



Kiwanis Club of Cicero learns about NICU, supports non-profit Amelia’s Miles

Submitted
On March 1, members of the Cicero Kiwanis club were joined by Amelia’s Miles founders Sarah and Adam Pulley, as they shared their personal journey leading them to form an organization to support families who find themselves with a newborn infant requiring care in a neonatal intensive care unit.
Founded in 2022, Amelia’s Miles was formed in honor of their daughter’s birth and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) journey. Amelia was born much too early at just 27 weeks in 2018. She came into the world weighing 1 pound, 11 ounces and was the length of Adam’s hand. The Pulley family spent the next 125 days in the NICU. Sarah and Adam decided that once they survived and were able to take Amelia home they would find a way to give back to the community that saved Amelia’s life.
“During that time, we created strong bonds with the nurses and the staff, and recognized that Amelia might not be with us if it

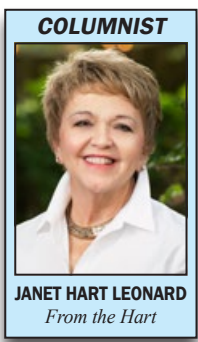


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(From left) Cicero Kiwanis Club President Mark Bailey and Sarah and Adam Pulley, founders of Amelia’s Miles.

were’n for them,” said Sarah, who serves as president of the organization. “Once we were all back home, we were led to give back and support other families in similar situations.”
Sarah continued, “Amelia’s Miles works directly with Community Hospital North’s NICU. We provide support, resources, and community for families who have a baby – or babies – in the unit.”
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Being an Easter person

“We are Easter people living in a Good Friday world.”
– Barbara Johnson
I read that quote two weeks ago, and it has stayed with me. I love the season of Lent. Yes, it holds a lot of sadness, but as an Easter person, there will always be hope.
I’m heart-deep into the 40 days of Lent. Good Friday was the day Jesus was crucified. People were left without hope until the Third Day, when the tomb was empty. Jesus had risen from the dead.
As a follower of Jesus, spending time with Him during the early morning hours gives me a positive start to my day. Reading the scriptures teaches me more about Jesus and how I should live my life.
Jesus spent three years in ministry. He didn’t hang out with the popular people. He met with the marginalized people, the people with not-so-nice reputations. He was gossiped about. He was betrayed by those He loved. Yet . . . He never stopped loving.
He didn’t die on the cross to condemn but that those who believe in Him might be saved.
But on the third day, He arose. He gave the world hope and the promise of everlasting life.
You have the choice to believe or not. I know that I cannot imagine living my life without my Faith.
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Teaching the next generation to think about what they read

The REPORTER
Fishers resident and former elementary school teacher turned educational consultant Ciera Harris has written a book to help teachers and parents teach children critical reasoning skills from a very young age.
“Now, in easiest terms, I teach teachers,” Harris told The Reporter. “I support teachers now in their approach to teaching literacy in the classroom.”
Harris’s book, *The Thinking Reader*, is about teaching young students to think about the content of whatever they are reading.
“The book focuses on teaching students to become critical thinkers while they read,” Harris said. “I think there’s a big piece that’s missing in education right now where we teach our students all of the black and white concepts. We teach them how to spell words and decode words and read fluently, but we’re not really teaching them how to think and really step outside or away from the text and apply what they know and learn to their own world.”
Harris said she believes the world needs more people in the next generation who possess those skills.
“In today’s world, especially in this political climate, we need critical think-

ers,” Harris said. “The book is research-based. I’m actually a doctoral student at St. John University, which is in New York. I use a lot of that research in the book to really showcase that we need to be teaching our kids – as we’re teaching them to read – to also think while they read.”
According to Harris, there is no age that is too early to teach critical thinking as a part of reading, even as early as preschool.
“Just having a conversation with them – sitting with my child before school even starts when I’m reading with them – I can show them



Photo provided
Ciera Harris poses with a proof copy of her forthcoming book *The Thinking Reader*.
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Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville now enrolling for Spring Break program

Camp Crosser & Club Daybreak slated for two themed weeks
The REPORTER
Spring Break is almost here, and the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) is gearing up for two exciting weeks of programming for youth ages 6 to 12.
Camp Crosser is a high-energy, outdoor program designed to provide kids with adventurous and educational experiences. Campers meet at the Club each morning and are bused to the 20-acre Camp Crosser a few miles north of Noblesville along the banks of the White River.
“Kids attending Camp can be most excited about being able to create memories and explore the great outdoors as well as connect and make new friendships,” BGCN Youth Recreation Director Sophie Collier said. “Campers can also look forward to our daily activities such as archery, campfire cooking, fort building and outdoor art projects.”
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Karen Radcliff named Hamilton County Tourism president & chief executive officer

The REPORTER
The Hamilton County Tourism Board of Directors has appointed Karen Radcliff to the position of President & CEO at Hamilton County Tourism, effective March 7. She has served in various roles within Hamilton County Tourism over the past 30 years, most recently leading the organization as its Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer.
“Karen’s vast knowledge of the tourism industry, her ded-



Radcliff

ication to Hamilton County and proven leadership make her the perfect candidate to fill this role,” Mudsock Youth Athletics Executive Director and Hamilton County Tourism Board Chair Scott Spillman said. “Over the past 30 years, Karen has shown a great commitment to promoting and growing our community’s assets in a strategic way. The Board is confident she will lead this organization forward, working diligently alongside the dynamic team she has helped to build.”
Radcliff began her tenure at Hamilton County Tourism in 1995 as a Communications Specialist. Through the years, she moved into different posi-

tions within the organization, while staying actively engaged in the community through local committees.
Some of the major accomplishments throughout Radcliff’s career have included leading the organization through a 10-year strategic planning process and developing the partnerships and research that led to building Grand Park Sports
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Tipton Main Street earns state-level accreditation

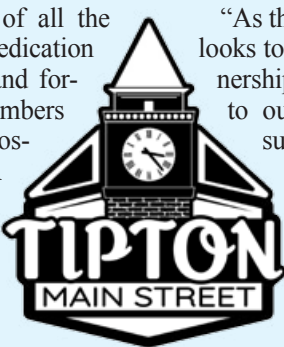
The REPORTER
The Tipton Main Street Association (TMSA) announced it has received the Indiana Accredited Main Street (IAMS) designation from Indiana Main Street and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).
This designation reflects TMSA’s commitment to fostering a vibrant downtown and its accomplishments in economic development, historic preservation, and community engagement since its inception in 2017.
TMSA’s performance is evaluated by Indiana Main

Street, which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify organizations that meet rigorous performance and accreditation standards. With this accreditation, TMSA gains access to additional grant opportunities, technical assistance, and strategic resources through OCRA to further its mission of enhancing downtown Tipton’s economic and cultural vitality.
“This is a significant milestone for TMSA and



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the Tipton community,” said Rob Cochrane III, TMSA President and Commercial/Ag Lender with First Farmers Bank & Trust. “This achievement reflects the dedication of our volunteer base and the support of community stakeholders who believe in our mission. We look forward to leveraging this accreditation as we implement transformative projects that make Downtown Tipton a better place to live, work, and thrive.”
“I’m proud of all the hard work and dedication of our current and former Board members who made this possible,” TMSA Vice President Lindsey Ogden said. “These volunteers committed countless hours of their time in pursuit of this accreditation. This accreditation opens the door to new opportunities that will continue to improve and strengthen our downtown and the community we love.”



“As the City of Tipton looks to the future, partnerships are critical to our potential and success,” Tipton City Council President Nathan Kring said. “TMSA has been, and always will be in my opinion, a core component to downtown revitalization and meaningful change. TMSA should be proud of this accomplishment, and I look forward to continued
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Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools
(ABOVE) A steady stream of costumed youngsters were ready to read their favorite books! (BELOW) Students had a great time guessing which of their teachers or school staff members were reading from “behind the mask.”

Sheridan Elementary celebrates Read Across America 2025

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Students and staff at Sheridan Elementary School (SES) were in for an exciting and fun-filled celebration of reading for Read Across America.

The events brought the school together to celebrate and share in the joy of books with many creative and interactive activities.

To start off the festivities, teachers distributed paper hearts for students to fill out with their names and the titles of their favorite books. These colorful hearts were displayed in the hallways outside of classrooms, proudly showcasing the wide variety of books that the SES students love and are inspired by. It was heartwarming to see how much enthusiasm our students had for sharing their love of reading.

On March 3, students participated in the Book Character Parade. Kindergarten and first-grade students amazed every-



one with their dazzling costumes as they paraded around the building, representing their favorite book characters. Second-through fifth-grade students cheered them on and contributed to the fun and festive atmosphere. So many beloved and well-known characters came to life during this wonderful sight.

The students also enjoyed a special surprise during lunch: the SES Masked Reader event. Teachers and staff members dressed up while hidden behind inflatable costumes. Students

eagerly tried to guess who the “masked” readers were, making for a playful, engaging, and interactive experience. The excitement and laughter filled the cafeteria, and it was a great way to get everyone involved in the magic and joy of reading.

This year’s Read Across America celebration at SES was a huge success, and it was wonderful to see so many students, teachers, and staff come together to celebrate the love of reading. Sheridan Elementary School can’t wait to continue inspiring a passion for books in the school community.



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Hamilton Heights High School February Coffee Bean Award recipients include (from left) Addisin Stokes, Zoey Carmack, Abbigail Eaton, Natalie Head, Ty Schultz, Reece Blanton, and Harley Stetnish.

Seven Hamilton Heights students earn February Coffee Bean Award

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for February. They include Reece Blanton, Zoey Carmack, Abbigail Eaton, Natalie Head, Ty Schultz, and Harley Stetnish, and Addisin Stokes.

The name and award, inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who

were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five-to-seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community within the high school. Students and staff can nominate students. You can send a nomination by visiting the Student Services page at hs.hhschuskies.org.

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Carmel’s Alyson Swearingen named DAR Horseshoe Prairie Chapter’s Good Citizen winner

Submitted
Eight local high school seniors were honored as Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizens on Feb. 23 in Noblesville.
Alyson Swearingen (Carmel High School), Hannah Duquaine (The Classical Academy), Timmy Lawrence (Fishers High School), Luke Lively (Hamilton Heights High School), Aubrey Matasovsky (Hamilton Southeastern High School), Nova Cross (Sheridan High School), Elle Hufhand (Tipton High School), and Celina O’Neill (Westfield High School) all received Good Citizen pins, graduation cords, and certificates.

Swearingen was judged as the chapter winner and also received a monetary scholarship and a flag flown in her honor over the U.S. Capitol at the request of Congresswoman Victoria Spartz.
The DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools in good standing with their state boards of education. United States citizenship is not required.
The student selected as the school’s DAR Good Citizen must have the



Laura Alerding presents Carmel High School student Alyson Swearingen with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in her honor for being named the Daughters of the American Revolution Horseshoe Prairie Chapter Good Citizen. She is the daughter of Brad and Amanda Swearingen, pictured here.

qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. In the application, students described how they have manifested the qualities of a good citizen, in addition to submitting two letters of recommendation. The second part is a timed essay. This year’s essay title was “Our American Heritage and our Responsibility for Preserving it” with a focus question of: “Service is an essential attribute of a good citizen. Discuss how service can foster a strong sense of community and strengthen our American identity.”



DAR Horseshoe Prairie Chapter recognized the following high school DAR Good Citizen winners. (From left) Luke Lively (Hamilton Heights High School), Aubrey Matasovsky (Hamilton Southeastern High School), Celina O’Neill (Westfield High School), Nova Cross (Sheridan High School), Laura Alerding, Horseshoe Prairie Chapter Good Citizen winner Alyson Swearingen (Carmel High School), Timmy Lawrence (Fishers High School), Hannah Duquaine (The Classical Academy), and Elle Hufhand (Tipton High School).

Don’t be scared, be prepared

Hamilton County Emergency Management ready to assist you during Severe Weather Preparedness Week

The REPORTER
Severe Weather Preparedness Week in central Indiana is underway through March 15. Throughout the week, Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) encourages residents to prepare for the upcoming severe weather season.
Each day of Severe Weather Preparedness Week will highlight a unique topic aimed at helping residents be prepared. Stay connected with HCEM on social media, where they will share updates throughout the week regarding each subject.

- **Monday** – Severe Weather Outlooks and Watches
 - **Tuesday** – Watches vs. Warnings; Statewide Tornado drill will sound the sirens at approximately 10:15 a.m.
 - **Wednesday** – Response to a severe storm
 - **Thursday** – Recovery from a severe storm
 - **Friday** – Hamilton County is a part of Weather Ready Nation
 - **Saturday** – Family planning for a severe storm
- Being prepared involves having a solid plan, creating an emergency kit, and staying informed. HCEM advises residents to develop a plan and communicate it with everyone in the household. It’s important to identify a safe area in your home,



understand when to go there, and know how to determine when it’s safe to leave that area. Don’t forget to include your pets in your preparations.
When crafting your plan, consider any mobility, hearing, learning, or vision challenges. Assembling a kit can be a fun family activity, ensuring that your safe space is stocked with essentials like flashlights, water, food, a battery-operated radio, and some entertainment.
HCEM will participate in the statewide tornado drill on Tuesday, March 11, and test the sirens at approximately 10:15 a.m. that morning. Beginning that week, the sirens will be tested each Friday at 11 a.m. until the end of October. To avoid confusion or concern, sirens are not tested on days when storms are threatening.
HCEM is giving away a free weather radio. Go to tinyurl.com/HCEMwin-weatheradio enter to win and share what you have done to prepare for severe weather. Winners will be contacted by email March 17.
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Campus in Westfield – the nation’s most visited multi-sports venue. Most recently, she oversaw the creation of the county’s tourism capital fund that will influence new tourism development for the county in years to come.

“It’s been incredible to witness the evolution of Hamilton County, Indiana, throughout the years and I am honored for the opportunity to lead Hamilton County Tourism during this stage of our destination’s growth and development,” Radcliff said. “I look forward to working alongside our partners and team members

in this new role, continuing to inspire tourism and creating new, meaningful experiences for visitors, residents and workers throughout our destination.”

