logo and let the ball fly.

Zeros on the clock, ball in the air and swoosh.

Three-pointer, Tippler. Noblesville down 28-27 at halftime, as Tippler revived the home crowd and flashed three fingers before heading into the Millers’ locker room.

Unfortunately, the good feelings ended shortly after that big walk-off shot, as Homestead ran away from Noblesville in the second half to win, 66-49.

The visiting Spartans buried six 3-pointers in the first half and added six more in the second to finish 12 of 27 from long range that sparked a decisive 23-point third quarter and 14-2 run.

“They shoot the three really well, and once they get on a roll, they’re an outstanding basketball team,” Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley said. “We played a large part, especially that first half, with two freshmen

out there. We’re going to have growing pains for sure, but we’ll find our way.”

A final four team last year, Noblesville (2-2) opened the 2023 campaign a modest 7-7 before running towards an 18-9 record and the program’s 13th sectional and eighth regional titles all time along with its second semi-state appearance in three seasons.

In other words, two consecutive losses in November aren’t indicative of anything, Buckley emphasized. It’s just the start.

“We were 7-7 last year at one point and finished on a 12-2 run, so it’s all about learning and finding your way,” Buckley said. “You can’t panic. We try to make our schedule as hard as possible for a reason. We’re preparing for February, and Homestead is really good. They’re as good as anybody in the state.”

The Spartans proved it with four starters in double figures led by junior Gabby Helsom’s 19 points on 4 of 8 shooting from 3-point range. Junior Carley Moeller had seven rebounds and 15 points on 5 of 8 long-range shooting, while junior

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Wrestling

Westfield gets first tournament win since 2016 at Capital City Classic

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys wrestling team began its season by ending a long tournament drought.

The Shamrocks won the Capital City Classic last Saturday at Perry Meridian. It was the first time Westfield had ever triumphed at that tournament and also marked the first tournament victory of any kind for the ‘Rocks since 2016.

“We did great today,” said Westfield coach Tim Griffin.

The Shamrocks totaled 228.5 points, had five wrestlers win championships in their respective weight classes. The Westfield winners included three seniors and two freshmen.

The freshmen went first: Connor Maddox won at 106 pounds, scoring a technical fall in the semifinals and a de-



Photo provided

The Westfield boys wrestling team had five individual champions at the Capital City Classic last Saturday at Perry Meridian. The Shamrocks also won the team tournament for the first time, which was their first victory in any tournament since 2016. Pictured: Connor Maddox, Brayden Head, Jake Saez, Carter Niccum, Porter Temples.

cision win for the championship. Brayden Head was the 113-pound winner. He also got a tech fall in the semis, then won by pin to take the championship match.

“They have acclimated very, very well,” said Griffin. The coach said both freshmen are ready to contribute

to the team and are also “definitely read to compete with anybody this year.”

Porter Temples led the Shamrocks’ parade of senior champions. The 120-pounder rampaged through that division, winning all three of his matches by first-period falls.

Carter Niccum dominat-

ed at 132 pounds, with pins in the quarterfinals and semifinals before getting an 8-2 championship victory. At 144 pounds, Jake Saez won an 8-2 semifinal decision, then got a pin with seven seconds left in the final.

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Girls Basketball

Blackhawks end week on high note

The REPORTER

Sheridan opened the week with its first loss of the season last Tuesday, dropping a tight game with Brebeuf Jesuit 54-51 at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Braves led 18-14 after one quarter and 30-22 at halftime. Kenzie Garner scored nine points for the Blackhawks in the first half, while Cecilia Timme added eight points. Brebeuf led 39-31 going into the fourth quarter; Garner poured in 13 points as part of a 20-point period for Sheridan, but the Braves were able to hang on for the win.

Garner finished the game with 30 points, while Timme scored 11. Kenzie Garner and her sister Brielle Garner both made two 3-pointers.

The Blackhawks traveled to Covenant Christian last

Thursday, where they got off to a good start and cruised to a 36-28 victory at Covenant Christian over the Warriors.

Sheridan outscored the Warriors 13-4 in the first quarter. Nova Cross led the way with five points. Covenant played even with the 'Hawks in the second period, but Sheridan maintained a 20-12 lead at halftime. The Blackhawks then cruised through the third quarter to lead 32-18, with Brielle Garner scoring five points, then held on in the fourth.

All seven players that took to the floor for Sheridan scored. Brielle Garner led with eight points, including two 3-pointers. Kenzie Garner scored seven points.

The Blackhawks are 2-1 and play Tuesday at Western Boone.

Huskies get beaten by Bulldogs

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped a Tuesday home game to Lapel 60-16.

The Bulldogs led 39-7 at halftime. Reece Blanton scored five points for the Hus-

kies. Sarah Sherrill led the rebounds with five, while Katie Brown and Lillie Champion both made four steals.

Heights is 0-5 and plays at Huntington North on Saturday.

Trailblazers drop tough one to Roncalli

The REPORTER

University dropped a Tuesday away game at Roncalli by the score of 67-26.

The Royals led 14-6 after one quarter, then ran away with the game by pouring in 30 points in the second period for a 44-10 halftime lead.

Taylor Seay led the

Trailblazers with eight points, while Mack Feeny scored six points.

University is 0-3 for the season. The Trailblazers' game with Lawrence Central that was scheduled for last Friday was postponed. University's next scheduled game is Tuesday at Brebeuf Jesuit.

ROCKS

The Bulldogs answered back, with quarterback Noah Ehrlich connecting with Logan Urbaniak for a 44-yard touchdown reception. Oliver Brewer made the extra-point kick to tie the game at 7-7, and that would be the score after one quarter.

Westfield would make a big play midway through the second quarter. Carsen Melvin threw a perfect pass to Beau Braun, who dashed into a wide-open field and ran all the way to the end zone. The play totaled 66 yards, and the Shamrocks took the lead for good.

The 'Rocks scored again on their next drive. King took off for a 19-yard TD run and Wright made his third extra-point kick of the game to put Westfield ahead 21-7.

"I think our defense helped us a lot, getting those stops and not letting them score those quick touchdowns," said King. "And I feel like our offense just grinding away at the clock and scoring when we needed to was really helpful."

That would be the Shamrocks' last touchdown of the contest, but Wright wasn't done scoring points. He booted a 44-yard field goal for the final play before halftime, sending Westfield into the locker room with a 24-7 lead.

Neither team scored in the third quarter. Westfield began a long drive with 3:17 left in the third that culminated in another Wright field goal, this one for 37 yards with 10:16 left in the game. Wright finished the Shamrocks' scoring with a third field goal, connecting from 23 yards at the 3:55 mark.

"I only started playing football two years ago, and so being able to be a part of this team, contributing, getting us to a state championship, it's awesome. It's unbelievable," said Wright. The kicker also credited the Westfield fans for cheering them on.

"I didn't know how much they were going to show out,"

said Wright. "It was cold, but they brought their 'A' game today and they definitely helped us with this one."

The semi-state victory was the third time this season the Shamrocks held an opponent to seven points or less. Miracle agreed that it was one of Westfield's better defensive games of the season. Arambales made three sacks, while Mikeah Webster had 12 tackles, including one for a loss.

"I think those guys have played some pretty good defense here in the last month," said Miracle. "Cato having two takeaways is huge. He's really improved over the course of the year, just a big-time playmaker for us. Our front got a lot of pressure then at the end, too, to seal the game."

"When our offense plays good, that really helps our defense. When the defense isn't playing that well, offense picks it up and vice versa," said Arambales, who also said the two sides "bring each other up as a team."

Melvin had a solid game at quarterback, completing 12 of 16 pass attempts for 138 yards.

"I think he made some really good decisions," said Miracle. "There's some plays in there, too, where it was just making the right decision, throwing it away and living another down, too. And I think sometimes that goes unnoticed when you're making the right plays and had some good timely runs on the move as well."

King led the rushing with 145 yards, while Braun totaled four catches for 84 yards.

Westfield is 12-1 and plays Brownsburg next Friday at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for the Class 6A state championship. The Bulldogs held off Center Grove 31-27 to win the 6A south semi-state. It will be the first time two Hoosier Crossroads Conference football teams will meet in a state championship game.