About Hamilton County Tourism

Hamilton County Tourism Inc. is a nonprofit, destination management organization that promotes tourism growth through strategic marketing, hospitality and development initiatives providing hospitality to more than five million visitors to Hamilton County each year. Learn more at VisitHamiltonCounty.com.



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AMELIA

Sarah also hosts monthly baby showers for the families to come together and find commonality within their stories. During these events, families are able to share their milestones, fears, and hope among each other. The foundation also provides “receiving” blankets for use as a crib sheet to each family member that attends, as well as other prizes and treats. Amelia’s Miles

also keeps the unit stocked with gas gift cards, journals, pens, books, preemie/newborn clothing, and other resources that are requested directly through the unit’s social worker.

“We were very moved by Sarah and Adam’s story and by the mission of Amelia’s Miles,” Cicero Kiwanis Club President Mark Bailey said.

Sarah’s and Adam’s

EASTER PERSON

Life is hard. Bad things happen to good people. The world is loud and chaotic. I have more questions than answers. This is where Faith is proven.

I want to leave a legacy that says ... she kept her Faith and loved well. I believe that kindness matters. My mother raised me to be that woman. She was my example. I was blessed.

I have come to realize that I should not tell someone what they should do until I have walked the same journey. And is their journey ever precisely the same as mine? *Lord, help me to keep my thoughts to myself until I weigh out whether they will help or do damage.*

Empathy is more important than judgment. It is the action of understanding and being sensitive to the feelings of others. Have I been guilty of judging? Sadly, the answer is yes. The older I get, the more I want to see people

like Jesus would see them.

Perhaps the weeks I’ve spent reading the scriptures about how Jesus lived his three years in ministry have taught me that it doesn’t matter what I do or say if I don’t love well.

I’m really liking this early morning rhythm of listening to piano hymns, lighting my taper candle, opening my Bible, and leaning into and embracing the scriptures. My soul is weary and needs nurturing.

I’m slowing down, tuning out the loud noise of a screaming world, and looking for ways to love people.

I’ve learned that challenging times and challenging people can make me a better person. Goodness is to be found in the hard times and with difficult people.

If I truly am a follower of Jesus, it will show in my words and actions. I want to be known as one of the Easter people. The Good Friday

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goal is to continue to grow Amelia’s Miles by sharing their personal experience and connecting with others who also have a passion to give back to a unit that sees so many babies and families during possibly the hardest season of their lives.

Learn more by visiting the organization’s website, AmeliasMilesConnect.com.



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

people need love and to see the hope that following Jesus offers.

I’ll be thinking about Barbara Johnson’s quote for a long time. *Please, Lord, help me be the best Easter*

person I can be. Amen.

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THINK

that reading means I read the words, but it also means I’m thinking in my brain,” Harris said. “There are two parts to it. I call it a give and take relationship between the author and the reader. If that relationship isn’t there then it’s all just one-sided and it’s very surface-level. So we can be showing even our three-year-olds that this is what

I do when I read. I read the words and then I think about the words. It doesn’t have to be extremely complicated.”

Later in the learning process, Harris says her book is even more applicable.

“When we get into fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth grade – which the book is applicable for as well – then we need to teach them more

concrete strategies and things, but thinking needs to be taking place at all levels,” Harris said. “This is also a great book for homeschool parents. Parents who just want to help support their kids at home or who have a struggling reader who just wants to know more without overwhelming them with all the nitty-gritty of teaching

phonics. This is going to be a great book for all of the above.”

The *Thinking Reader* is currently available for pre-order in both physical and electronic formats. You can find links to buy a copy and learn more about the book online at cieraharristeaching.com/the-thinking-reader.

BGCN

Registration fees for Camp Crosser are \$125 per child per week-long session with two sessions available. Space is limited. Aftercare is available until 6 p.m. for an additional \$25 per session.

Club Daybreak takes place at the Club from 7:30 a.m. 4 p.m. Youth will take part in weekly themed activities along with gym games, arts and crafts, STEM activities, daily snacks, cooking, and even roller skating.

The week of March 31 will feature a “Spring into Action” theme, and the week of April 7 will feature a “Spring Olympics” theme.

In addition to these program offerings, Club Daybreak participants can also take advantage of field trips to Kiln Creations and Bowl 32 for a small additional fee. Registration fees for Club Daybreak are \$100 per child per week of \$20 per child per day, and aftercare

is available until 6 p.m. for an additional \$25 per week or \$5 per day.

For more information, call the Club at (317) 773-4372 or visit bgcni.org to register for both Spring Break programs.

About BGCN

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between

the Club, the Community Center and Camp Crosser, BGCN provides opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. BGCN is dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health, and physical development.

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collaboration with such a vital organization full of great volunteers.”

“As we celebrate 40 years of Indiana Main Street, we are excited to welcome eight new communities into the program and see seven organizations level up,” OCRA Executive Director Fred Glynn said. “The Indiana Main Street program continues to grow and help communities prioritize downtown revitalization, transform

their main street corridors and fuel local engagement. Congratulations to our 15 newly designated main streets organizations!”

TMSA invites the community to celebrate this achievement by continuing to support the local businesses that make downtown Tipton a great place to live, work, and thrive.



Glynn

About Tipton Main Street

Founded in 2017, the Tipton Main Street Association (TMSA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the revitalization of Downtown Tipton. Guided by the principles of the Main Street America and Indiana Main Street programs, TMSA focuses on fostering a thriving

downtown through historic preservation, community engagement, and economic growth. Through collaboration with its partners, TMSA works to create a downtown where all people can live, work, and thrive for generations to come.

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Sheridan takes the plunge

High schoolers raise more than \$8,000 for Special Olympics

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan High School (SHS) had an exciting and memorable experience at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge on Feb. 28 at Eagle Creek Park.

A group of enthusiastic students from Sheridan took part in this event, diving into the chilly waters to show their support for the Special Olympics organization. Their participation was more than just a fun activity; it was a meaningful way to raise awareness and funds.

Collectively, SHS raised more \$8,000 for Special Olympics Indiana. This incredible amount was made possible by the dedication and enthusiasm

of the students, teachers, and supporters who came together to fundraise for this great cause. The school's commitment was evident in the outstanding funds they raised, demonstrating their passion for making a positive impact.

The SHS team, like many others, embraced the excitement of the day. Students, teachers, and supporters came together, displaying their school pride and school spirit as they participated in this annual tradition. The event allowed them to connect with their community

and contribute to a cause that directly benefits Hoosier students.

SHS's involvement is a testament to the school's commitment to giving back and supporting those in need. It's a perfect example of how high school students can make a positive impact, turning a fun and challenging experience like the Polar Plunge into something meaningful and engaging to the community.



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Walsh named Husky Hero

Submitted

John Walsh, sixth-grade Math/Honors Math educator at Hamilton Heights Middle School, has been named the Husky Hero for the month of January.

Walsh, who is approaching his 33rd year as an educator, has earned immense respect and admiration from students, teachers, and families through his joyful, inspiring, and compassionate style of teaching.

"Being nominated and selected as a Husky Hero is an outright privilege!" Walsh said after being presented with the award. "All teachers in the Hamilton Heights School District are caring and share the outpouring of love into their students. Knowing that I am a part of that caring, empowering group of individuals, including administrators, teachers, instructional assistants, and stakeholders, is a true compliment. I was given the blessing of returning to teaching after a brief retirement, and I could not be more grateful!"

Here are several comments from those who nominated Walsh for this award:

"All the amazing work he [Mr. Walsh] is doing this year especially for his high ability students to help them learn to deal with stress and anxiety," Pat and Amber Jones said. "He has gone above and beyond for his students this year in teaching them so much more than academics. Our older son had him as well and learned so much

through his Walshtown experience he gave the kids. He always gives so much more than he has to."

"Mr. John Walsh is the definition of a Husky Hero!" Tara Louks said. "He was set to retire last year and left for a short period only to return to HHMS. He makes every child in his classroom feel welcome and valued. He goes above and beyond for our kids! He has taught in our school for over 30 years! John Walsh should be considered as your next Husky Hero recipient."

"Mr. Walsh makes his students feel important and cared for as individuals," Carter Pitcher said. "He incorporates mental wellness into his classroom and makes sure his students feel supported and encouraged. He promotes positive reinforcement and excellence in his students and encourages them to push harder for themselves rather than for others. He teaches respect and accountability in addition to his math curriculum."

"John is a special teacher who goes above and beyond for his students," HHMS Assistant Principal Jill Landers said. "He doesn't just tell them they are important; he shows them. When you walk into his classroom, you can feel the focus and calm. Students are ready and excited to learn, and Mr. Walsh sets that standard."

Walsh said what motivates him in his role as a mentor, teacher, and academic coach is



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John Walsh, Hamilton Heights Middle School sixth-grade Math/Honors Math educator, was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of January. (From left) Jill Landers (HHMS Assistant Principal), John Walsh, Craig Bowen (FC Tucker), Laken Bowen, Amber Bowen, and Melissa Martin (HHEF President/HHSC Technology Integration).

the ability to allow his students to see the absolute best in themselves.

"Teaching is so much more than the instruction of curriculum; it is modeling to students that each person is valued, supported, and encouraged no matter any circumstance," Walsh said. "Teaching self-respect and accountability, as well as the inclusion of self-worth and mental wellness, is paramount in creating successful students and empathetic members of society."

Walsh continued, "Each day is a new opportunity for growth for not only the students, but for me, as well. I end each of my class periods with the following statement: 'Go spread some joy!' During my brief retirement, I felt helpful in

my role; however, I missed the joy in being useful. This is why each day is filled with a sense of joy that I hope is now being transferred to my present and future students. This award is a special reminder to me that I am a part of a caring and loving community who supports and encourages its teachers, and I am eternally grateful!"

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at bit.ly/hhschuskyhero. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

Westfield DECA brings 106 competitors to state, secures top honors and international qualifiers

The REPORTER

Westfield High School's DECA program made a powerful impact at the 2025 Indiana DECA State Career Development Conference, held March 3 to 5 at the Marriott in downtown Indianapolis.

With an impressive 106 students competing – one of the largest delegations at the event – Westfield showcased exceptional business acumen, leadership, and career readiness.

The highly competitive conference brought together 2,500 of Indiana's top high school business students to engage in real-world business challenges, from marketing and finance to entrepreneurship, and hospitality. Through this experience, Westfield students demonstrated critical thinking, professional communication, and problem-solving skills, embodying the district's mission to ensure "All Rocks are Life Ready."

State champions & international qualifiers

Following outstanding performances, several Westfield DECA members qualified for the 2025 DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC), which will take place in April in Orlando, Fla.:

- Lauren Pickett – second place, Professional Selling
- Nitya Sachdeva – fourth place, Principles of Business Management
- Avyanth Arun – third place, Principles of Entrepreneurship
- Logan Daggy – fourth place, Principles of Marketing
- Vahishrit Kale – fourth



Westfield High School's DECA cohort comprising 106 students was one of the largest delegation at the DECA State Career Development Conference this week.

place, Entrepreneurship Series

- Charlie Naas – first place, Quick Serve Restaurant Management
- Lindsey Cassady – third place, Retail Merchandising Series
- Otto Drake – second place, Sports and Entertainment Marketing Series
- Cooper Bohn & Pranesh Raghavendran – first place, Financial Team Decision Making

Westfield's leadership in DECA

Westfield students not only competed but also led at the



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ensuring Westfield's continued influence at the state level.

Westfield DECA was also honored with the Thrive Chapter Campaign Award, granting two members exclusive leadership training opportunities.

A testament to Westfield's mission: "All Rocks Are Life Ready"

DECA is more than a competition – it reflects Westfield Washington Schools' commitment to preparing students for future success. The skills

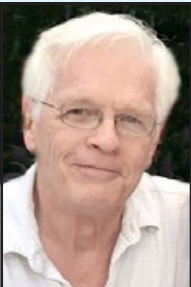
Klingenmeier earns spot in top 100 theatre blogs

The REPORTER

FeedSpot recently named Ken Klingenmeier's theater review website *A Seat on the Aisle* as one of the 100 Best Theatre Blogs and Websites in 2025.

"I'm very pleased to be included on this list," Klingenmeier said. "I give a bow to the staff of friends who help me fill the pages of the blog every month with their insightful reviews. We are so lucky to have the busy central Indiana theatre community to view and review."

You can always read theater reviews of local interest from Ken and his team at *A Seat on the Aisle* online at asota.wordpress.com and in the pages of The Hamilton County Reporter.



Klingenmeier



Tickets on sale now for HCSO Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) will present the fourth annual Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast next month at the Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center, 802 Mulberry St., Noblesville.

The breakfast will take place April 23, with doors opening at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:15 a.m., and the program will begin at 8. Tickets options with links to purchase are listed below:

- \$50 for individuals: tinyurl.com/ChaplainBreakfast2025single
- \$350 for table of eight: tinyurl.com/ChaplainBreakfast2025table

The purpose of the Prayer Breakfast is to celebrate the many accomplishments of the Chaplaincy while looking forward to big things in the future.

Last year, Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler oversaw 150 community volunteers and Staff Chaplain Daniel Hester worked hard to build relationships with HCSO employees. They answered 2,895 requests from inmates, provided many educational classes, and administered 39 baptisms. Additionally, the Chaplaincy helped lead the Annual Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-denominational faith-based organization serving public safety personnel, those who work or reside in public safety facilities, those housed in the jail facility, as well as all residents of Hamilton County. The mission is to serve as a supportive group of qualified ministers and counselors, assisting in matters of personal, marriage, job, spiritual as needed, and to be available to assist during times of emergency.

Rep. Victoria Spartz introduces Delphi Retirees Pension Restoration Act

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05), along with thirteen of her House colleagues introduced on Thursday bipartisan legislation to fully restore retirement benefits of the Delphi retirees.