Wrestling

Tigers go on a tear to take down Millers in season opener

By RICHIE HALL

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NOBLESVILLE — When it comes to early-season wrestling meets, it's nice to win, but sometimes it's better just to compete.

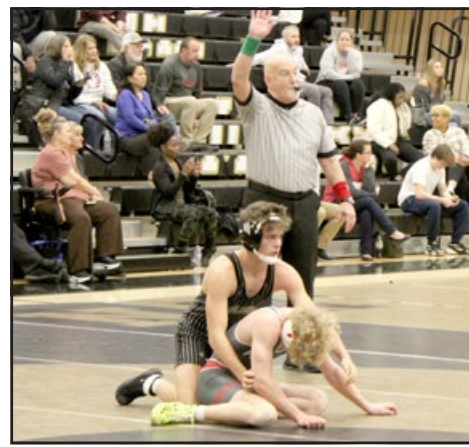
The Fishers and Noblesville boys wrestling teams got that first taste of competition when they opened their season last Wednesday in a dual meet at The Mill. The Millers took an early lead before the Tigers went on a tear to win the contest 43-32.

While it may have been a first meet, both teams were already operating at a January intensity level. Each program has several wrestlers ranked in Indiana-Mat.com's first set of semi-state rankings, and those wrestlers were already proving why they should be on those lists.

"We got the first-match jitters out," said Fishers coach Cameron Diep. "But I can't complain about a victory, especially in the toughest conference in the state. I will take that and then we will learn from it."

"All I care about is their fight, and they fought," said Noblesville coach Michael Weimer. "You win or lose, you win or lose, but as long as you fight, that's all I care about. And these guys fought tonight, and we're going to grow from this."

The Millers have a handful of freshman wrestlers on the team this year, and one of them got the first match of the meet. Justus Suddarth



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(LEFT) Noblesville's Isaac Suddarth got a victory for the Millers during their dual meet with Fishers last Wednesday at The Mill. (RIGHT) Fishers' Mallory Kean won her match by pin during the girls meet.

won the 138-pound bout with a 13-5 major decision.

Noblesville took the next two matches by fall, with Mason Presits (at 144) and Luke Chastain (at 150) both pinning their opponents. Andrei Bogdan gave the Tigers their first win with a pin at 157 pounds.

Next up was Millers sophomore Aidan Kincaide at 165, an IHSAA state qualifier last year as a freshman. He took care of business with a first-period fall. Not to be outdone, Fishers junior Xavier Smith, an IHSAA state qualifier and a two-time All-American this past summer at the Junior National Championships in Fargo, N.D.; won his 175-pound match with a 21-6 technical fall.

The Tigers had ranked wrestlers compete in the next two matches, and both won by fall. Chris Quarles got a pin at 190 with eight seconds left in the first period. He was followed by Ju-



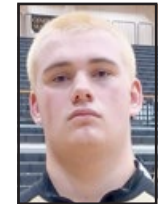
Smith



Yant



Kincaide



Apple

lian Burgett at 215; Burgett won his match with a second-period fall.

Noblesville's Jackson Apple interrupted the Fishers run with a win-by-fall at 285 pounds, getting the pin 55 seconds into the match. The match turned over to the lighter weights, and Fishers' Seth Lamb took the 106-pound match by a 13-3 major decision.

The Tigers sent three more ranked wrestlers on to the mat. They were all winners: Mason Quarles (at 113) and Owen Ingalls (at 120) were both victorious by technical fall. Chayce Yant was up next at 126; he won with a third-period fall.

The Millers' Isaac Suddarth finished the meet at

132 pounds, scoring a 16-7 major decision victory. He is the twin brother of Justus Suddarth.

Both teams went on to win tournaments last Saturday: Fishers took home the trophy at the John Hurrle Invitational at Secunia, while Noblesville went undefeated at the Hamilton Heights Super 6. Complete results for those events will appear in the Reporter e-mail editions this week.

In addition to the boys' meet, there was a short girls meet as well. No team scores were kept. Eden Short (at 120) and Evie Howard (at 140) won matches for the Millers, while the Tigers got wins from Elise Lawrence at 130 and Mallory Kean at 235.

TOURNEY

"These guys have been with us and in the program for a long time," said Griffin. "We have great leadership from all of them with semi-state experience returning. They are definitely the vocal leaders of the team right now."

John Stryker finished as runner-up at 190 pounds. Westfield had three third-place finishers: Alic Washburn at 138, Graydon Staley at 150 and Max Brown at 165.

Other Shamrocks placing

were Padraig Oatis (fourth at 157), Aiden Padgett (seventh at 285), Sam Travis (fifth at 175), Trevor Humburg (seventh at 126) and Eli Escamilla (eighth at 215).

"We feel like we have a pretty solid team together

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and a great team chemistry, great culture right now," said Griffin. "We're going to keep working hard and see where this leads us."

Westfield's next meet is Saturday, Dec. 7 when it hosts the Shamrock Duals.

WIN

A Perry jumper pushed Carmel ahead 25-17 at the start of the third quarter. Carroll went on a 7-0 run, but the 'Hounds were able to hold the Chargers off until they took a 32-30 lead midway through the quarter.

Carmel again separated itself with another period-ending run, going up 38-32 at the finish of the third. Mackenzie Woods started it with a layin, then Shepherd and Ramsey both hit 3s. Carroll opened the fourth quarter with a triple, but baskets from Bourquein and Perry sandwiched two

Shepherd free throws.

With that, the Greyhounds enjoyed their largest lead of the game at 44-35. Carroll came back in the fourth quarter, but Carmel stayed ahead of the Chargers for the entire period. Shepherd took over with nine points in the fourth, including a 5-of-6 effort from the free-throw line.

"I think our team has been playing well," said Shepherd. "We've been picking up the pace."

The 'Hounds began their season by playing defending Class 4A state champion

Lawrence Central, which was a tough opener.

"But after winning three in a row, we kind of found our groove," said Shepherd. The senior Huntington University commit said Carmel's freshmen "have been helping us out tremendously, so it's just been real nice."

Shepherd finished the game with 21 points, while Ramsey scored 11. Perry, a Lewis University commit, added seven points.

Carmel got a road win last Tuesday at Zionsville, pulling away in the second half for a 49-41 victory.

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The Greyhounds led 14-10 after the first quarter, with Bassi making three 3-pointers. The Eagles came back to tie the game at 18-18 by halftime, but Carmel outscored Zionsville 31-23 in the second half to secure the win.

Shepherd led the Greyhounds' scoring with 20 points; she made all six of her free throw attempts in the fourth quarter. Bassi totaled 17 points, making five 3-pointers in all. Perry added seven second-half points.

Carmel is 3-2 and plays Tuesday at Noblesville.

BOUNCE

Whitney Ankenbruck was 3-for-6 from 3-point distance for 14 points. Junior Myah Epps had 12 points the traditional way.

Noblesville 6 of 13 from deep with Tippner's first of five 3-pointers capping an 11-0 run in the first quarter, which put the Millers ahead 13-6.

The Millers carried a 15-11 lead into the second quarter and an assist from Tippner to junior C.C. Quigley early in the frame kept Noblesville in front 17-14. Tippner's second try and a putback bucket by Quigley rallied Noblesville back from a 20-17 deficit to make it 22-20 with 2:12 left in the first half.

Tippner's third 3-pointer sliced Homestead's four-point first-half advantage to one, but a 22-point second half sank the Millers in the final 16 minutes.

Tippner finished with

a game-high 29 points 12 of 27 shooting with eight rebounds and two assists. Quigley had 13 points, five rebounds and an assist.

The rest of the Millers combined for seven points split among junior Ally Hutchison and frosh Maia Blower (5 points).

"We have to have other kids step up and make some shots, and that was definitely something we talked about after the game. We have to have other kids making plays and working to get open. We can't stand around and watch one or two kids," Buckley said. "We have to have more balance in our scoring, and part of that is inexperience and youth."