In 2009, over 20,000 salaried employees lost their full benefits due to the auto industry collapse and Delphi's bankruptcy. In July 2009 a formerly fully funded pension plan was dissolved, and all assets were transferred to the Pension Benefits Guarantee Corporation (PBGC). Due to the Great Recession and crash of the financial markets, the fair market value of the assets at the time was not sufficient to cover pension liabilities and retiree benefits were reduced.

The bill uses the appreciated assets formerly owned by the Delphi Salaried Pension Plan and currently held by the PBGC to restore benefits with no fiscal impact to the federal budget.

"This bill restores retirement benefits for thousands of hard-working Americans wronged by the politics of an auto-industry bailout in 2009 with no fiscal impact to the taxpayers," Rep. Spartz said. "This issue has not been resolved for too long, and I appreciate the bipartisan support to finally bring justice for so many people around the country."



Spartz

INDOT announces first round of 2025 Community Crossings grant recipients

Hamilton County receives nearly \$6M for road improvements

The REPORTER

On March 6, Governor Mike Braun and the Indiana Department of Transportation announced the award of more than \$200 million in Community Crossings matching grants for local road and bridge projects across 245 Indiana cities, towns, and counties.

Locally, Hamilton County and its communities received a total of \$5,967,660.79.

“Improving and maintaining roads and bridges at all levels is crucial for enhancing quality of life and public safety for Hoosiers,” Gov. Braun said. “Communities across the state need investment in their local infrastructure and we are pleased to partner with them to make necessary improvements.”

Words from Hamilton County’s state legislators

“The Community Crossings Matching Grant Program creates new safety avenues for Hoosiers as we look to improve our roads and bridges,” State Senator Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) said. “I look forward to seeing these infrastructure projects completed and the new opportunities for the residents of Senate District 31.”

“I am pleased to see communities in Senate District 20 receive funding to improve local infrastructure,” State Senator Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) said. “Good infrastructure plays a pivotal role in bringing business and economic growth, and I look forward to the opportunities brought by this grant.”

“Maintaining high-quality

roads and bridges is critical to support our growing economy and improve quality of life for Hoosiers,” House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said. “Investments like this in our communities are a major reason Indiana is recognized nationally for our infrastructure and roadways.”

“I want to congratulate Hamilton County and the cities of Carmel, Fishers, Indianapolis, and Noblesville for working hard to fund our roads and bridges and seeking out this matching grant funding to do so,” State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) said. “I know that this funding will be put to good use maintaining our current infrastructure and executing new projects where possible. I will continue to support infrastructure funding for our district’s communities so we can continue growing and attracting families and businesses.”

“I was also pleased to vote for HB 1461. If signed into law, this bill would give Marion County the funding it needs to maintain its roads and give Hamilton County new, innovative tools to raise funds for road maintenance. This is vital given the fact that our roads are starting to show their age. I am grateful for my partnerships with our local mayors that also made this bill a joy to support. Finally, I am hopeful that this is a step in the right direction when it comes to fixing Indiana’s broken road funding formula.”

“Indiana remains in a strong place financially



and continues to help local communities make strategic investments in road and bridge projects,” State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said. “These projects will help ensure our infrastructure is safe for Hoosiers, visitors and businesses.”

“Vibrant communities need world-class infrastructure to thrive, and investments like this are a big reason cities like Carmel and Westfield are global destinations for talent and jobs,” State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) said.

“Indiana is one of the top states for infrastructure and programs like Community

Crossings help make this possible,” State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler (R-Noblesville) said. “By maintaining our roads and bridges, Hoosiers and travelers can safely get to their destinations, whether that’s to work, the store or to school.”

“Maintaining our transportation infrastructure is essential if we want our communities and state to thrive economically and socially,” State Rep. Hunter Smith (R-Zionsville) said. “These funds can help local communities address their immediate needs, and preserve other roads and bridges without overwhelming their budgets.”

Community Crossings Grants Hamilton County & surrounding areas	
Hamilton County	\$1,500,000.00
Carmel	\$1,171,958.29
Cicero	\$295,702.50
Fishers	\$1,500,000.00
Noblesville	\$1,500,000.00
Total:	\$5,967,660.79
Tipton County	
Kempton	\$83,889.32.00
Tipton	\$1,500,000.00
Total:	\$1,583,889.32
Boone County	
Zionsville	\$426,507.50
Total:	\$740,282.50
Madison County	
Anderson	\$1,500,000.00
Country Club Heights	\$29,224.50
Elwood	\$731,746.34
Frankton	\$400,788.00
Total:	\$4,161,758.84
Marion County	
Indianapolis	\$1,500,000.00
Lawrence	\$1,019,853.07
Total:	\$2,519,853.07

How the program works

Communities submitted applications for funding during a highly competitive call for projects in January. Funding for Community Crossings comes from the state’s local road and bridge matching grant fund. Community Crossings has provided more than \$2 billion for local road improvement projects since its inception in 2016.

Through the program, INDOT matches up to \$1.5 million annually when localities invest in road and bridge repairs. Counties with populations fewer than 50,000 and cities and towns with populations fewer

than 10,000 receive a 75 percent/25 percent match, while counties with populations greater than 50,000 and cities and towns with populations greater than 10,000 receive a 50 percent/50 percent match.

State legislators identified long-term funding for Community Crossings as part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed in 2017.

To see a full list of counties and communities which received funding, go to tinyurl.com/CCMG2025round1.

You can find out more about the Community Crossings program at in.gov/indot/community-crossings.

Hamilton County Coroner’s Office Accreditation Manager Mike Dixon appointed to prestigious IACME Committee

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Coroner’s Office announces that Accreditation Manager Mike Dixon has been appointed to the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (IACME) Committee on Accreditation. This distinguished appointment recognizes Dixon’s expertise and dedication to forensic accreditation standards.

The IACME Committee on Accreditation is responsible for evaluating, reviewing, and rewriting accreditation standards to meet evolving needs within the field. Additionally, the committee develops policies and procedures for accreditation auditors, ensuring consistency and excellence in forensic investigations. The committee comprises 16 esteemed members from various forensic disciplines.

Dixon brings an extensive back-

ground in accreditation and law enforcement to this role. His 40-year career with the Carmel Police Department included 27 years as the department’s Accreditation Manager. He also served as the past president of the Indiana Police Accreditation Coalition, co-created the Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, and worked as an assessor for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Following his retirement from law enforcement, Dixon led the Hamilton County Coroner’s Office to achieve

international accreditation, further cementing his commitment to excellence in forensic operations. In his current role as the office’s Accreditation Manager, he continues to uphold and advance rigorous standards.

“Dixon’s appointment to the IACME Committee on Accreditation is a testament to his expertise and ongoing contributions to law enforcement and forensic accreditation,” Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison said. “His leadership will help shape the future of accreditation processes within the field, ensuring the highest standards are maintained.”



Dixon

Jellison



Photo provided by Sheridan Public Library

Sheridan Library thanks local Veterans for donation

The REPORTER

This past September, American Legion Post 67 presented the Sheridan Public Library with a donation check from the Veteran Memorial Fund to purchase war and historical books in memory of local veterans. Patrons are encouraged to view this collection now on display at the library.

The display consists of books for all reading levels to learn about those that serve or served and the history of true bravery. Look for more books in the future as part of this fund donation.

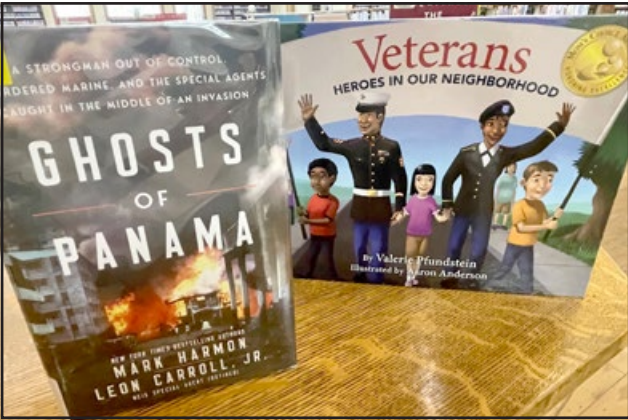


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Visit sheridan.lib.in.us to stay up to date with the library.

Building on last year’s success, Ivy Tech Hamilton County aims to raise \$30,000 on Ivy Tech Day

The REPORTER

Ivy Tech Hamilton County will join campuses across the state in celebrating Ivy Tech Day on April 8, a day of giving and community impact dedicated to supporting student success. This year, the Hamilton County campus has set an ambitious goal of raising \$30,000 to fund programs, building upgrades, and student resources – building on the \$25,000 raised last year.

Since opening as a full-fledged campus in summer 2021, Ivy Tech Hamilton County has experienced remarkable growth, expanding from serving just over 500 students to now supporting more than 8,500 students. In addition to its growing student population, the campus has helped Hamilton County families save over \$4.4 million in college tuition costs through its dual credit programming, which allows

high school students to earn college credits at no cost.

To help reach its Ivy Tech Day fundraising goal, the campus is hosting several ticketed events, including:

- **Breakfast with Chancellor Kartz**, where guests can hear campus updates, the challenges ahead, and how you can play a vital role in shaping the campus’s future.
- **Ivy Tech Day Bash**, bringing together students,

staff, faculty, alumni, board members, partners, and community members for a fun and engaging celebration.

- **Community Conversation Panel**, featuring industry leaders discussing how Ivy Tech is addressing workforce needs in Hamilton County and beyond.

To purchase tickets or sponsorships for these events, visit giveday.ivy-tech.edu/hamco.

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gained through DECA – entrepreneurial thinking, financial literacy, professional communication, and leadership – are essential for college, careers, and beyond.

WHS DECA Advisor Michelle Goudy expressed her pride in the students’ achievements.

“Our students performed incredibly well, not only in competition but in their professionalism and team-

work,” Goudy said. “They truly exemplified the Shamrock Way, and I’m excited to see them continue their success on the international stage in Orlando.”

As Westfield DECA looks ahead to ICDC in April, its students remain committed to excellence, leadership, and real-world career readiness – proving once again that Westfield DECA is a powerhouse in business education.

Young Sheridan scientists shine at school science fair

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary School (SES) is home to a group of young, budding scientists.

On Feb. 28, the school's third graders had the exciting opportunity to show their creativity and curiosity at a Science Fair. Each student shared an experiment they had conducted, offering a glimpse into the fascinating world of science through their eyes. It was clear from the smiles and excitement that filled the room that the students took great pride in their work and were eager to explain the process behind their discoveries.

At Sheridan, hands-on learning experiences like the Science Fair are part of a larger commitment to project-based learning (PBL). PBL is an educational approach that engages students in real-world projects, helping them develop important skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration. It encourages a deeper



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Events like science fairs encourage hands-on “project-based learning.”

understanding of the subject matter and fosters a sense of ownership over their learning. Through PBL, students gain self-confidence as they navigate challenges, while also learning how to apply their knowledge in meaningful, practical ways.

One of the greatest benefits of project-based learning is its ability to captivate students’ at-

tention. By involving them in projects that are relevant and interesting, it sparks their curiosity and encourages them to engage with the material on a much deeper level. As a result, classroom management becomes less of a concern, and students are more motivated to take an active role in their education.

SES is always seeking op-

portunities that extend beyond traditional textbooks and classrooms, pushing students to explore and learn in ways that are both exciting and educational. These experiences not only make learning more enjoyable, but they also help prepare students for a future where creativity, innovation, and problem-solving are key.

Riverview Health joins with KLR Medical Certification Training School in first direct primary care agreement

The REPORTER

Riverview Health announced on Thursday the signing of its first Direct Primary Care agreement with KLR Medical Certification Training School. Effective March 1, 2025, KLR

employees have access to comprehensive primary care services at Riverview Health’s Employer Health Centers located in Noblesville and Westfield.

This agreement marks a significant milestone for Riverview Health, demonstrating its commitment to providing accessible and cost-effective healthcare solutions to the growing business community in Hamilton County.

“We are thrilled to partner with KLR Medical Certification Training School and provide their employees with high-quality, personalized primary care,” said Dustin Mikesell, Riverview Health Associate Vice President of Employer Partnerships. “This agreement underscores our dedication to supporting local businesses by offering innovative healthcare options that meet their unique needs.”

The partnership between Riverview Health and KLR builds upon an existing strong relationship. KLR, which partners with The Pursuit Institute and Hamilton County High Schools to offer dual-track pathways for medical certification training, has collaborated with Riverview Health for several years, providing clinical placement opportunities for its students.

KLR Founder and CEO Katie Reigelsperger recognized the alignment between KLR’s growth and Riverview Health’s patient-centered culture. While initial discussions centered on Riverview’s Sapphire insurance product, the diverse geographical location of KLR employees necessitated a more flexible solution. The Direct Primary Care model proved to be an ideal fit, offering comprehensive primary care at a predictable cost.

“We have been impressed by the partnership we have built with Riverview Health and are excited to provide this excellent healthcare option for our employees,” Reigelsperger said. “The Direct Primary Care model allows us to offer valuable healthcare benefits while managing costs effectively.”

The Direct Primary Care agreement highlights Riverview Health’s commitment to serving small businesses, which often face challenges in providing affordable and accessible healthcare to their employees. Direct Primary Care provides a cost-efficient option for businesses without comprehensive care, as well as those looking to enhance their existing benefits plans. By offering personalized care and eliminating the complexities of traditional insurance-based models, Riverview Health is empowering local businesses to prioritize the health and well-being of their employees.



Sheridan FFA shines at district FFA Leadership Contests

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Feb. 27, Sheridan High School FFA members participated in the District 5 FFA Leadership Contests held at Hamilton Heights High School.

The competition saw more than 17 schools from the district come together for students to showcase their skills in various public speaking and demonstration contests. Sheridan FFA members impressed the judges and their peers, with several placing highly in their respective events.