Rebounding played a factor, as the Spartans pulled down 21 defensive boards and 30 overall compared to Noblesville's 20 total (14 on defense).

"Obviously, Quigley

and Tippner have been around a long time, but some of these other kids are new, and we have to obviously replace some really good seniors that graduated, but at the same time we still have some really good pieces," Buckley said. "Those young kids are going to be really good once they figure out what it takes to beat these really good teams."

"We're playing back-to-back top 10 teams, and this is good for us. We designed the schedule to be tough to make you find your way," Buckley said. "The take-away is halftime, it's a one-point game. We have to learn how to play 32 minutes, and we'll be OK."

The Millers will look to bounce back at home on Tuesday against Carmel. They travel to Mt. Vernon this weekend before hosting HCC foe Hamilton Southeastern on Dec. 4.

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Noblesville edged out by Brownsburg

Noblesville dropped an away HCC contest last Thursday, losing a close game 46-44 at Brownsburg.

The Millers led 9-8 after the first quarter and went up 14-10 after a Blower 3-pointer and Hutchinson basket. The Bulldogs came back to lead 16-14 before Hutchinson nailed a 3.

Brownsburg held a 21-19 halftime lead and extended that advantage to 36-32 after three quarters. The Millers came back to lead 43-42 after Hutchinson hit another triple, but the Bulldogs regained the lead on Elle McCulloch's 3 and held it from there.

Tippner scored 20 points to lead Noblesville, also collecting eight rebounds and making four assists. Hutchinson totaled three 3s on her way to 11 points and got six rebounds. Blower had two 3s for the game while Quigley made five rebounds.

COURT NOTICES

29D03-2411-EU-000497 Hamilton Superior Court 3 FRANK D. OTTE OLIVIA A. HESS CLARK, QUINN, MOSES, SCOTT & GRAHN, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW 320 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET, SUITE 1100 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204-2011 NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PATRICK BOURDILLON, DECEASED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Emma Margaret Kedrowski was on the 2nd day of November, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Patrick Bourdillon, deceased, who died testate on October 24, 2024. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated : November 12, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court R5265 11/18/24, 11/25/24

29D02-2411-EU-000493 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of JANET W. REYNOLDS, Deceased Notice is hereby given that LAWRENCE J. REYNOLDS was on November 6, 2024 appointed personal representative of the estate of JANET W. REYNOLDS, deceased, who died on the 24th day of July, 2024. All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on 11/12/2024 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court Probate Division Jessica R. Williams (Attorney #31811-49) Robinson Farthing Spandau Williams 8500 Keystone Crossing, Suite 470 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 317-587-7820 Email: jrww@yourindyattorneys.com R5269 11/18/24, 11/25/24

29C01-2411-MI-012455 STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT) Cause No. 29C01-2411-MI-012455 IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME) OF A MINOR CHILD:) INFANTBOY SARKARIA) GURDAMAN SARKARIA,) Petitioner) NOTICE OF HEARING Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Gurdaman Sarkaria, by counsel, John S. Terry, filed a Verified Petition for Name Change of a Minor to change the name of minor child from InfantBoy Sarkaria to Anaahd Singh Braich. Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, 1 N. 8th St, Noblesville, IN 46060, on: March 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. for a period of fifteen (15) minutes. Respectfully submitted, /s/ John S. Terry John S. Terry, Atty. No. 21121-29 Attorney for Petitioner TERRY LEGAL GROUP, LLC 301 E. Carmel Dr., Ste. C300 Carmel, IN 46032 Telephone: (317) 564-0016 klytle@terrylegallgroup.com Dated: November 13, 2024 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton County, Indiana R5277 11/18, 11/25 12/2/24

29D02-2411-EU-000496 Hamilton Superior Court 2 STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR) COURT) IN THE MATTER OF THE) UNSUPERVISED) ESTATE OF JEFFREY D. COSBY,) DECEASED.) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of November, 2024, Richard H. Gilbert, Jr. was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Jeffrey D. Cosby, deceased, who died on October 13, 2024. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, IN, this 19th day of November, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court Katelyn H. Juerling (#34332-49) Scott A. Harkness (#16418-49) NORRIS CHOPLIN SCHROEDER LLP 101 West Ohio Street, Ninth Floor Indianapolis, IN 46204-4213 317/269-9330; 317/269-9338 Fax kjuerling@ncs-law.com sharkness@ncs-law.com R5300 11/25/24, 12/2/24

29D02-2411-EU-000476 Hamilton Superior Court 2 Webster & Garino, LLC 209 E. 175th Street, Suite A Westfield, IN 46074 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Cause Number: 29D02-2411-EU-000476 In the Hamilton County Superior Court, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Deborah LaMar was on the 19th day of November, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of David L. Johnson, deceased, who died on September 19, 2024. All persons who have claims against the estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this 19th day of November, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court R5309 11/25/24, 12/2/24

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT) Cause No. 29C01-2410-MI-011549 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Walter Lutz Petitioner NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Walter Lutz, whose mailing address is: 15214 Clear Street Noblesville, Indiana 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Walter Lutz has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Walter Konovsky. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: February 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Walter Lutz Petitioner Date: September 25, 2024 Kathy Kreag Williams Hamilton County Clerk 11/18, 11/25 12/2/24 R5259

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT) Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-010658 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Alando Carl Nicks Petitioner NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Alando Carl Nicks, whose mailing address is: 681 Golborne Street, Carmel, IN 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Alando Carl Nicks has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Olando Carl Nicks. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: February 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Alando Carl Nicks Petitioner Date: September 25, 2024 Kathy Kreag Williams Hamilton County Clerk 11/18, 11/25 12/2/24 R5254

29D01-2411-EU-000495 STEPHEN W. COOK Attorney for Estate NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Bret A. Baldwin and Brian L. Baldwin were on the 12th day of November, 2024, appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of Marion L. Baldwin, deceased, who died on the 8th day of September, 2024. All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 12th day of November, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1 Stephen W. Cook COOK & COOK Attorneys at Law 955 Logan Street Noblesville, IN 46060 (317) 773-5522 R5270 11/18/24, 11/25/24

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT) Cause No. 29C01-2407-MI-7559 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Lillian Ivey Lightcap Petitioner NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Lillian Ivey Lightcap, whose mailing address is: 738 Barkwood Court Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Lillian Ivey Lightcap has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Jayden Lillian-Ivey Lightcap. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: December 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Lillian Ivey Lightcap Petitioner Date: July 31, 2024 Kathy Kreag Williams Hamilton County Clerk 11/18, 11/25, 12/2/24 R5099

29D02-2411-EU-000507 Hamilton Superior Court 32 CHARLES R. GRAHN CLARK, QUINN, MOSES, SCOTT & GRAHN, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW 320 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET, SUITE 1100 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204-2011 NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBIE KISH LAUGHTER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 20, 2024, Cynthia Fidler was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Bobbie Kish Laughter, deceased, who died on the 21st day of October, 2024. Such estate will be administered without court supervision. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated : 11/20/2024. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court R5302 11/25/24, 12/2/24

29D02-2410-EU-000476 Hamilton Superior Court 2 Webster & Garino, LLC 209 E. 175th Street, Suite A Westfield, IN 46074 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Cause Number: 29D02-2410-EU-000476 In the Hamilton County Superior Court, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Deborah LaMar was on the 19th day of November, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of David L. Johnson, deceased, who died on September 19, 2024. All persons who have claims against the estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this 19th day of November, 2024. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court R5309 11/25/24, 12/2/24