Here is a rundown of the standout performances from the Sheridan FFA team:

- Ag Sales Presentation: Logan Baitz
- Animal Science Demonstration: Kelsey Sedwick
- Discovery Extemporaneous Public Speaking: Eva Beckner
- Discovery Animal Science Demonstration: Eva Beckner & Landon Glunt
- Discovery Creed: Maddie Roberts
- Discovery Food Science Demonstration: Eva Beckner & Mackenzie Pickard
- Discovery Quiz Bowl: Eva Beckner, Landon Glunt, Mackenzie Pickard, and Maddie Roberts
- Essay: June Harley
- Chapter Exhibit: Braxton Sedwick
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking: Eva Todd



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Several Sheridan High School FFA members will advance to the state competition in June.

- Prepared Public Speaking: Norah Stites
- Quiz Bowl: Logan Baitz, Izzy Grau, Kelsey Sedwick, and June Harley
- Traditional Scrapbook: Taylor Newby & Kelsey Sedwick
- Multimedia Scrapbook: Norah Stites

Placements

- Eva Beckner placed second in public speaking.
- Eva Beckner and Landon Glunt placed first in their discovery of animal science demonstration. Eva Beckner and Mackenzie Pickard placed first in their discovery of food science demonstration.
- Eva Beckner, Landon Glunt, Mackenzie Pickard, and



Maddie Roberts placed first in the discovery quiz bowl.

- Braxton Sedwick placed first in his chapter exhibit.

With numerous first-place finishes, several Sheridan FFA members will advance to the State FFA Convention at Purdue University in June. These district winners will compete for state-level recognition and

continue to represent Sheridan with pride.

A heartfelt congratulations goes out to all the participants, with best wishes as they move forward to the next stage of competition. The dedication and hard work of Sheridan FFA members have truly paid off, and they are excited to continue their journey in FFA.

Hamilton Southeastern Schools mourns death of star football player

By REYNA REVELLE
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

Hamilton Southeastern Schools is taking time to remember the life of Mason Alexander, a star football player tragically lost his life in a car crash March 1.

In response to the tragedy, Hamilton Southeastern Schools has activated a crisis response team to help support those affected by 18-year-old Mason Alexander’s loss. On March 3, students and faculty held a balloon release vigil on the football field in his memory.

“I want to be in the NFL,” Alexander said during remarks last Wednesday. “I want to be able to represent Coach Sanders and Coach Archie as the best corner who could do it.”

Alexander was a beloved student and football player at Hamilton Southeastern High School (HSE). He graduated in January and went to play football at the University of Pittsburgh. He tragically lost his life in a car crash on Saturday night.

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office says that Alexander was a passenger in a BMW on Saturday night. They say the BMW tried to pass another vehicle, swerved into oncoming traffic, and hit a Toyota Rav4. Both vehicles veered off the road. The Toyota hit a mailbox, and the BMW struck a tree and caught fire. Alexander died at the scene.

“Mason was fantastic! He was,” said Jayden Whorton, wide receiver coach at HSE. “Any room he walks into, he’s going to light it up, for sure. With his smile, presence, and energy.”

The loss has deeply affected the Hamilton Southeastern community, with classmates gathering at the crash site on Sunday to pay their respects. One of his coaches shared that he will always be remembered for his leadership and kindness on and off the field.



Alexander

field, he was a leader and a man amongst boys.”

When students and families arrived at the campus, the atmosphere of such a sudden loss was quite somber. The Hamilton Southeastern community released over 2,000 balloons, all in the colors of the Royals’ blue, yellow, and white.

News 8 spoke with the athletic director and head football coach at Hamilton Southeastern, who said they are still processing this entire weekend. They describe him as not the biggest man, but one with the biggest smile.

“There are people out here who know Mason and his family, or just want to be a part

of something,” said Jim Self, athletic director at HSE. “I’m thankful for that. I’m sure it means a great deal to the family, and to us as a school and community to get this kind of support for this young man.”

“I remember him coming in as a freshman. He was not the biggest guy, but he had the biggest smile,” said Michael Kelly, head football coach at HSE. “Just an amazing young man. He brought joy to a room. He was a guy who that fun-loving individual you never had bad days, except early in the morning, he didn’t like that, but outside of that, he was the life of the room.”

After the release of the other balloons, family and students stayed to console one another in this difficult and dark time. They also took the time to pray together for healing.

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United Way of Central Indiana awards \$265K in grants to six nonprofits

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana is awarding \$1.2 million in grants to 33 nonprofits outside of its accredited partner network, the nonprofit announced March 3.

In all, \$500,000 is being awarded from United Way’s Basic Needs Fund to 27 nonprofits, and \$700,000 is being awarded from the Family Opportunity Fund to eight nonprofits. Two organizations are receiving grants from both funds.

Locally, \$265,000 has been awarded to the following six Hamilton County nonprofits:

Family Opportunity Fund grant recipients

- Trinity Free Clinic: \$140,000
- **Basic Needs Fund grant recipients**
- Family Promise of Hamilton County: \$20,000
- Grace Care Center: \$25,000
- Heart and Soul Clinic: \$15,000
- Janus Development Services: \$25,000
- Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County: \$15,000
- Trinity Free Clinic: \$25,000

This is the first time United Way of Central Indiana opened funding of this kind to non-accredited partners.

“Nearly 40 percent of central Indiana households are living in, or one emergency away from, poverty,” said Shannon Jenkins, United Way’s vice president of impact. “These grants to non-accredited organizations, guided by United Way’s strategic aim of increasing and diversifying investment in under-resourced areas, will support operations, services and programming – and outcomes supporting more people and families throughout Central Indiana.”

United Way’s Basic Needs Fund focuses on safe and affordable housing, healthy food access, transportation and health services. The Family Opportunity Fund supports integrated programming that serves both youth and adults in the same household, aimed at improving the education, financial stability and well-being of the whole family.



Shamrock Drop returns to Grand Junction Plaza

The REPORTER

Shamrock Drop, presented by BMO Bank, returns to Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., Westfield, from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15.

This free, family-friendly St. Patrick's Day celebration is packed with fun activities, including live Irish music from Highland Reign, themed carnival games, delicious food, a scavenger hunt, and a chance to win amazing prizes.

Shamrock Drop event is free to attend, and all attendees are eligible to drop a shamrock in the cauldron. Upon arrival, stop at the Westfield Welcome tent to pick up a scavenger hunt card. After you locate all five clues from around the plaza, return your completed card to the BMO Bank tent

to receive a shamrock. Attendees may then write their name on their shamrock and drop it into the cauldron. At 1:45 p.m., the Lucky Leprechaun will draw five lucky shamrocks and each of the winners will take home a pot o' gold filled with prizes generously donated by Westfield businesses.

St. Patrick's Day-themed carnival games are available for a fee. Attendees may purchase a Lucky Loot Card for \$10, which allows them to play each of the six carnival games. All players will have the chance to win grand prizes, as well as consolation prizes.

For more information about Shamrock Drop and to discover how you can celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Westfield, visit westfieldin.gov/events.

Carmel Christkindlmarkt wins two Indiana Tourism Awards

Submitted

Carmel Christkindlmarkt, Inc. (CCI) won two awards from the Indiana Tourism Association (ITA) during the organization's 2025 Indiana Tourism Awards on March 10. A panel of out-of-state judges appointed by ITA selected winners based on creativity, innovation, and maximization of budget across several categories.

CCI received the Best Event/Festival award in the attraction category based on a wide variety of criteria, including festival goals, execution of the event, and return on investment. The other nominees in this competitive category included the Conner Prairie Headless Horseman Festival and Holiday World & Spalshin' Safari's Friday Night Live! event.

CCI also received the Best Digital Marketing Campaign award in the attraction category for the Market's 2024 season social media campaign. The campaign achieved out-

standing metrics, meeting ITA's award criteria for return on investment for the budget, total overall impact and engagement among digital audiences, execution of campaign goals, visuals, and more. Other nominees in this category were Huber's Orchard & Winery's Starlight Distillery digital ad, the Wabash County Museum's Giving Tuesday campaign, and Holiday World & Splashin' Safari's Good Gravy! digital video campaign.

"We are incredibly honored to have received these awards," CCI President and CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld said. "We could not have done it without our amazing team of staff, volunteers, and other supporters. Thank you to everyone who made this recognition possible. We have come so very far since our humble beginnings in 2017!"

ITA presented both awards based on Carmel Christkindlmarkt's 2024 season. Opening day for the 2025 season is Nov. 22.



Photo provided Carmel Christkindlmarkt President and CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld accepts one of the awards.

Hamilton County organizations receive more than \$400K in grants from Crosser Family Foundation

The REPORTER

The Crosser Family Foundation, a fund of the Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF), has announced \$404,676 in grants awarded to 21 nonprofit organizations. In collaboration with the staff at Hamilton County Community Foundation, the advisors of the Crosser Family Foundation support organizations that focus on the communities of Hamilton County and surrounding areas in Central Indiana.

"Our family cares deeply about strengthening our community and helping individuals thrive," Craig Crosser said. "These grants are our way of supporting organizations that address critical issues such as community engagement, housing, health, and youth development. We are proud to partner with them to make a meaningful difference in people's lives."

HCCF values its partnership with the Crosser Family Foundation.

"The Crosser Family Foundation exemplifies the impact of compassionate and intentional philanthropy," HCCF President Danielle Stiles-Polk said. "We are honored to partner with the Crosser family in advancing their vision."

Some of the organizations receiving support include:

• Riverview Health Foundation (\$75,000)

Riverview Health operates one of the few full-service acute inpatient rehabilitation units in the county. With a staff boasting over 600 years of combined experience, they care for patients recovering from serious health issues like strokes, traumatic brain injuries, significant car accidents, or surgeries. As Hamilton County continues to grow, Riverview Health is expanding and renovating the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit to meet increasing demands. This grant will assist with the ongoing expansion and renovation, resulting in 24 rooms available to serve the needs of Hamilton County for the next five years.

• Fueled for School (\$51,176)

Fueled for School provides nutritious meal packs to food-insecure youth, emphasizing the importance of nutrition for education, increasing access to local food, and instilling hope in the community. Nearly 25 percent of all students in Noblesville Schools, from PreK to 12th grade, face food insecurity. To address this issue, Fueled for School has partnered with Noblesville Schools. This grant will cover warehouse and utility expenses necessary to support the ex-



panding programs and ensure that all requested needs are met.

• Noblesville Sister Cities (\$20,000)

For over 28 years, Noblesville Sister Cities has successfully leveraged a trilateral agreement with its international Sister Cities: Nova Prata, Brazil, and Cittadella, Italy. This agreement encourages collaboration in government, business, community development, cultural exchange, youth engagement, and relationship-building. Each country takes turns hosting students, chaperones, and delegates, rotating every summer in July. Noblesville will host in July 2025.

• Teter Organic Farm (\$17,000)

Teter Organic Farm's mission is to increase access to healthy food for vulnerable populations while providing ecological education and building community relationships. The farm empowers volunteers to produce nourishing food for the food insecure, offers educational opportunities, and provides access to greenspace, all while healing the environment along the White River. Since 2016,

Teter Organic Farm has donated over 165,000 servings of produce and 28,300 eggs, added two miles of trails, welcomed over 500 volunteers, and hosted more than 1,500 youth for service and educational programs. This grant will enable Teter Organic Farm to donate more food and welcome more visitors for educational opportunities and greenspace access.

The Crosser Family Foundation, a fund of Hamilton County Community Foundation, is dedicated to enhancing the lives of youth and families in Hamilton County. By partnering with innovative nonprofit organizations, the Crosser Family Foundation strives to cultivate a strong and engaged community. Its current focus areas include community engagement, health and wellness, housing, and youth development. Guided by a philosophy of compassionate and responsible philanthropy, the Foundation advocates for opportunity and diversity within our community.

Read a full list of grants at tinyurl.com/Crosser-Grants2025.



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Fishers launches Aging & Wellness Task Force

The REPORTER

Fishers has launched an Aging & Wellness Task Force to evaluate existing services available for seniors within the city and make recommendations for new programming and initiatives, including a potential facility dedicated to senior services.

The task force is co-chaired by Fishers City Councilman Bill Stuart and local physician and Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees member Dr. Juanita Albright and includes residents and care providers. As part of the evaluation phase, the task force will publish a community survey and host focus groups to identify gaps within existing offerings.

"This initiative demonstrates the city's commitment to supporting its senior population and ensuring that this demographic has the necessary services, programs, and resources to attain the highest quality of life within Fishers," Co-chairs Stuart and Dr. Albright said. "This is an exciting opportunity for seniors

to share what matters to them and make a direct impact on future programming and infrastructure. We can't wait to get started."

This new task force is part of the city's Culture of Health initiative which strives to foster a culture of wellness and healthy living for all residents. The potential for a senior-focused facility was brought up during the planning phase for the new Fishers Community Center, set to open this fall.

"Over the past few years, we've debuted exciting new quality of life amenities for our community, including a world-class event center and art center, new parks, and trails, and more," Mayor Scott Fadness said. "As more seniors are selecting Fishers as the place to spend their retirement, it's important that we understand which amenities and resources can best serve this growing population."

The task force will kick off this spring with the aim to have a plan for city staff by mid-summer.

Carmel Street Department wins award for vehicle fleet sustainability

The REPORTER

The Carmel Street Department announced on March 9 that it has been recognized with a 2025 Geotab Innovation Award for Fleet Sustainability in the small-medium size public sector category.

These awards honor outstanding fleets that are leading the way in their use of connected vehicle technology and data insights to create better outcomes to support and enhance services to Carmel residents and businesses.

"Using technology from Geotab and their reseller Argos Connected Solutions, the City of Carmel Street Department has created a platform that allows us to see real time data in each of our vehicles," Street Department



Photo provided ARGOS Connected Solutions Founder/CEO Bobby Humphrey, Geotab Founder/CEO Neil Cawse, Carmel Street Department Fleet Supervisor Jason Armes, and ARGOS Government President Scott VanMeter.