ARCADIA

TOWN OF ARCADIA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS The Arcadia Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on December 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Arcadia Town Hall located at 208 W. Main St., Arcadia, Indiana 46030, in order to hear the following petitions concerning 6.111 acres located in the southwest corner of parcel 03-02-14-00-008.000, commonly known as 7450 E 26th St, Arcadia, IN: 1. Docket No. BZA-2024-DOC-008: A "Special Exception Use" to permit the operation of a fire station and community center in "AG" Agricultural District where, per Section 156.340(C)(5), such land uses are permitted as special exceptions. 2. Docket No. BZA-2024-DOC-009: A "Variance from Development Standards" concerning Section 156.040(D)(9) of the Town of Arcadia's Zoning Ordinance to allow lot coverage of 40% of the lot area whereas the maximum lot coverage for a parcel located in a "AG" Agricultural District is 5% of the lot area. 3. Docket No. BZA-2024-DOC-010: A "Variance from Development Standards" concerning Section 156.040(D)(11) of the Town of Arcadia's Zoning Ordinance to increase the maximum structure height for a primary structure to 37.5 feet whereas the maximum height for a primary structure for a parcel located in a "AG" Agricultural District is 35 feet. Project Address: at 7450 E 26th St, Arcadia, IN 46030 Parcel# 03-02-14-00-008.000 Legally described as follows: A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 20 North, Range 4 East, Hamilton County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter, thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 41 seconds East (basis of bearings is Indiana State Plane East Zone, Grid Bearing) along the South line of said Southeast Quarter 800.53 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 28 seconds East 55.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 00 degrees 30 minutes 28 seconds East 461.90 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds East 515.04 feet; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 28 seconds West 461.90 feet; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds West 515.04 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 6.111 acres, more or less. The petition may be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Town of Arcadia Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia, Indiana 46030. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Town of Arcadia Planning Commission at PO Box 578, Arcadia, IN 46030. Comments may also be dropped off in the Arcadia Utilities payment drop box located 1208 W. Main St., Arcadia, IN. Comments may also be emailed to jennifer.pickett@arcadia.in.gov. Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing. The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner's Name: Jackson Township Building Corp. Date: Nov. 18, 2024 208 WEST MAIN STREET, ARCADIA, IN 46030 PHONE: 317-984-3512 FAX: 317-984-9510 WWW.ARCADIAINDIANA.ORG R5290 11/25/24

NOBLESVILLE

Public Notice Des. No. 2101733 The City of Noblesville is planning to undertake a roadway improvement project, funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The project is located on Ohio Road from 146th Street to 156th Street in the City of Noblesville, Indiana. Under the preferred alternative, the road will be widened from a two-lane road into a four-lane boulevard. The road will consist of four (4) 12-foot-wide lanes with a 20-foot wide raised grass median. The roadway will have curb and gutter and two (2) 10-foot wide multi-use paths on each side of the road. The bridge over Sand Creek will be replaced as part of the project as well. In addition, the intersection of 156th Street and Ohio Road will be converted into a roundabout. It is anticipated that 16.84 acres of permanent and 10.11 acres of temporary right-of-way will be acquired for this project along with 4.79 acres for a drainage easement. Properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) located within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) include the Wiseman Farm and the Hair-Whitaker Farm. The proposed action impacts properties listed in or eligible for the NRHP. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), on behalf of the FHWA, has issued a "No Adverse Effect" finding for the project because the project will not diminish the integrity of the characteristics that qualify the historic properties within the APE for inclusion in the NRHP. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(2), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11(e) is available for inspection in Lochmueller Group offices. Additionally, this documentation can be viewed electronically by accessing INDOT's Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at https://erms12c.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents. This documentation serves as the basis for the "No Adverse Effect" finding. The views of the public on this effect finding are being sought. Please reply with any comments to Hannah Blad, 112 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 500, South Bend, IN, 46601, hblad@lochgroup.com, 574.334.5487 no later than December 25, 2024. In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have a disability for which the City of Noblesville needs to provide accessibility to the document(s) such as interpreters or readers, please contact Jim Hellmann, 317.776.6330, ext. 2602, jhellmann@noblesville.in.us. R5292 11/25/24

FISHERS

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at Hamilton Southeastern Schools, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038 at 6:00pm., on the 11th day of December 2024. FUND INFORMATION Fund Name: Education Fund (0101) Budget Classification Additional Amount Requested Personal Services \$5,000,000 Fund Total: \$5,000,000 FUND INFORMATION Fund Name: Operating Referendum Fund (0160) Budget Classification Additional Amount Requested Personal Services \$1,500,000 Fund Total: \$1,500,000 FUND INFORMATION Fund Name: Dental Self-Insurance Fund (1100) Budget Classification Additional Amount Requested Other Services and Charges \$200,000 Fund Total: \$200,000 Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation(s). Fiscal Officer Timothy Brown, CFO Date November 20, 2024 R5293 11/25/24

LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CAUSE NO. 46121 VERIFIED PETITION OF HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN UTILITIES, INC. FOR: (1) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE FOR ITS SERVICE TERRITORY TO REFLECT ITS MOST RECENT INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL COSTS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT AVAILABILITY FEES PURSUANT TO THE COMMISSION'S ORDER IN CAUSE NO. 45929, AND (2) APPROVAL OF A NEW RATE SCHEDULE AND REVISED TARIFF TO REFLECT THE MODIFIED SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 9:30 AM on January 17, 2025. This hearing is open to the public. If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317. 232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance. INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY 317.232.2701 BY: IURC - Kristin Kresge, ALJ DATE: November 19, 2024 R5294 11/25/24

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Legal Notice Board of zoning appeals The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on December 19th, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Red Bridge Park Community Building, 25 Red Bridge Park, Cicero Indiana, 46034 in order to hear the following petition: Docket No. BZA-1224-53-AG A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 8989 E 256th St, Arcadia IN to: Allow a fence to be 6 feet tall in the front yard: Whereas Article 7.21 Fence and Wall Standards (FN) states that a fence shall not be greater than three (3) feet in height in the front yard. Project Address: 8989 E 256th St, Arcadia IN, 46030 Legal Descriptions: Acreage 1.23 Section 30, Township 20, Range 5 Parcel number: 29-03-30-000-002.001-008 The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Planning Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner: Jai and Robyn Cook 11/14/2024 R5296 11/25/24

FISHERS

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF THE HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, TO ENTER INTO A PROPOSED AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE OF FALL CREEK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE SCHOOL CORPORATION Owners of real property, and registered voters residing, in the Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), hereby are given notice that the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board") has determined, at its meeting held November 13, 2024, that if a valid petition requesting the application of the referendum process is not filed in accordance with Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, as amended, within thirty (30) days after the School Corporation published the notice of the preliminary determinations made in the October 23 Preliminary Determination Resolution, as hereinafter defined, (i) a need exists for the 2025 Fall Creek Intermediate School Renovation and Update Project, as defined and described in the resolution adopted by the Board on October 23, 2024 (the "October 23 Preliminary Determination Resolution"), and (ii) to the extent permitted by law to take all of the necessary steps to finance all or a portion of the costs of all, or as many as is possible based on the facts and circumstances at the time of the projects identified in the 2025 Fall Creek Intermediate School Renovation and Update Project by entering into a proposed lease (the "Fall Creek Intermediate School Lease") between the Hamilton Southeastern Consolidated School Building Corporation, as lessor (the "Building Corporation"), and the School Corporation, as lessee, upon all or any portion of any of the premises subject to the Fall Creek Intermediate School Lease. The Building Corporation, as lessor, will issue first mortgage bonds in one or more series secured by and payable from the lease payments under the Fall Creek Intermediate School Lease (collectively, the "2025 Fall Creek Intermediate School Renovation and Update Project First Mortgage Bonds"). The total maximum original aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Fall Creek Intermediate School Renovation and Update Project First Mortgage Bonds to be used to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the 2025 Fall Creek Intermediate School Renovation and Update Project will not exceed \$35,500,000. The maximum term for each series of the 2025 Fall Creek Intermediate School Renovation and Update Project First Mortgage Bonds will not exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issue, and the lease rental set forth in the Fall Creek Intermediate School Lease will have a maximum term not to exceed twenty-two (22) years, beginning on the date that the Fall Creek Intermediate School Lease is recorded by the School Corporation and the Building Corporation. Dated: November 18, 2024. HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA By: Patrick Mapes, Superintendent 11/18/24, 11/25/24 R5256