Fleet Supervisor Jason Armes said. "Fuel mileage, CO₂ emissions, engine fault codes, seat belt usage, and route completion mapping for winter operations and street sweeping are just a few of the things that we

use Geotab for. All of these data points help us keep our drivers safe, our fleet well maintained, streets cleaned and plowed and, with our Biodiesel program, we are doing our part to help better the air quality for the

citizens of Carmel."

The awards were presented at Geotab Connect 2025 in Orlando, Fla., a premier event for fleet industry focused on connected vehicles, data intelligence, AI, and sustainability.



Dr. Seuss

The month of March brings about many things. As a teacher and mom to littles, I always associate Dr. Seuss this month. There is a lot that comes to mind when I think of Dr. Seuss. Perhaps you think of the wacky characters, his brilliant use of made-up words, his eccentric writing style, the classics that have become hallmarks in our homes, baby nurseries and holidays.

As a child, I enjoyed reading his books and loved feeling smart because if he could make up words, so could I. As a teacher, I appreciate how he shows kids that you can be different and think outside of the mold when it comes to writing. In my adult life, though, Dr. Seuss has meant more to me than just his beloved books and characters.

The quotes that belong to him are so meaningful and resonate deeply with me. One of my greatest joys is reading. I love the fact that he makes it fun and has books that make kids feel smart. They can take a chance when reading his books and because some of his words are not real, they are safe to make mistakes.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” The more we educate ourselves on the world happening around us, the more we will know.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”

“It’s high time you were shown that you really don’t know all there is to be known.” I think this quote is so impactful because of the humility one must have. Sometimes we think we have all the answers and are reminded that we still have a lot left to learn.

“If you keep your eyes open enough, oh, the stuff you will learn! The most

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The Blue Flu House

Influenza A hit our entire household last week like a freight train. I woke up a little after midnight Tuesday morning, Feb. 25 thinking, “Huh, my throat’s getting scratchy.” By 2 a.m. my entire body ached, and I was wracked with terrible chills. And when it was time to start my workday, I could barely function.

My husband John had a scratchy throat the previous Sunday and managed to go to his sales appointments on Monday. By that evening, he was down for the count.

I, like most of us, had been hearing about this evil flu and had been washing my hands, avoiding touching my face, and doing all the usual steps to prevent myself from getting sick. But this sucker is stealthy. Just by having dinner in the same room with John Sunday evening, my sons Jonathon and Jacob were exposed to the flu along with me.

By Wednesday, we all felt absolutely miserable. Most of the time when I’m sick, I can sit on the couch in my pajamas with my laptop and get some work done. Or I miss one day of work, but I’m then back at it the next day without a problem. Not with this flu. I had to tell my team I’d be out of commission for at least a few days.

Thanks to the good folks at Noblesville Urgent Care, we got on Tamiflu, which gave us some hope. I clung to that hope on Thursday morning, when my symptoms were at their absolute worst. My throat was on fire, and I could no longer talk. I turned to my own form of sign language to communicate with John and Jacob (Jonathon lives on his own).

John turned a corner that day, which was a Godsend, as he discovered a leak in our kitchen sink that had left a great deal of water underneath after I had run a dishwasher cycle the day before. As I watched him tackle the mess, I was grateful he was able to handle it. If I had seen what happened, I would have been sobbing on the floor.

Before he left to go buy a new faucet that afternoon, mask in hand, he turned to me and said, “Well, now we can say we’ve had everything thrown at us including the kitchen sink.” I nodded weakly.

Jacob and I began to feel better Friday, although my throat still felt like it was in shreds. I was grateful to upgrade from “now I know why people go to the hospital with this” sickness to just “regular” sickness. I actually put on real clothes – well, yoga pants and a sweatshirt – and worked on the couch that day trying to get as caught up as possible.

Despite feeling better, we still had – and have as I write – lingering coughs. As we sat on the couch Friday evening eating our takeout (hurray for the new Thai place in downtown Noblesville!) we created our own little chorus.

Cough, cough, cough, cough, cough ... Cough, cough ... cough, cough ...

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Congress should look to Indiana for principled fiscal maturity

The second Trump administration has begun, and Congress now faces some critical decisions when it comes to our nation’s spending and debt.

Since beginning his campaign for the White House, President Trump has promised great shakeups in Washington, which include policy changes to immigration, border security, energy, taxes, and the establishment of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). I am hopeful that with this change of priorities from a new administration, our federal government can begin to fix the fiscal health of our county in the best interest of future generations.

Our national debt, which sits at \$36 trillion, will continue to balloon towards explosion if our leaders in Washington do not act in a fiscally responsible way to

address it. That is why I am glad to see that Indiana’s own Congresswoman Victoria Spartz is committed to this issue.

Republicans will be utilizing the reconciliation process to skip a Democratic filibuster in the Senate and address many of the president’s priorities in only a handful of bills. Reconciliation will play a pivotal role in either setting our country on the right fiscal path or digging ourselves into an even bigger debt.

Currently, the recently passed House reconciliation budget includes approving \$3.5 trillion to \$4 trillion in new borrowing and instructions to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, while the Senate proposal includes adding billions more in new borrowing while addressing defense, the border,

and energy policy. Congress must commit to no new borrowing instead of giving the go-ahead to approve trillions more in new debt.

Our federal government in Washington could take Indiana as an example for principled, fiscally responsible governance and balanced budgets. At \$366 per capita, we are one of the lowest debt-level states in the country. Through a thoughtful, favorable tax structure and disciplined spending, the Hoosier state can serve as a model as Congress considers the budget plan. At the very least, the reconciliation package that goes to the President’s desk should not make our debt problem worse – it should reduce it.

Instead of raising the debt, Congress should consider taking fiscally responsible actions that stop the debt’s growth. A great first step is setting the goal of stabilizing the debt-

to-Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio, not allowing the debt to grow any further. Once stabilized, policymakers will need to bring everything to the table to address our debt, including potential changes to tax and government revenue policies and changes to the critical entitlement programs facing insolvency.

The road to getting our debt under control will be a long but necessary one. Congress must prioritize fiscal responsibility and consider our nation’s fiscal direction when voting on the upcoming reconciliation bill and subsequent legislation that follows in Congress. The future strength of our nation and economy depends on it.

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Orphans, widows & unspeakable things

If you have no living parents, you are an orphan.

If you lose a spouse, you are a widow or a widower.

So what the heck am I?

I’m an orphan now, and that’s okay. We should all expect to lose our parents.

Having been conceived out of wedlock, I am also technically a b---ard. No, I’m not a bard, but this newspaper has standards for acceptable language, and I’m not going to break them.

For the last three years I have also been something that English has no word for: a parent who once had a child, but now has none.

If you lose any child, you may be called a “bereaved parent.” That is an awkward phrase and not specific enough to denote that no matter the number of children, none are still on this side of the divide.

In German it is *verwaister elternteil* (orphaned parent).

Several years ago, a professor at Duke University borrowed a Sanskrit word, *vilomah* (inversion of the natural order) to describe it.

I understand why people might embrace that word, but

I cannot.

Losing a child is not an inversion of the natural order. Across the history of humans and the spectrum of nature, it is all too common. Among people, war, disease, and depression take the lives of the young and the

old. In the animal world, predators single out the young and the old as easy prey.

So this thing I am is not – to this old philosopher – *vilomah*.

In Lakota, it is, as many things in life are, *wakan*.

I must pause here to explain that I am not Lakota. I carry the blood of Europeans and of Native Americans. I have a few drops of the blood of the Cherokee and of the Wyandotte, and I had some Lakota Elders who were kind enough to help me along my path.

My Elders were wise. Any mistakes or misunderstandings are my own.

When I throw my voice upon the wind and when I sing my prayers, I do so in Lakota.

My blood is not Lakota. My second heart is Lakota.

Wakan is a word without a concrete definition. It is a concept the tone of which change-

es depending on context. It means powerful, mysterious, sacred, and a few other things beyond language. It can mean all those things at once, or it can mean just one of them. Sometimes, it sort of means a couple of them.

The thing Western culture calls God is *Wakan Tanka*. Great Spirit, Great Mystery, Great Unknowable Power or Thing or Force that creates and destroys and teaches and guides.

As an American working in media, I like words to have solid definitions.

As a philosopher, I search for truth.

As a Native, I know some things are just *wakan*.

I have always had a robust definition of self. I am not just what I do or the relationships I am in, though those are parts of this thing wrapped in the flesh I wear. I look around at the modern world and the deep divisions in it, and I think perhaps a lot of that is based on having narrow definitions of self.

For several years, a large part of my self-definition was “father.” That part of my spirit grew every time she called me Dad or Daddy (depending on which part of her was speaking at that moment).

That deep change in how I saw myself was *wakan*.

It was powerful, mysterious, sacred, and a few other things beyond language.

When she chose to take her journey on March 1, 2022, it was as if I had been struck by lightning – a flash of powerful transformation. I stood half in this world and half in the world of the spirits.

Things that used to matter no longer do. They never will again. This life has done the very worst it can to me, and I stand free from all fear.

I don’t know if that makes what I am now *wakan*, but that is as good a word as any for how this thing beyond language feels.

For those of you in my tribe, English has failed us. Pick any word or awkward phrase you like.

We who are *wakan* – the bereaved, the orphaned parents, the *vilomah* – we understand things the rest of you do not.

Pray you never understand us.

Stu Clampitt loves both wisdom and efficiency. After nearly 30 years of chasing wisdom, he has not caught much, which means he is neither wise nor efficient. You can reach him by email at News@ReadTheReporter.com.

A concert to remember: Taylor Swift in Indianapolis

Editor’s note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School’s 10th grade honors English class, taught by Tanya Busailah.

My name is Beth Adams, and I am a sophomore at Sheridan High School.

The most fun I have ever experienced was when I went to Taylor Swift’s Eras Tour last November. I have always been a huge fan of Taylor Swift, so it was very exciting that she was coming to Indianapolis for this huge event.

I never expected that I would be able to go, but a week before the concert my sister surprised me with tickets for the two of us. It did not feel real at all!

We went on the first night she was in town, which was Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. We had an E-learning day, so I had all afternoon to get ready and get to Lucas Oil Stadium without rushing. Since we got the tickets only the week before, we did not have enough time to plan outfits, but I was wearing a white dress, black Converse hightops, the cardigan that accompanies her most recent album, and a white bow in my hair.

A tradition that Swifties started for the Eras Tour was to make friendship bracelets with song titles or lyrics to trade with each other. Of course, my sister and I had a fun time making these bracelets and using them to accessorize our outfits.

When we finally got into

Lucas Oil Stadium, we saw so many girls looking great in their costumes and everyone was so friendly with each other. There were lots of bracelets being traded, smiles shared, and compliments being given.

When we got to our seats, we realized how great our view of the stage was. We were on the floor! We were in row nine, which is so close! It was amazing. So, we settled in and took pictures, traded bracelets, and talked to the people we were sitting by.

Then it was time for the opener to come out.

The opener was Gracie Abrams, who is a wonderful artist, and it was such a great time. I did not know all the songs she sang but it was still very enjoyable. Then we waited around 30 minutes for Taylor to come out. My heart dropped; I was shaking. It was such a crazy experience. I’m so surprised that I did not start crying. She was so close! Our view was outstanding.

With the Eras Tour, she plays a few songs from all 11 of her albums with two surprise acoustic songs that are different for each show. She also has different outfits for each album with a few variations of each outfit.

Her first album she plays is *Lover*. She wore a sparkly bodysuit and sparkly high boots. My favorite part of *Lover* was yelling the bridge of “Cruel Summer” which is a sort of

iconic tradition of the tour.

The next album was *Fearless* where she wore a sparkly dress with tassels. My favorite part was when she played the song “Fearless” and she was super close to our section.

The next album she played was *Red*, and part of it she wore a T-shirt and shorts and the “22” hat that she gave to a little kid in the audience. Later she wore a red and black bodysuit. Then she puts on a long jacket to perform “All Too Well” (Ten-Minute Version), which was my favorite part of this section.

Next is *Speak Now*, but the only song she performed was “Enchanted” in a pink sparkly full-length ball gown. The next Era she did was *Reputation*, which was so much fun. She was wearing a sparkly black and gold snake bodysuit, and my favorite part was when she performed “Don’t Blame Me” because it is so iconic and the vocals are insane.

One of my favorite Eras, *Folklore* and *Evermore*, came after and she wore a red flowy dress. Two very special parts in this section was when she performed “Champagne Problems” on the piano and afterwards we gave her a three-minute ovation of just clapping and cheering for her. Then she performed “Marjorie” which is a song about her grandmother who passed away and we shine our phone flashlights.

The next segment is 1989 and she wore a super cute sparkly pink skirt and tank top set. My favorite part is probably when she performed “Style” or “Blank Space.” Next up is *The*

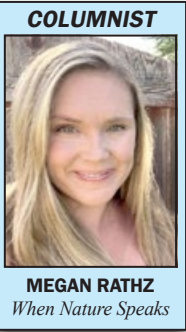
Tortured Poets Department set, and the choreography and all of it is so much fun. She wore a white dress then changed into a two-piece set with a jacket. My favorite part is when she performs the “Smallest Man Who Ever Lived” because the choreography is so powerful.

Afterwards she played the acoustic surprise set; we got “The Albatross” mashed with “Holy Ground” on the guitar and “Exile” mashed with “Cold as You” on the piano, which was so wonderful and such a pleasant surprise.

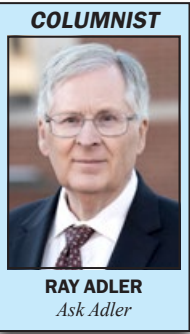
The final set of the night is for *Midnights*. The outfits for this album included a T-shirt dress with a jacket, later without the jacket, and a sparkly dark blue bodysuit. This set she was having technical difficulties, so she had to have her tech people put batteries in her wireless and at some points her vocals were off. At the end she performs “Karma.”

She introduced her entire crew and they did a final bow. The lights came on, and my sister and I just hung out until most of the people had filed into the lobby. We picked up confetti as keepsakes and traded more bracelets on our way out. Our walk back to the car was the safest I ever have and probably ever will feel walking in Indianapolis at night because we were walking in a group of Swifties.

This night just showed me how important music and community is and I hope everyone gets to experience something this fun at least once in their lifetime.



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When Nature Speaks



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Chasing Wisdom



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect



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When flavors meet, hearts connect!

It wasn't love at first sight, but it was surely **food at first bite**.

My husband and I were strangers when our extended families brought us together, but the moment he tasted my cooking, a connection sparked. He wasn't just someone who ate to fill his belly – he truly appreciated flavors, textures, and the love poured into a dish. That's how our journey began – not just as a couple, but as two food lovers blending our traditions, one meal at a time.

We come from two different states in India – Mumbai, Maharashtra, and Rajkot, Gujarat – just like how Indianapolis and New York have distinct lifestyles, cultures, and family traditions. Every meal we shared in our early days of marriage became an opportunity to learn about each other – our likes, dislikes, and the deep-rooted memories tied to food.

Maharashtra and Gujarat, though neighboring states, have their own unique identities when it comes to food and hospitality. Mumbai, a fast-paced metro city, thrives on the bold flavors of Misal Pav, street-style Vada Pav, and the comforting sweetness of Puran Poli. Gujarat, on the



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other hand, is a land where flavors balance between sweet, spicy, and tangy in dishes like Dhokla, Thepla, and Undhiyu. But beyond these well-known foods, every home has its own way of preparing, sharing, and savoring meals – shaped by traditions, family dynamics, and love.

My husband grew up in a nuclear family, where cooking was a solo affair – ingredients bought in small quantities, meals prepared for the day, and food eaten individually. I, on the other hand, was raised in a bustling joint family in Rajkot, where the kitchen was the heart of our home. Cooking was a collective effort – ingredients bought in bulk, shared equally, and transformed into meals with everyone's best skills put forward. My aunt mastered savory snacks, my uncle created the most indulgent desserts, and my mother made curries that felt like a warm hug.

In our home, no one was ever treated as a guest. If you stepped in, you were family, and family must be fed! My mother, always standing by our coal stove (chulha), never failed to serve an unexpected visitor. The smoky aroma of slow-cooked dals, fresh rotis, and

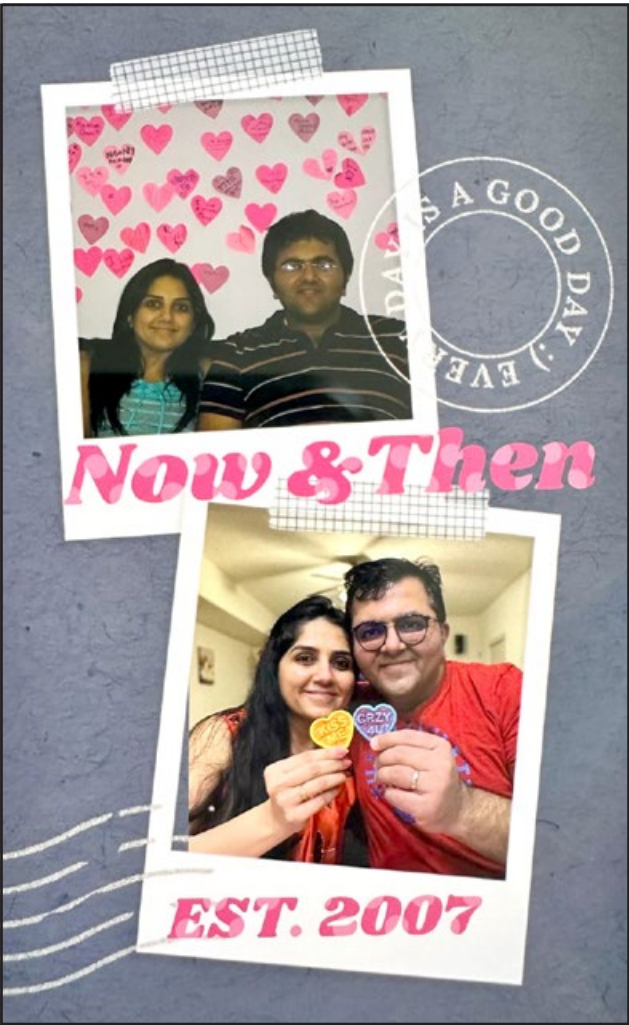


Photo illustration by Pooja Thakkar
It was truly love at first bite for Pooja and her husband.

bubbling curries still lingers in my memory.

Now, in Noblesville, Indiana, I find myself blending our two worlds – his metro upbringing and my small-town traditions – into our own unique family culture. And though our love story didn't start at first sight, it surely started at **first bite**.

Today, we proudly fuse two states, two homes, and two traditions into a shared love for **F-O-O-D** – and for those who love **F-O-O-D**!

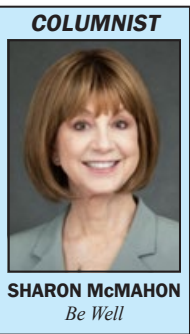
Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each Saturday in the pages of The Reporter.

Smoothie Operator shares tips & recipe

"Smooth operator..." – Sade, 1984

Although I have known a "smooth operator" a time or two during my life, I digress on that topic and move on to a healthier topic as a "smoothie operator" and how one of my favorite food items can be a good choice for most of my readers.

Many of you, Dear Readers, are already fans of smoothies, which can be a good option for a healthy eating plan – in moderation of course! Smoothies can function as a natural energy booster when you use such ingredients like bananas, green veggies and fruit berries which can provide a powerful combination of vitamins, minerals and carbs to fuel your body. Frozen fruit and vegetables can certainly be substituted for fresh and can eliminate



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the need to use ice. In fact, frozen items have equivalent (and sometimes additional) nutritive value as the fresh items.¹

At the end of this column, I will share one of my favorite smoothie recipes which happens to include both fruit and a veggie. Most of us tend to eat more fruit than vegetables and I include myself in this category. However, by including the veggies in our smoothies we can get that added benefit without losing any nutrients when the vegetables are cooked. Few of us consume the recommended amount of fiber in our diets and smoothies are another way to obtain fiber. Be careful that you do not add much (if any) sugar to your smoothie recipes as you add unwanted and empty calories. The nutritional value of your

smoothie is determined by the ingredients you use. Benefits of an eating plan which includes fruits and vegetables include lower risk of diseases such as diabetes, obesity, cancer, and cardiovascular disease.²

If you are using a protein powder (as I do) shop carefully for a product which provides clean plant protein with at least 16 to 20 grams of protein and 0 grams of sugar. There are many options available, and most grocery markets carry a variety of brands. As usual, I will not recommend specific brands as I do not act as a "brand representative" of any particular product. Do your homework, read the labels and, personally, I opt for products manufactured in the USA. Source your other ingredients such as peanut butter or honey, and be sure to wash your produce thoroughly.

Here is an easy one!

- One cup plain soy or almond milk

- 3/4 cup packed fresh or frozen spinach leaves
- One large banana, sliced

Blend soy/almond milk and spinach together in a blender until smooth. Add banana and pulse until thoroughly blended. I like to add a few ice cubes as well for my taste, and a spoonful of peanut butter for added protein and a dash of cinnamon for good measure. If using a protein powder, blend that with the milk item before adding the spinach.

From this "smoothie operator," I encourage you to try some different ingredients and enjoy!

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BGCN & Prevail partner to show young people how to have healthy relationships

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Prevail, Inc. has formed a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's (BGCN) Teen Center to provide club members with essential education on building and maintaining healthy relationships. Rooted in a shared commitment to youth empowerment, this collaboration equips young people with the knowledge and skills needed to foster respect, communication, and personal growth in their relationships with peers, family, and community.

"As a former staff member at a Club, I know firsthand the value of the BGCN's supportive environment and impactful programs," said Baleigh Tolksdorf, Supervisor of Prevention Programming at Prevail. "When the opportunity arose to bring essential lessons on healthy relationships to teens, there couldn't be a better partner."

The two organizations most recently partnered for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

"The Boys & Girls Club and Prevail Inc. have mission statements that very

much align," said Maggie Hood, Director of the Teen Center at Boys & Girls Club. "We empower and support our youth, our community to seek safe and healthy relationships. It was a great opportunity to partner with Prevail this last month for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Our Teen members were able to learn the signs of an unhealthy relationship and were given resources to support them when or if they come across these situations! The Roller Skating Dance was an amazing celebration of our collaborative efforts this month, and will be a lasting memory for our Teens! Thank you Prevail for all you do and your support of our BGC Noblesville!"

Amplifying the partnership's impact, the Teen Center and Prevail held a Glow Together, Grow Together Dance – a celebration of healthy peer-to-peer relationships. Through this event, Prevail and the Boys & Girls Club are creating a fun space where teens can connect, enjoy themselves, and reinforce the impor-



Photo provided
Maggie Hood (left), Director of the Teen Center at Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, and Baleigh Tolksdorf, Supervisor of Prevention Programming at Prevail, Inc.

tance of respect and kindness in their relationships. This initiative is especially fitting as February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, highlighting the importance of educating teens about healthy relationships and preventing abuse before it starts.

"The collaboration between Prevail, Inc. and the

Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville is a testament to the power of community partnerships in creating lasting change," Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanning said. "By equipping young people with knowledge and skills, this initiative is laying the foundation for safer, healthier, and more supportive relationships."

Westfield updates Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance to enhance safety & regulation

The REPORTER

Westfield has updated its mobile food vendor ordinance aimed at improving safety standards and regulating food trucks operating.

As part of the new regulations, mobile food vendors will be required to pay an annual licensing fee of \$150. This fee will help fund the oversight and enforcement of the new ordinances, ensuring that the city maintains the highest standards for food

truck safety and operation. Additionally, anyone wishing to hire a food truck for a special event will be required to secure a temporary use and event permit for \$150 valid for up to three years. This permit is required for any individual or entity hosting a food truck at an event open to the public.

For more information about the food truck ordinance, please visit westfield-ind.gov/mobilefood.

You are too sensitive

Growing up I was often told, "You are too sensitive!" "Don't take everything so personally."

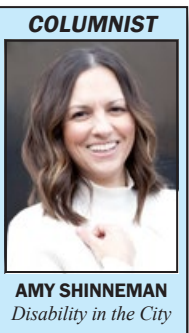
I remember being very frustrated by this. Not only because the person saying it seemed so abrasive, but because no matter how hard I tried, I just could not change that about myself. Letting things roll off my back is not something that I can easily do. Things that are said to me stick with me. Good and bad. Things I see stick with me, again both good and bad things. So much so, I go out of my way to avoid seeing some things that I know will upset me.

As with many things in my life – or qualities about myself that I once viewed as negative – I am trying to see the positive side of being a highly sensitive person. It really is not all bad. I feel that it helps me to see others, and be there for others in a way I wouldn't be able to tune into if I wasn't so sensitive.

I sometimes think I can *feel* other people's pain. Occasionally, when I find myself reading about a hardship in someone's life, I will gasp out loud and say, "oh my goodness!" My husband will look at me and ask what is wrong. At times, when I tell him, he just gives me a blank stare and I can tell he is not *feeling* it on the level I am. We have had many conversations about this, trying to understand each other's point of view.

He is more of a let-it-roll-off-your-back kind of guy. I admire that and envy the ease at which he is able to do that. Believe me, there are a lot of things that I wish weren't sticking with me. It can be a really heavy load. I know I am not alone, as many people I know are also highly sensitive people.

As a disabled person who is also highly sensitive,



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this has been hard. Throughout my lifetime, I have been the target of many mean and hurtful comments regarding my appearance or the way I walk, that would make anyone feel low, highly sensitive or

not. When you are attacked for something that you have no power to change, even if you wanted to, a whole new level of emotional pain is unlocked. I feel like I have a separate part of my brain that houses all of these instances, and I wish it was not that way. Whenever I leave my house, I wonder, "Will today be a day when I add to that collection?"

On the flip side of that, fortunately, my brain also houses the many beautiful moments when strangers have gone out of their way to say something kind or help me when they see me struggling.

Just last week, I was leaving a grocery store and a woman almost hit me as I was going through the crosswalk with my cart to my car. She parked and ran over to me, apologizing profusely. She offered to unload all of my groceries into my car and take my cart. That is one of life's best gifts to me after a trip through a store, my legs weary. Turns out, she was just a beautiful person. I won't forget that encounter anytime soon.

Interactions like this are a good reminder to me of how important it is to focus on lifting others up when I can. I think we could all use some uplifting these days, highly sensitive or not.

Until next time ...
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DR. SEUSS

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wonderful stuff!" How much of your life are you missing out on with your nose in your phone? How much could we be taking in, feeling, and learning from each other if we paid more attention?

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." Perhaps most of all, this quote hits home the most for me. We never know the impact a moment has and the power in time spent with others until we are left with the realization that our time with them on

earth is done.

As you go about this month, take some tips from Dr. Seuss. READ and THINK, be wacky and weird, WRITE, pay attention to the world around you, don't be afraid to be silly and try new things, care about people no matter how small they seem, and appreciate every single second you have with the people you love.

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

BLUE FLU

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Slowly but surely, the Blue Flu House, as John has named it, is recovering. Dear readers, please be careful out there ... don't hesitate to mask up if you need to, and if anyone has any little symptom, keep your distance. And be sure to reach out to your healthcare professional if you feel

like you've got the flu. The sooner you get help, the sooner you'll recover.

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Philip H. Beach

July 28, 1935 – February 28, 2025



Philip H. Beach, 89, Westfield, passed away Friday, February 28, 2025. He was born in Sterling, Ill., to the late Henry and Ruth Beach.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; children, Sue Musnicki (Fred), Peggy Myers (Terry), and Hank Beach (Leigh); and sister, Peggy Scharfenberg. He adored his grandchildren, Rachel (Chris), Parker (Emily), Brett, Spencer, Maddie (Alex), and Josie (Chris); and two great-grandchildren.