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received: BY AND AT: Hamilton Southeastern Schools Central Office 13485 Cumberland Road Fishers, IN 46038 (317) 594-4100 ATTN: Jerry Enyart FOR: Fishers High School Pool Dehumidification Replacement - Equipment Pre-Purchase PROJECT LOCATION: Fishers High School 13000 Promise Road Fishers, IN 46038 DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS: Relevant drawings and specifications are available online at the Eastern Engineering Online Plan Room. RECEIPT OF QUOTES: Bids received after the designated day and time listed below will be returned unopened. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the bidder, and clearly identified as follows: Fishers High School Pool Dehumidification Replacement - Equipment Pre-Purchase BID OPENING: Each quote will be opened at the HSE Administration Building, 13485 Cumberland Road Fishers, IN 46038 by the Owner on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 1:30 PM local time. Site Visit: Interested vendors wishing to make a site visit to view the existing pool dehumidification units to be replaced shall coordinate necessary site visits with Owner. Contact Jerry Enyart, email: jenyart@hse.k12.in.us , phone: (317) 594-4380 Any questions concerning this project shall be directed to RE Dimond and Associates, Inc, 317-634-4672. Contact Mike East mike.east@redimond.com. R5257 11/18/24, 11/25/24

SHERIDAN

Names And Addresses Of Owners and/or Occupants And Persons With Substantial Interest: INDY FLIPPER LLC; MICHAEL BURTON; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT at 408 S. Main St, Sheridan IN 46069; Owners of Record at time of sale: Indy Flipper LLC RE: NOTICE OF SALE AND EXPIRATION OF PERIOD OF REDEMPTION: COUNTY: HAMILTON PARCEL NUMBER: 02-01-32-03-14-007.000 REDEMPTION EXPIRATION DATE: 9/19/25 (LAST DAY TO REDEEM) STREET ADDRESS : 408 S. MAIN STREET, SHERIDAN IN 46069 Dear Sir Or Madam: Pursuant to I.C. 6-1-25-4.5, you are hereby notified that the below-described real estate was sold at tax sale for the non-payment of real estate taxes. According to public records, you had a substantial interest in this property on the date of the tax sale. You are hereby notified as follows: 1. A Petition for Tax Deed will be filed on or after 9/20/25. 2. The Petitioner intends to petition for a tax deed on or after 9/20/25. 3. Street Address or Common Description of the Tract or Real Property, if any: 408 S. MAIN STREET, SHERIDAN IN 46069 4. Key Number of Real Estate: 02-01-32-03-14-007.000 5. Legal Description of Real Estate: ACREAGE .00, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 20, RANGE 3, THISTLETHWAITE S 4, LOT 2, BLOCK 1 6. Date Of Tax Sale: September 19, 2024 7. Name(s) of Purchaser(s) or Purchase*)'s Assignee: BREMEN MHC LLC 8. Any person may redeem the tract, parcel, or real property. 9. Amount Required For Redemption: ** Call the county auditor for this amount, the components of the amount required to redeem are as follows. (a) Judgment Amount Due At Time Of Tax Sale \$4,787.58 (b) PLUS 10% of Item 9(a) if redeemed WITHIN 6 (six) months of the date of the tax sale, AND/OR 15% of item 9(a) if redeemed AFTER 6 (six) months of the date of the tax sale. \$71,212.42 (c) The amount by which the purchase price, (the final bid amount at the tax sale), EXCEEDED Item 9(a) - (this is commonly known as the overbid or surplus amount). ** (d) PLUS 5% per annum on Item 9(c)&(e): ** (e) PLUS additional taxes and/or assessments paid by the Purchaser(s) subsequent to Sale (to date): ** (f) PLUS additional expenses incurred by Purchaser(s) recoverable under I.C. 6-1-25-2(e) to date: ** (g) TOTAL needed to redeem the parcel: ** Contact auditor for daily total. ** If asterisks are shown in a box above, then call the county auditor for that amount. 10. The purchaser, or the purchaser's successors or assignees are entitled to reimbursement for additional taxes or special assessments on the parcel or real property, that were paid by the purchaser subsequent to the tax sale and before redemption, plus interest. 11. The parcel or real property has not been redeemed. 12. The date of expiration of the period of redemption is September 19, 2025. 13. The purchaser or the purchaser's assignee is entitled to receive a deed for the parcel or real property, herein described, if it is not redeemed on or before the date specified in paragraph 12. 14. The purchaser or the purchaser's assignee is entitled to reimbursement for the costs described in I.C. 6-12-1-25-2(e). 15. If the property is not redeemed, the owner of record at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus, if any. ** The amount required for redemption of the parcel or real property, can increase as the purchaser(s) fulfill(s) the requirements for the issuance of a Tax Deed and as the amount of interest increases. If you are interested in redeeming the property, please call the County Auditor's Office for the redemption amount. Scott Richards #19871-49 Attorneys for Purchaser WILLIAM R. RICHARDS PC 8465 Keystone Crossing #212 Indianapolis IN 46240 (317) 859-5666 R5253 11/18/24, 11/25/24, 12/2/24

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION A corporation with its principal place of business formerly at 11301 N. Meridian Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032 (the "Corporation"), has been voluntarily dissolved under and pursuant to a joint resolution of its Board of Directors and members. The Articles of Dissolution of the Corporation were filed with the Secretary of State of Indiana on October 29, 2024. In order to make a claim against the Corporation, you may mail a written statement of the amount of your claim and an explanation of your claim sufficient to apprise the Corporation of the basis thereof to: Liberty Fund, Inc. c/o Emilio Pacheco, 11301 N. Meridian Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032. We suggest that you provide copies of any documents which support the amount you are claiming, and that the statement and supporting documents be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. All claims against the Corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after the date of publication of this notice. R5298 11/25/24

CARMEL

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COUNTY

Public Notice INDOT is submitting a Notice of Intent to IDEM of our intent to comply with the requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with the intersection improvement project on State Road 13, INDOT DES 2003082, at the intersection of Strawtown Avenue and 8th Street. Runoff from the project site will discharge to West Fork White River. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to CSGP@indot.in.gov. R5295 11/25/24

NOBLESVILLE

Public Auction Notice Harbour Storage 20236 Hague Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062 Auction to be held on Monday November 25, at 10am. This is for one storage unit. Lessee Dustin Trennepohl unit Q345. The personal property stored in and outside of this space will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien in accordance with IC 26-3-8-11. This sale will be located at 20236 Hague Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062. R5291 11/21/24, 11/25/24

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WESTFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposal / Qualifications ("RFQP"). In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the City of Westfield, Indiana ("City"), invites any and all qualified parties to submit a statement of qualifications and a proposal, to develop, construct, and furnish the new City fire department station #85 ("Project"), in Westfield, Indiana. The RFQP will be available on or after November 18, 2024, at the City or can be obtained by emailing Deputy Chief James Roberts at jroberts@westfield.in.gov or the City's Owner's Representative, Ken Alexander, at ken.alexander@braviasservices.com. Additional Project information outlining submittal requirements, scope expectations and selection criteria are thoroughly defined or attached as exhibits to the RFQP. A schematic estimate is requested with the response packet but only to understand the capacity of the responder's preconstruction abilities. Responses are to be delivered in person or electronically by 10:00 am EST on December 5, 2024, to be considered. All responses will be reviewed thoroughly and scored fairly in accordance with Indiana Code R5275 11/18/24, 11/25/24

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received: BY AND AT: Westfield Washington Schools For: Centennial Site - Water Main & Sanitary Sewer Deliver to: 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana 46074 Date & Time: December 3rd, 2024, at 10:00am (EST) Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All work for the complete construction of the project shall be performed under the form of contract set forth in the Bidding Documents. Two copies of bid forms shall be submitted on forms provided in the project manual and shall be executed in accordance with the current edition of the Indiana Board of Accounts Form 96 - "Contractor's Bid for Public Works", with a financial statement complying with Section III of Form 96, and a satisfactory Bid Bond or certified check pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-4.5, payable to Meyer Najem Construction LLC. Bid Bond/Security shall be in the amount of not less than 5% of the total base bid price. Should a successful Bidder withdraw their Bid, fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds, or execute the contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages. The Bidder acknowledges the Bidder and all its subcontractors, whatever tier, whose respective contract is equal to or in the excess of \$300,000 shall be qualified by the Indiana Department of Administration at the time of bid award or it will be grounds for bid to be rejected as non-responsive. Reference Section 00 21 00 Instructions to Bidders, Article 2, Paragraph 2.4. The Prime Bidder is REQUIRED to submit a copy of their current IDOA Certification with the Bid. The Westfield Washington Schools Centennial Site - Water Main & Sanitary Sewer project consists of water main and sanitary sewer infrastructure along State Road 32 and a future northern extension of Towne Road. The project includes (1) One Bid Package. Refer to Section 011200 Bid Package Scopes of Work for additional information and breakdown of the Bid Package.