Phil grew up in Sterling where he met his sweetheart Marjorie Meyer. They were married in 1957 while he was serving in the U.S. Army. They lived in Adams, Mass.; Northbrook, Ill.; Decatur, Ill.; and Westfield. Phil lived a life of service, volunteering with his church, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club.

Phil undeniably loved his friends and family and truly knew no stranger. He was always the life of the party, warm and compassionate, and he thrived in the company of others. His laughter was contagious, and his positive outlook – along with his ability to listen intently – made everyone feel valued. He loved hearing people's stories and was always eager to connect. He had a quick smile and was ready to share it with anyone he talked to – even in the morning before Marge was fully awake. He was friendly, joyful, unassuming, and sentimental. Phil was always the last to leave any party. His life was filled with so many wonderful friends.

He loved horses, mountains, boating, golf, and the beach – he rarely sat still. He was generous, sharing whatever gifts he had. Phil was someone who led by example. He was a strong Christian, and he was humble, genuine, and curious. He was a fighter and never gave up – using all nine lives in his 89 years on this earth.


A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

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Velma Louise Tishner (Huyck)

July 25, 1928 – March 4, 2025



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Velma Louise Tishner (Huyck), who departed this life on March 4, 2025.

Born on July 25, 1928, in Bradley, Wis., Velma was a charismatic woman who brought joy and light into the lives of those fortunate enough to know her. A longtime resident of Cicero, her thoughtful and generous nature will be dearly missed by all.

Velma was a devoted homemaker, creating a warm and welcoming environment for all who entered her home. She had a deep love for nature, often seen working in her yard, planting flowers, feeding her birds, and enjoying the outdoors. In her youth, Velma enjoyed fishing and the family even owned a bait and tackle shop in town, she relished the tranquility and excitement it brought her. She had a passion for dancing and loved taking long walks around Cicero. Velma was also a previous member of the Moose Lodge, a testament to her community spirit and social nature.

Velma is survived by her sons, Michael (“Binny”) Tishner and David (Keri) Tishner; her daughter, Linda (Michael) Johnson; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Thomas Tishner; her parents, Robert and Amy Huyck; and her brothers, Robert and Harry Huyck.


Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will follow at the same venue at 1 pm. A private graveside will take place at a later date at Cicero Cemetery.

In celebrating Velma's life, we encourage friends and relatives to share their treasured memories and upload photos of Velma to the memorial page. Your stories and images will serve as a comforting reminder of the love and joy Velma brought into our lives.

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William Eugene Fletcher

January 5, 1955 – March 2, 2025



William Eugene Fletcher, known by all as Bill or Billy, passed away at home on March 2, 2025, surrounded by his close friends and family.

Bill was born on January 5, 1955, to Tom and Ruth Fletcher. He is survived by one brother, Jack Fletcher of Largo, Fla., one sister, Sheryl Arehart-McLaughlin of Largo, Fla., and a niece and several nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Steve Fletcher.

Bill graduated from Western High School in 1973. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Kathryn Joanne Diller, whom he married on July 22, 1980.

Bill was employed by Delco, which later became Delphi, in 1978. Bill retired in 2008 after 30 years of service.

Bill became a Christian and was baptized in 1975. He was a past member of Courtland Avenue Church of Christ, Emerson Avenue Church of Christ, Woodland Hills Church of Christ, High School Road Church of Christ, and the last several years of his life he was a member at Westfield Church of Christ. Bill's attendance in the last year of his life was an encouragement to many members. Bill will always be loved.

A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 15 at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A Celebration of Life, with Emerson Brown officiating, will immediately follow at noon.


In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Memorials Processing, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

As we say our final goodbyes to William, we invite you to share your memories and upload photos to his memorial page. Each shared memory or photo will serve as a reminder of the joy and love William brought into our lives. Let us remember William Fletcher, not just for what he did, but for who he was – a man of character, love, and an unforgettable smile.

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Julianna Louise Wiseman

July 8, 1932 – March 5, 2025



Julianna Louise Wiseman, 92, Fishers, passed away on March 5, 2025. Julianna was born on July 8, 1932, in Sharpsville, Ind., to Paul and Beulah (Collier) Grinstead.

Julianna graduated from Sheridan High School and continued her education receiving her bachelor's degree in nursing from Holy Cross. She married Bud Wiseman in August 1953, and together they had three sons. She worked as a nurse at Riverview Hospital and then became the first school nurse for all five Hamilton Southeastern Schools where she proudly started the Candy Strippers Program.

Julianna was a former member of Noblesville Baptist Church where she played the piano, and a former member of Cyntheanne Christian Church. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, and taking care of her flowers, but most of all she loved being a mom to her three boys and a wonderful and attentive grandmother to her grandchildren.

Julianna is survived by her children, Rex (Barb) Wiseman, Mark Wiseman, and Kelly (Nancy) Wiseman; grandchildren, Keith “Luke” (Brittany) Wiseman, Nick (Sarah) Wiseman, Matt (Cassie) Wiseman, John Wiseman, Jessica (Jeremy) Smith, and Jordan (Charlotte) Wiseman; and great-grandchildren, Reid, Noelle, Colton, Clay, Jack, Max, Clark, Clyde, and Clarence. She is also survived by her siblings, David (Rebecca) Grinstead and Deloris Durham; sister-in-law, Sandra Grinstead; brother-in-law, Ron Cook; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harry R. “Bud” Wiseman; her parents, Paul and Beulah Grinstead; brother, Dallas Grinstead; sister, Carol Cook; and sister-in-law, Harriett Madonna Lutton.


Visitation for Julianna will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2025, at Seals Funeral Home, 122 W. Staat St., Fortville. A Funeral Service will take place at 1 p.m. and burial will follow at Gravel Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions in Julianne's honor may be made to St. Jude or to the Arthritis Association.

Please visit sealsfuneralhome.com to sign her online guestbook.

Patricia Ann Mosbaugh

May 4, 1926 – February 27, 2025



Patricia Ann Mosbaugh, 98, Arcadia, passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at Grandbrook Memory Care. She was born on May 4, 1926, to Thomas and Inez Fay in Anderson, Ind.

Patrica attended Walnut Grove High School during her freshman and sophomore year. She then transferred to Shortridge High School in Indianapolis where she graduated in the Class of 1945. While attending Walnut Grove for those two years she met her husband, Malcolm Mosbaugh. They married on February 18, 1949.

Patricia spent her early years of marriage as a housewife and mother before taking a position with the Hamilton Heights Schools in 1968 as the bookkeeper and secretary at Cicero Elementary/Hamilton Heights Elementary, retiring in 1984.

Following retirement, Patricia took up the game of golf, becoming a prominent member of the Tipton Women's Golf League. She became an avid player of the game participating in multiple tournaments throughout central Indiana. She was also a cherished member of the Cicero Women's Book Club. After her husband's retirement from farming, they enjoyed RVing with two other close couples finding their way to places in Florida and Texas. Later, they traded RVing for a winter home in McAllen, Texas. While enjoying this time together they also enjoyed the company of their beloved dogs, Gretchen, Mitzy, and Sassy.

She was a cherished mother of two sons, Thomas (Kathy) Mosbaugh of Noblesville and Jeffrey (Angel) Mosbaugh of Arcadia; the proud grandmother of Ryan Mosbaugh (Kelli), Nicole VanSchouwen (Marshall), Aaron Mosbaugh, Chad Mosbaugh, and Nicole Arvin (Zach); and the adoring great-grandmother of four.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother, Thomas Fay.

Patricia's wishes were to be cremated and to have a private graveside service, surrounded by her loving family when the weather improves. The family has entrusted her wishes and care to Hartley Funeral Home, Cicero.

Patricia's spirit, vibrant and warm, will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. We invite you to celebrate Patricia's life by sharing your memories and photos on the memorial page. Your tributes will serve as a testament to Patricia's beautiful life, her generous spirit, and her loving heart.

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Boys Basketball Sectionals

Tigers charge back in fourth, beat Millers for repeat title

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

CARMEL – Fishers head coach Garrett Winegar didn’t overcomplicate the situation when his Tigers huddled before the start of the fourth quarter Saturday night.

With his top-ranked Class 4A Tigers tied with rival Noblesville, 38-38, during the Sectional 8 title game inside the Eric Clark Athletic Center, Winegar simply reminded his players who they were.

For a dominating wave of seven minutes in the fourth quarter on Bill Shepherd Court, the Tigers didn’t just remember.

They showed why they are the defending 4A state champions.

“It’s our motto. Relentless. Dynamic. Together. When we all come together and have a hive mind, one mind, we can do a lot of incredible things,” Fishers senior JonAnthony Hall said. “You saw it here defensively in the fourth quarter. They couldn’t score.”

The unbeaten Tigers (27-0) strung together an 11-0 run to open the fourth quarter, and the No. 8 Millers (19-6) went scoreless for seven minutes, as Fishers pulled away to repeat as Sectional 8 champions, 55-46.

“It’s a great sectional. Every coach and every team are super talented. You know how it is in tournament time; possessions are going to slow down. Everyone is a little tighter. We knew it was going to come down to making plays in the moments,” Winegar said. “We made some adjustments, and we made the plays when we needed to.”

The first tide-turning play was a 3-pointer by senior Millen McCartney.

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Photo by Richard Torres

The Fishers boys basketball team defended its Sectional 8 championship last Saturday, coming back to beat Noblesville 55-46 on Carmel’s Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

Golden Eagles cruise past Bruins for third consecutive sectional title

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic boys basketball team got its first-ever three-peat last week.

The Class 3A No. 5 Golden Eagles won their third consecutive sectional championship last Saturday by beating Tri-West 63-39 in the final of Sectional 25 at Frankfort’s Case Arena. It’s the eighth sectional championship in program history for Guerin Catholic.

The Golden Eagles outscored the Bruins in each of the four quarters, leading 8-5 after the first period. Guerin Catholic powered ahead in the second quarter, outscoring Tri-West 20-9 for a 28-14 halftime lead. The third quarter was more of the same, as GC won that period 17-8 to go up 45-22 entering the fourth quarter.

Ryne Paris was the Golden Eagles’ top scorer, pouring in 20 points and also dishing out five assists and making four steals. Bryson Cardinal again reached double-double status with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Jake Grisom also scored 14 points.

Guerin Catholic is now 23-4 for the season, the second-highest win total for the Golden Eagles in program history. The 2011-12 GC team went 24-5 and won its first-ever state championship that year.

The Golden Eagles traveled to Greenfield-Central on Saturday to play No. 3-ranked New Palestine for the Regional 14 championship. That game tips off at 4 p.m., following the 1 p.m. Class 1A game between North Decatur and Liberty Christian.



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The Guerin Catholic boys basketball team won its third consecutive sectional title last Saturday, beating Tri-West 63-39 at Frankfort’s Case Arena.

University rolls past Cardinal Ritter for first sectional title since 2022

The REPORTER

University defeated Cardinal Ritter 58-43 to capture the Class 2A Sectional 42 championship last Saturday at Park Tudor, its first sectional championship since 2022.

Max McComb led three Trailblazers in double figures with 15 points. Faisal Mohamud had 11 points (including 9 of 12 at the foul line) and Blake Gray added 10 points.

University withstood a first quarter that saw Ritter make four of five three pointers and lead by as many as seven points on their way to a 17-13 advantage. Josh Henderson came off the bench to score six second quarter points as University clawed within 24-21 by halftime.

The Raiders scored the first two points of the third quarter before the Trailblazers took control of the game with runs of 10 and 16 points sandwiched around a Ritter three pointer. Henderson made a steal and layin to give University their first lead at 27-26. The Blazers led the rest of the game.

Six Trailblazers scored in the third quarter as University led 36-29 entering the final eight minutes. Three steals in the opening 90 seconds of the fourth quarter put University up 43-29. Gray had a steal and layin and Zien Bland completed a three point play off a Cooper Cammack steal forcing a Ritter timeout. Cammack then scored off a Gray steal for a 43-29 lead.

A pair of McComb free throws and a Gray basket completed the 16-0 and a 47-29 lead with four minutes remaining. Ritter began fouling to send the Blazers to the line, but the Blazers made 14 of their 19 fourth quarter charity tosses and stretched the lead 57-35 before Ritter scored eight late points.

University had assists on 13 of their 16 made field goals. Mohamud had five assists and McComb handed out four. McComb also added five rebounds, three blocked shots and two steals. Henderson had a team high seven rebounds.

Cammack played a tremendous defensive game. The 6-4 junior held Ritter’s 6-8 Devin Bolden to just four points and kept Bolden off the boards. Bolden entered averaging 19.3 points.

The championship was coach Justin Blanding’s first as boys coach after leading the Trailblazer girls to five sectional championships. He was thankful and proud after the game.

“I want to thank our Head of School Alicia La-Magdeleine and my Athletic Directors John Walls, Wes Priest and Cullen Webster. I’m incredibly proud of my team,” said Blanding. “We have prepared all season for this moment. Almost a year ago today I told the kids returning that we would



Photo provided

The University boys basketball team beat Cardinal Ritter 58-43 last Saturday to win the Park Tudor sectional. It’s the first sectional title for the Trailblazers since 2022.

For coverage of earlier boys basketball games, go to ReadTheReporter.com

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Girls Basketball

HSE’s Satterfield named girls All-Stars assistant coach

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball coach Brian Satterfield has been named as one of the assistant coaches for the 2025 IndyStar girls’ Indiana All-Stars, games director Mike Broughton announced last Wednesday.

Stacy Mitchell of Warren Central has been named head coach, while Kristi Sigler of Jennings County will be the other assistant coach.

Players chosen for the 2025 girls’ All-Stars will play three games in June -- one exhibition game against the Indiana Junior All-Stars as well as home-and-home contests against the Kentucky All-Stars.