BP#5 - Sanitary and Water Bids shall be properly executed and in full compliance per the requirements stated in the Project Manual and the full set of drawings. Submission of bids shall be in accordance with the complete contract documents. Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope plainly labeled to indicate the following: Addressed to: Westfield Washington Schools 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B Westfield, Indiana 46074 Attn. Bid for Westfield Washington Schools Centennial Site - Water Main & Sanitary Sewer Bid Package Number & Name Name and return address of the Bidder Bid Documents are available via the Meyer Najem Construction, LLC SmartBid Plan Room. Please contact Austin Gregor (contact listed below) for assistance, or to obtain access to the plan room. Pre-Bid questions shall be submitted within (7) seven days before the bid due date. Questions, or requests for equal status, shall be directed in writing (via email) to (please copy each): Attention: Austin Gregor Meyer Najem Construction, LLC 317-577-0007 agregor@meyer-najem.com Attention: Colin Schermann Meyer Najem Construction, LLC 317-577-0007 cschermann@meyer-najem.com R5299 11/25/24, 12/2/24

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Westfield Washington Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper fiscal body will consider the following additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year at the location of the Westfield Washington Schools, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Westfield, IN 46074, at 7:00 p.m., on the 12th day of December, 2024. Fund Name: Rainy Day Fund: AMOUNT Major Budget Classification: \$2,000,000.00 Salary and Benefits: \$4,000,000.00 Curricular Materials: \$6,000,000.00 TOTAL for Rainy Day Fund: \$6,000,000.00 Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of fund to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken. November 21, 2024 Brian Tomamichel Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Westfield Washington Schools R5308 11/25/24

CICERO

Public Notice

The Town of Cicero intends to use remaining State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program funds from a previous financing (Loan No WW18112902) to pay for a portion of the Cicero WWTP Expansion Project costs. Please contact Rhonda Gary, Cicero Clerk-Treasurer with any questions at (317) 984-4900 or rgary@townofcicero.in.gov. R5297 11/25/24

NOTICE

Cicero Town Council will hold a meeting on 12/30/2024 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN. R5306 11/25/24

ARCADIA

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Hamilton Heights School Corporation, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at Hamilton Heights School Corporation Student Activity Center, 420 W. North Street, Arcadia, IN 46030, at 6:30 p.m., on the 18th day of December 2024. Fund Name: Operation Fund: AMOUNT Major Budget Classification: \$300,000.00 Proposed Additional Appropriation Amount: \$300,000.00 Personal Services: \$300,000.00 Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken. Dated November 20, 2024 /s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees Hamilton Heights School Corporation R5303 11/25/24

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville, Indiana ("City") are notified that the Common Council did, on November 12, 2024, adopt: (i) Ordinance No. 59-10-24 authorizing the issuance of Capital Projects Short-Term General Obligation Bonds of 2024, Series A ("Series A Bonds") of the City in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$6,350,465 for the purpose of providing funds for the costs of funding capital improvements to City owned property and the acquisition of capital equipment to serve City needs, together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements and equipment and to pay the costs of issuance of the Series A Bonds. The Series A Bonds are to bear interest at a maximum rate or rates not to exceed the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, as published daily by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, plus 1% as of the date of the sale of the Bonds (the exact rate or rates to be determined by bidding or negotiation with the purchaser of the Series A Bonds), are to mature semiannually on June 30 and December 31 of each year with a final maturity no later than eighteen months after the date of issuance of the Bonds, and are to be payable from property taxes levied and collected on all taxable property in the City; and (ii) Ordinance No. 61-10-24 authorizing the issuance of Capital Projects Short-Term General Obligation Bonds of 2024, Series B ("Series B Bonds") of the City in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the costs of funding capital improvements to Pleasant Street, a significant east-west thoroughfare in the City and other road and street capital projects within the City limits, together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements and equipment in connection therewith, and to pay the costs of issuance of the Series B Bonds. The Series B Bonds are to bear interest at a maximum rate or rates not to exceed the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, as published daily by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, plus 1% as of the date of the sale of the Bonds (the exact rate or rates to be determined by bidding or negotiation with the purchaser of the Series B Bonds), are to mature semiannually on June 30 and December 31 of each year with a final maturity no later than eighteen months after the date of issuance of the Bonds and are to be payable from property taxes levied and collected on all taxable property in the City. Dated November 25, 2024. CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA /s/Jeff Spalding, Controller City of Noblesville, Indiana R5305 11/25/24, 12/2

COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT 2025 Meeting Schedule Meetings are held in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. January 13, 2025 10:00 a.m. February 10, 2025 10:00 a.m. March 10, 2025 10:00 a.m. April 10, 2025 10:00 a.m. May 12, 2025 10:00 a.m. June 9, 2025 10:00 a.m. July 14, 2025 10:00 a.m. August 11, 2025 10:00 a.m. September 8, 2025 10:00 a.m. October 13, 2025 10:00 a.m. November 10, 2025 10:00 a.m. December 8, 2025 10:00 a.m. R5307 11/25/24

WESTFIELD

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS THE CITY OF WESTFIELD FIBER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the City of Westfield (the "City") is issuing this Request for Proposals and Qualifications (the "RFQP") seeking proposals and statements of qualifications from qualified offerors for the development and construction of new utility infrastructure to support public facilities and planned development in the City (the "Development Area"). The public infrastructure to be developed and constructed a new fiber loop and related infrastructure and utility work (all such development and construction is referred to as the "Project"). The Project scope will be finalized during a scoping period with the selected development team. The selected development team must have the capability to design, construct, operate, and maintain the Project. The City anticipates entering into a public-private partnership agreement with an offeror pursuant to IC 5-23 to provide the work, labor, equipment, and materials to develop and construct the Project within the budgetary and the time limitations required by the City. The selected offeror will be required to obtain a payment bond in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the final cost of the Project and a performance bond in an amount not less than fifty percent (50%) of the final cost of the Project. Given the complexity, fast-paced nature, and the need for considerable coordination among those working on each phase of the Project, the City highly encourages a full-service approach to submitting proposals in response to this RFQP to include both design and construction services. For the avoidance of doubt, in the context of this RFQP, the term "develop" as defined by IC 5-23-2-5 shall mean to install and construct the Project Infrastructure, and the term "construct" as defined by IC 5-23-2-4 shall mean the process of building and assembling the Project Infrastructure. RFQP PROCESS, TIMELINE AND SCOPING PERIOD The anticipated timeline for selection of a developer and execution of a public-private partnership agreement for the development and construction of the Project is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Event. Rows include: November 18 (First publication of notice of the RFQP in the local newspaper), November 25 (Second publication of notice of the RFQP in the local newspaper), December 3 (Deadline to submit proposals via email by 3:00 p.m.), December 10 (Most qualified offeror is selected by City's committee (the "Committee")), December 10 (Scoping Period with selected offeror begins), As long as necessary (Scoping period deliverables are assembled by the selected offeror, to include budgeting, design, and coordination assistance), Upon receiving satisfactory scoping period deliverables (Selected offeror notified of recommendation to award public-private agreement), 7 days prior to public hearing (Notice of public hearing on recommendation to award a public private agreement published in local newspaper at least 7 days prior to public hearing and basis for recommendation available for inspection and copying at City hall), 7 days after notice is published (Public hearing held by City to consider the recommendation to award a public-private agreement to selected offeror and consideration and approval of the BOT agreement).

All offerors will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals; provided, however, offerors shall not contact any City official or employee during the period from the issuance of this RFQP until the most qualified offeror is notified of selection by Committee. The final scope of the Project is to be determined in the scoping period described in the timeline above (the "Scoping Period"). The Scoping Period is anticipated to be a very intense and fast-paced process, with the goal of construction commencing no later than the Spring of 2025. The schedule will ultimately be determined during the Scoping Period, as it will be dependent upon several milestones coordinated by the City. Accordingly, during the Scoping Period, the selected offeror must be readily available, willingly share information, and actively engage with the City in order to finalize the scope, schedule, and costs of the Project. Proposals shall include the fees that would be charged, if any, for participating in the Scoping Period, as further discussed below. All data, information and materials collected, assembled, prepared, and exchanged during the Scoping Period shall be solely owned by the City, and, by submitting a proposal, offerors release all rights in any such items to the City and the City may use the information from the proposals and Scoping Period for its use and benefit. As the Scoping Period concludes, the City will request that the selected offeror submit a final and best offer to include pricing to develop and construct the Project and then engage in further negotiations leading to a guaranteed maximum price ("GMP"), time schedule, and schedule of values for the development and construction of the Project. A recommendation to award an agreement to develop and construct the Project to the offeror with a GMP, time schedule, and schedule of values that is advantageous and acceptable to the City may then be made by the Committee to the City. In the alternative, a recommendation may be made to award an agreement to develop and construct a distinct phase of the Project, including a recommendation to award an agreement for different phases of the Project to separate offerors, in which case each of the awarded offerors shall be expected to coordinate their work on the phase awarded to them with any and all other offerors accordingly. The foregoing notwithstanding, the City reserves the right pursuant to IC 5-23-5-8 to terminate this RFQP process at any time without making a recommendation to award an agreement to any offeror. Pursuant to IC 5-23-5-6, the Committee will not disclose the contents of proposals received in response to this RFQP prior to making a recommendation to the City regarding the award of agreements, if any. If this RFQP process is terminated without recommendation for an award as provided for above, then pursuant to IC 5-23-5-12 the City may, at its option, either return proposals to the offerors without disclosing the contents of the proposals, or it may retain the proposals in which case the contents thereof become subject to public disclosure. All of the foregoing decisions by the City may be made at their sole discretion.

PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENTS: SUBMITTAL

Proposals in response to this RFQP must be submitted by electronic mail in Adobe PDF format no later than 3:00 p.m. on December 3, 2024 to the following e-mail address: clarsen@westfield.in.gov. Proposals received after 3:00 p.m. on December 3, 2024 will not be considered. Proposals shall not exceed 20 pages in length, and shall include the following: Letter of Interest and General Information Provide a cover letter expressing the offeror's interest in the Project and including the offeror's general information including name, principal office address, and contact information for a designated point of contact, including telephone number and e-mail address. Experience Include a general overview of the offeror's organization, including type of organization, company, and overview. If the proposal is submitted by a team or joint venture, include such information for each member thereof, including an organizational chart showing the various team members. Describe the offeror's experience working on construction projects with local government units in Indiana. Demonstrate the offeror's experience with projects of similar scope and scale. Include a description of at least three (3) such projects that the offeror has successfully developed and constructed. Identify key members of the offeror who will work on the Project, including a project manager with the availability, capacity, and experience to manage the Project. Provide references. Provide the telephone number and e-mail address of a reference contact for each of the projects described above. Financial Capacity Demonstrate the offeror's responsibility and financial ability to develop and construct the Project in a timely and quality manner by providing information concerning the offeror's general financial and credit condition. Project Approach Describe the offeror's approach to developing and constructing the Project within an aggressive time-period, including coordination with utility providers, and subcontractors. The Project schedule will ultimately be determined during the Scoping Period, and the information in this section will be for informational purposes only. Scoping Period Fee Offerors may request a fee to defray their costs of participating in the Scoping Period if they are selected (a "Scoping Period Fee"), with the understanding that such a request and the amount requested is among the criteria upon which proposals will be evaluated. In such event, invoices from the selected offeror for the Scoping Period Fee shall not be submitted until the conclusion of the Scoping Period. The City will not pay a stipend or otherwise reimburse offerors for the costs of preparing and submitting a proposal, and all such costs will be at the sole cost and expense of each offeror. Additional Information Offerors may include in their proposals any other information that they deem pertinent. Proposals need not contain Project pricing information, as that will be refined and determined during the Scoping Period and requested later in the Scoping Period process. Offerors will not be required to submit a bid bond, certified check, or other evidence of financial responsibility with the proposal.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated by the Committee. While scoping period fees will be an important factor in evaluating the offerors, the most important criteria will be the offerors' demonstrated ability to design, construct, and develop the Project. Upon receiving the proposals, the Committee will hold one or more meetings to discuss the contents of the submitted proposals, with the goal of selecting the most qualified offeror to participate in the Scoping Period. The deliberations of the members of the Committee are confidential. R5271 11/18/24, 11/25/24

CARMEL

Notice

As required by the Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP), the City of Carmel hereby gives notice of future construction activity falling under the NPDES stormwater general permit rule covering construction. This project includes multi-use path construction and a culvert replacement along Clay Center Road, from Clay Spring Drive to 500' north of Brighton Avenue, in Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana. Receiving Waters: Elliott Creek. Contact information for the project is Jarrod Huff, City of Carmel, jhuff@carmel.in.gov or Samuel Drifill, Egis BLN USA, Inc., samuel.drifill@egis-group.com. R5313 11/25/24

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2310-PL-010252, wherein Lakes & Fairways Homeowners Association, Inc. was the Plaintiff, and Robert S. Kisse, BankUnited N.A., The City of Noblesville, Capital One Bank (USA) N.A., and All Unknown Occupants were the Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 9th day of January 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. Lot Numbered 580 in the Fairways at Prairie Crossing, Section Two (2), an addition to the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded August 15, 2001 as Instrument Number 2001-00051332 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Commonly known as 18777 Prairie Crossing Dr., Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana 46062 Township: Noblesville Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County R5322 11/25, 12/2, 12/9/24

/S/ GARRETT E. LAWTON GARRETT E. LAWTON MADISON MONFREDA MCNEELY LAW LLP D/B/A ROACHE AND ASSOCIATES 581 S. RANGELINE RD., STE. A1 CARMEL, INDIANA 46032-2149 (317) 688-7082 This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt; any information obtained will be used for that purpose. R5322 11/25, 12/2, 12/9/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree directed to me from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in 29D05-2407-MF-007363, wherein CAG National Fund IV LLC was the Plaintiff, and Madolin Y. Chrisp; Deceased; Heirs-At-Law; Devisees, Legatees, Descendants, Personal Representatives, Executors, Trustees, and Administrators of Madolin Y. Chrisp; State of Indiana - Department of Revenue; and Woodland Springs, Inc. were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on January 9, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. Lot Number One Hundred Fifty-eight (158) in Woodland Springs, Third Section, a subdivision in Clay Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 55-56, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Parcel Number: 29-14-06-203-004.000-018 Commonly known as 11506 Rolling Springs Dr., Carmel, IN 46033 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This is an attempt by a debt collector to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana Clay Township 11506 Rolling Springs Dr., Carmel, IN 46033 Property Address John B. Flatt, Attorney No. 20883-45 Attorney for Plaintiff NELSON & FRANKENBERGER 550 Congressional Blvd., Suite 210 Carmel, Indiana 46032 Attorney for Plaintiff The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. Nelson & Frankenberg, LLC is a debt collector and this is an attempt to collect a debt; any information obtained will be used for that purpose. R5319 11/25, 12/2, 12/9/24

WESTFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions: 2412-VS-30; 16850 Greensboro Drive, Rick and MaryAnn Kerby request a Variance of Development Standard to modify Minimum Lot Area and Side Yard Setback standards for an existing legal nonconforming lot and structure, and to encroach twelve (12) feet into the 30-foot Minimum Rear Yard Setback to enclose an existing open-air deck as a sunroom (Articles 4.6(C), 4.6(E)(2), and 4.6(E)(3); and 2412-VS-31; 18700 N. Union Street, Lennar Homes of Indiana LLC requests Variances of Development Standard to modify required Masonry Material and Streetscape Variety standards on 11 acres +/- in the Midtown at Westfield Planned Unit Development (PUD) District. Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170. Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals Westfield Community Development Department 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 www.westfield.in.gov R5312 11/25/24

COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals, will meet on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, second floor courtroom, 33 North 9th Street, Noblesville, Indiana (Enter using west side entry doors) in order to hear the following petitions: DOCKET NO. BZA-RV-0010-12-2024 A Development Standards variance concerning Article 12, 2, iv of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023. To permit construction of an accessory structure in front of a primary structure. DOCKET NO. BZA-RV-0011-12-2024 A Development Standards variance concerning Article 03, A-2, 4 of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023. To reduce the minimum required front yard setback DOCKET NO. BZA-RV-0012-12-2024 A Development Standards variance concerning Article 12, 2, iv of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023. To permit construction of an accessory structure larger in height and width than the primary structure DOCKET NO. BZA-RV-0013-12-2024 A Development Standards variance concerning Article 12, 2, iv of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023. To reduce the minimum side yard setback. Project Address: 23806 Couden Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 Parcel number(s): 07-03-34-00-00-024.000 Property is zoned: A-2 Size of property: 0.67 acres Legal description: Section 34 - Township 20- Range 5 The petition may be examined at the office of the Hamilton County Plan Commission, One Hamilton County Square, Suite 13, Noblesville, Indiana. Please call (317) 776-8490 should you have any questions. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written comments concerning the matter to be heard prior to or at the Hearing. The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner's Name: Stacie Helm Date: 11/13/2024 R5311 11/25/24

NOTICE

Project: Hamilton County Special Projects 2025 Bid Package: 02 Boiler Replacement Scope of work: Boiler replacements in the Hamilton County Historic Courthouse and Community Corrections Buildings. A total of 4 boilers (provided by owner) and associated piping and equipment to be replaced as well. Contractor Bids: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, during its regularly scheduled meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom will receive sealed bids for items as listed below. These sealed bids must be forwarded by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor, located in the basement of the historic courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L.21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 prior to 12:30 p.m. on December 9th, 2024. After 12:30 p.m. bids may be delivered to the Commissioners Courtroom located on the 1st floor of the Judicial Center up to the time of the noticed bid opening. All bids will be opened and read aloud beginning at 1:45 p.m. on Monday, December 9th, 2024. Project Information: To request project documents (bid form, drawings, scope of work, etc.), please email HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com and access will be provided. Subcontractor walkthrough: Contact Mitch Imler at HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com to schedule. Questions: All questions and correspondence should be directed to HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com. R5314 11/25/24, 12/2/24

Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

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

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

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
Fishers, in 46038
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

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

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

VFW Posts

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

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

If you are a member of our American Legions & VFWs and you would like to see your Post activities in the paper, please speak at your next meeting to see if your Post would create or nominate an Outreach Coordinator to automatically send me your Post information weekly with a 14 day lead time before the event happens.

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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

If you would like to step up in Hamilton County to assist your Military Veteran community to live a more connected and fulfilled life, please come to the Hamilton County Veteran Corp meetings the first Monday of the month 7pm at the Fishers American Legion Post 470 located at 9091 E 126th St. No annual fees, just a commitment to helping our Military Veteran community. Military, Veteran family members may also join. We are ready to make Hamilton County the leader in the country as we step into the future, caring for our Military Veteran community! Join us

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

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
CVSO – Tom Logan
Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz
caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis
christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Hamilton County Military Veteran

Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County Needs Your Help For their Holiday Goods Drive. Help Your Neighbors This Holiday Season With Goods and \$\$\$



Holiday Goods Drive for Good Samaritan Network

Help Hamilton County families by donating new or gently used items to Good Samaritan Network Hamilton County. GSN is preparing for their Holiday Assistance program and they need your help to make the Holidays brighter for our neighbors!!

Donations can be dropped off at our SOUTH WAREHOUSE, 12933 Parkside Dr., Fishers, IN Monday through Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm. Go to the back of the warehouse, honk your horn if the door is closed and we will help unload your goods – do not leave them sitting outside! If you need a receipt for the donation, they will get you one.

Recommended In-Kind Donation should be gently used, undamaged/unsold items.
• Baby Supplies (diapers, wipes, clothing, crib, etc.) • Bicycles – NEW or GENTLY USED ONLY (children/youth/adult) • Clothing, Coats, Shoes, Boots, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves (children/youth/adult) – NEW or GENTLY USED ONLY • Emergency Supplies (batteries, flashlights, can opener, plastic utensils, plates, napkins, wet wipes, etc.) – UNUSED/UNOPENED • Gift Cards (Shoe stores, Meijer, Walmart, Marsh, gas cards, etc.) • Household Items (towels, washcloths, bedding, dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, lamps and small appliances etc.) NEW and GENTLY USED ONLY • Household Paper Supplies (facial/toilet tissue, toweling, napkins, utensils, paper plates, etc.) – UNUSED/UNOPENED • Hygiene Supplies – (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, etc.) – UNUSED/UNOPENED • School Supplies (pens, pencils, folders, binders, etc.) • Toys (infants/children/youth) – NEW or GENTLY USED ONLY • Hand tools and small power tools • Housewares: dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, lamps, and small appliances • Non-perishable Food

If you cannot find time to deliver the goods to the GSN warehouse, you may leave them at your neighborhood American Legion or VFW Post here in Hamilton County before Nov 16.

Good Samaritan Network Serving Hamilton County Since 1980

Good Samaritan Network at www.gsnlive.org



Holiday \$\$ Donations to Good Samaritan Network

Funds raised go directly to support your neighbors for Thanksgiving, Christmas and year round. GSN's signature Holiday Assistance program significantly impacts thousands of families every year. Families may receive food baskets for both Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Additionally, families receive new or gently used toys, clothing and goods for the Christmas season as part of our Christmas Distribution.

Thank you for your kind donations, especially this year in the face of job loss and insecurities, and for making the Holidays a little brighter for Hamilton County families!

Please donate here: <https://gsnlive.kindful.com/?campaign=1080400>

Apply for Donations here. If you and your family live, work or attend school in Hamilton County, Indiana, and are in need of Holiday Assistance, apply here. For Thanksgiving, please submit your application by the first Sunday in November. For Christmas, please submit it by the last Sunday in November. ONLINE applications must be completed by the first Sunday in December.
https://gsn.formstack.com/forms/holiday_assistance_registration_2024_online_copy

Good Samaritan Network Serving Hamilton County Since 1980

Veterans, Come to the Veteran Resource Tailgate at the Indy Fuel Military Appreciation Game Dec 7th All Under the Hero Hut Tent Out Front Including the Roudebush VA Hospital

Those Interested in joining the Fishers American Legion Post 470 Auxiliary to help your community, their next meeting is Dec 2nd, 630pm, 9091 E 126th St

Activities & Events

PGA of America's HOPE 4 Heroes Year End Fundraiser.

This year end giving campaign benefiting PGA HOPE will go through December 31st. Here are the basics of the campaign:

1. www.PGAHOPE.com is seeking donations nationwide to help cover the costs of their PGAHOPE program where they host 6 week training classes all across the country, supply our Veterans with equipment, training, camaraderie and hope.
2. Donor dollars are tracked by your billing address zip code. All donations that are tied to an Indiana zip code, will be donated to the Indiana PGA Section. Donors have the option as well to specify which section of the country they want their donation to go to if they snowbird for the winter or live in a different state.
3. The Indiana Section receives 100% of online donor dollars given from their Section up to \$10,000. Beginning at \$10,001 raised, the Indiana Section shares the funds raised with the national PGA HOPE program 60/40 (60% to the Indiana Section / 40% to National).



Celebrating Veterans Day All Month Long

PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is helping build a community where Veterans can thrive through the game of golf. Thousands of Veterans and active duty military members are creating a newfound sense of belonging by using the therapeutic aspects that the game of golf provides.



Wreaths Across America for Crown Hill