Satterfield has compiled an 83-16 mark in four seasons as girls’ coach at Hamilton Southeastern, including a 27-1 finish in 2024-25 when his Royals were ranked No. 1 in Class 4A for much of the season and won sectional and regional titles. His girls’ success came after 20 seasons guiding the HSE boys, where he amassed a 322-151 record with three sectional titles and mentored Indiana Mr. Basketball honorees Gary Harris in 2012 and Zak Irvin in 2013.

This is Satterfield’s second stint with the Indiana

All-Stars, previously serving as an All-Star boys’ assistant coach in 2015. He also was a head coach for the 2010 Indiana Class All-Star Classic and the 2012 North-South Game as well as assisting in the 2012 Nike Global Games in Washington, D.C.

He has been voted an IBCA boys’ District Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2012, six times was honored as the Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys’ Coach of the Year and twice has been selected HCC girls’ Coach of the Year. He served the IBCA as a district representative from 2012-15 and currently is in the first year of a second three-year term.

Satterfield is a 1986 graduate of Plainfield High School, where he averaged 8.9 points as a senior for a 20-6 regional champion. He went on to Wabash College, where he played three seasons for the Little Giants’ varsity program and completed his bachelor’s degree in business in 1990. After college, he worked for Met Life for three years before earning a teacher’s certification through Indiana University in 1995. He then served as a boys’



Satterfield

assistant coach at Madison, Triton Central, Avon and HSE before becoming the HSE boys’ head coach in 2001-02.

He and his wife, Deb, are parents to Brooke, Nolan and Blair.

Mitchell has compiled a 145-84 record in 10 seasons at the girls’ varsity coach at Warren Central, including a Class 4A state championship in 2018 and a 13-9 ledger this past season. His teams also claimed Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference championships in 2019 and 2023.

He is the first black person to be named the head coach of the Indiana girls’ All-Stars. Previous girls’ All-Stars black assistant coaches have been Mel Good of Columbus East in 1997, Larry Winters of Bloomington South in 2011 and Juanita Goodwell of Fort Wayne South in 2013.

Sigler led Jennings County to a 15-8 mark and Hoosier Hills Conference co-championship in 2024-25, one season after guiding the Panthers to a 23-4 mark and HHC outright title. Her record in nine seasons as the Jennings County varsity coach is 132-86, and she

previously served as an assistant coach in the program from 2008-16. She served as an IBCA district representative from 2019-22 and now is in her second year as an IBCA assistant director.

The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 4 at Greenfield-Central. The first game against Kentucky will be June 6 at a site to be announced. The final game against Kentucky will be June 7 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. All three dates will be doubleheaders with the IndyStar Indiana boys’ All-Stars.

Rosters for the 2025 Indiana girls’ All-Stars, Indiana boys’ All-Stars, girls’ Junior All-Stars and boys’ Junior All-Stars will be announced later.

The Indiana Junior All-Stars will play two girl-boy doubleheaders this year -- June 1 against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars at site to be announced and June 4 against the Indiana seniors at Greenfield-Central.

The 2025 IndyStar Indiana All-Star “Futures Games” doubleheader will be on June 2 at Fishers. This event, for girls and boys who are current sophomores or freshmen, will feature two Indiana teams in a North-South format. Rosters for the Futures Games will be announced later.

Boys Basketball

Blackhawks edged out by Tipton

The REPORTER

Sheridan dropped a close game to Tipton last Friday in the semifinals of Class 2A Sectional 39 at Frankton.

The Blackhawks jumped out to a 20-13 lead after the first quarter. Trey Page hit two 3-pointers for six points, with Caleb Wright scoring five points. The Blue Devils cut into that lead during the second quarter, but Sheridan still was up 29-26 at halftime.

Tipton moved ahead 43-42 after three quarters; Damon Winston helped keep the ‘Hawks in it with five points. The game was tied at 45-45 with 6:17 left in the fourth, but the Blue

Devils inched ahead towards the middle of the period and held on for the win.

Four Sheridan players reached double-digit scoring. Damon Winston finished with 13 points, with Caleb Wright and Devon Hamilton each scoring 12 points. Page had 11 points.

Carson Wright led the rebounds with six, followed by five each from Caleb Wright and Winston. Caleb Wright dished out six assists, while Hamilton handed out four assists.

The Blackhawks completed their season with a 16-6 record, the most wins for Sheridan since its 2002-03 team also went 16-6.

Huskies drop tough first-round game to Connersville

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped a tough first-round game at the Class 3A New Castle sectional last Tuesday, falling to Connersville 44-42.

The Huskies led 14-10 after one quarter, with Carson Felger hitting two 3-pointers. Heights went up 26-17 at halftime, but the Spartans cut that lead to

33-31 after three quarters. Connersville outscored the Huskies 13-9 in the fourth to get the win.

Felger led Heights with 13 points and nine rebounds. Dreydin Serina also collected nine rebounds. Tyler Champion scored nine points, hitting two 3s.

The Huskies finished their season 14-9.

Three county girls players named to IBCA Supreme 15 teams

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County girls basketball players are among the 15 seniors and 15 underclass girls’ basketball players have earned IBCA/Franciscan Health “Supreme 15” All-State honors for 2024-25, it was announced last Thursday. The IBCA also named Large School All-State teams (15 seniors, 15 underclass) and Small School All-State teams (15 seniors, 15 underclass).

Hamilton Southeastern’s Maya Makalusky and Noblesville’s Meredith Tippner were among the players voted to the 2025 IBCA/Franciscan Health Supreme 15 Senior girls’ team. The other players are, listed alphabetically: Laila Abdurraqib, Lawrence Central; Addison Baxter, Columbia City; Avery Gordon, Brownsburg; Kya Hurt, Lawrence North; Jaylah Lampley, Lawrence Central; Monique Mitchell, South Bend Washington; Kira Reynolds, South Bend Washington; Ellie Richardson, Scottsburg; Aniah Smith, Avon; Gabby Spink, Gibson Southern; Kaycie Warfel, Pendleton Heights; Leah West, Greensburg; Brooke Winchester, Warsaw.

Another Hamilton Southeastern player, junior

Kennedy Holman, was voted to the 2024 IBCA/Franciscan Health Supreme 15 Underclass girls’ team. She joins the following players, listed alphabetically: Lillian Barnes, Valparaiso; Joslyn Bricker, Warsaw; Myah Epps, Homestead; Gracyn Gilliard, Center Grove; Lillie Graves, McCutcheon; Gabby Helsom, Homestead; Lola Lampley, Lawrence Central; Hannah Menser, Plainfield; Katie Reed, Washington; Brooklynn Renn, Silver Creek; Vanessa Rosswurm, Norwell; Maddy Shirley, Evansville Central; Laniah Wills, Lapel; Brooke Zartman, Warsaw.

The “Supreme 15” is the top honor awarded, and players were voted to that group without regard to school size. The Large School and Small School all-state teams are secondary accolades – the Large School group including players from Class 3A and Class 4A schools and the Small School group including players from Class A and Class 2A schools. Players who make the Supreme 15 are not considered for Large School or Small School honors.

Fishers’ Nevaeh Dickman was voted to the Large School Senior All-State

team, while Sheridan’s Kenzie Garner was voted to the Small School All-State team.

In addition, 93 more seniors and 93 more underclass players were selected honorable mention all-state. The honorable mention laurels are awarded without regard to school size. In total, 276 players -- 138 seniors and 138 underclass players -- were recognized on the 2025 IBCA girls’ basketball All-State teams. In total, 640 players were nominated (231 seniors, 409 underclass) from 272 schools.

Sheridan’s Cecilia Timme and Carmel’s Izzy Shepherd received Senior honorable mention. Three county players received Underclass honorable mention: Noblesville junior C.C. Quigley, Fishers freshman Riley Schellhammer and Hamilton Southeastern junior Kayla Stidham.

The IBCA/Franciscan Health All-State teams are selected through a process organized by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and presented by Franciscan Health Sports Medicine.

All IBCA-member head coaches have the opportunity to nominate players. A panel of 22 IBCA coaches –

16 from the current regional areas plus six at-large representatives (two each from IHSAA Districts 1, 2 and 3). Doug Springer, coach at Northridge, is the committee chairman and one of the 22 voters.

Franciscan Health Sports Medicine is making a financial contribution to the IBCA Scholarship Fund as the presenting partner of the IBCA All-State Teams. As part of the partnership, Franciscan Health Sports Medicine will provide plaques to Supreme 15 honorees and certificates to players receiving Large School All-State, Small School All-State or Honorable Mention All-State recognition. Those items will be made available to each recipient’s coach during April, allowing her coach to present the award to each player prior to the end of the 2024-25 academic year.

The IBCA thanks Franciscan Health Sports Medicine for being a partner in this annual project.

COURT NOTICE

80C01-2503-EU-000027
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Estate of Sharon L. Smith
ADLER ATTORNEYS
Raymond M. Adler, P.C., #2336-29
136 South 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
(317) 773-1974
ray@noblesvilleattorney.com
In the Circuit Court of Tipton County, Indiana
Notice is given that Stuart Clappitt, on March 06, 2025 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named Decedent, who died on February 22, 2025. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether 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 of Decedent’s death whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated: March 6, 2025
Christy Crawford
Clerk for Tipton County, Indiana
R5875 3/10/25, 3/17/25

TITLE

be back and that we would win. The buy in and cohesiveness is what makes this team special.”

“Having been fortunate enough to win a sectional before I really wanted the kids to have this experience” Blanding continued.” My

coaches are unbelievable. Our parents and supporters are incredible. I’m honored to be the coach here. Ritter is a great team and was deserving but we were fortunate enough to win. The job is not done, we face a very well coached Triton Central

team who plays extremely hard and they execute. We will be ready.”

University is now 17-9 and will face Triton Central at 1 p.m. at Lebanon High School’s Rosenstihl Gymnasium in Saturday’s regional.

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WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
CITY OF WESTFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
(AMBROSE ON MAIN PROJECT)
Notice is hereby given that the City of Westfield Economic Development Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., local time, on March 24, 2025, in the City Hall Assembly Room, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, concerning the proposed issuance by the City of Westfield, Indiana (the “City”) of economic development tax increment revenues bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) (the “Bonds”), which may be issued on a taxable or tax-exempt basis for purposes of federal income taxation. The City will provide the proceeds of the Bonds to New Ambrose, LLC or a single-purpose affiliate thereof (collectively, the “Company”) to finance a portion of the costs of the design and construction of infrastructure improvements, including, but not limited to, land acquisition, storm water improvements, utilities relocation, streetscape and plaza improvements, general site improvements, structured parking costs and/or road, trail and sidewalk or other local public improvements (collectively the “Projects”), located in, physically connected to, or directly serving or benefitting the Ambrose Allocation Area (the “Allocation Area”) of the Grand Junction Economic Development Area (the “Area”), which will support a new mixed-use project in the Area consisting of a new four-story building with three floors of residential apartments, retail/restaurant space on the ground floor and more than 200 surface parking spaces, and/or related improvements within the Area (collectively, the “Development”). The Bonds will not be an indebtedness or general obligation of the City and will not be payable in any manner by the taxing power of the City. The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable solely from the tax increment revenues expected to be generated from the Development within the Allocation Area, as described in the agreements of the City concerning the financing of the economic development facilities (such agreements, collectively, the “Financing Agreements”). Copies of the form of the Financing Agreements will be on file with the Clerk-Treasurer of the City and are available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the City during regular business hours daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. At the time and place fixed for the public hearing, all taxpayers, residents or interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed financing of the Projects in writing or in person.
CITY OF WESTFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R5869 3/10/25

NOBLESVILLE

City Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Information
The City of Noblesville is a Combined Sewer Community, which means that some of the sewers in the older part of the City transport both storm and sanitary wastewater to the treatment plant. Normally, only Stormwater discharges to the river from any outfall pipe. During high intensity large volume rain events, the capacity of the lines transporting the combined liquid to the treatment plant may be exceeded. Points in the line exist to allow the system to relieve the excess combined flow to the normally storm-only line in order to avoid property damage. This discharge into a receiving stream is a combination of the storm and diluted sanitary flow. The Utility has placed signs at each of the eight (8) outfall structures where the combined waste flow can potentially discharge to a receiving stream. There is a risk of becoming sick if you come into contact with this water. It is advisable that you do not wade in the streams during high intensity high volume rain events. If you have any questions or would like to be notified about CSO events, please contact Noblesville Utilities at cso_notification@noblesville.in.gov or at (317) 776-6353 ext. 3101.
R5873 3/10/25

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Legal Notice
Board of zoning appeals
The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on March 20th, 2025, 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall, located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:
Docket No. BZA-0325-10-AG
A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 4114 E 236th Street, Cicero IN, 46034 to: Allow an accessory structure in front of the primary structure. Whereas Article 7.5 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that an accessory structure shall only be placed to the rear or side of the primary structure in the “AG” district.
Project Address: 4114 E 236th Street, Cicero, IN 46034
Legal Description: Acreage 3.6 Section 32, Township 20, Range 4
Parcel number: 03-02-32-00-00-011.001
The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzwadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.
The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner’s Name: Stephen Moore Date: February 24th, 2025
R5874 3/8/25, 3/10/25

COUNTY

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE
2006 Pontiac G6
VIN 1G2ZG558964208477
Will be towed at owners expense if not claimed
R5876 3/8, 3/10, 3/12, 3/13, 3/14, 3/15, 3/17, 3/19, 3/20, 3/21/2025

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29D03-2502-AD-000163
Hamilton Superior Court 3
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURT
CAUSE NO.: 29D03-2502-AD-000163
NOTICE TO PUTATIVE FATHER OF ADOPTION
Patric Bagley, who is the putative father of the child born to Hayley Nichole Gibbs (maiden name Hamby) on July 17th, 2017, in Noblesville, Indiana, is notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton County Superior Court, 1 N. 8th St. #106, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060.
If Patric Bagley seeks to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above-named court not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of service of this notice.
If Patric Bagley does not file a motion to contest the adoption within fifteen (15) days after service of this notice, the above-named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. His consent will be irrevocably implied, and he will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. He will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child, by affidavit or otherwise, in Indiana or in any other jurisdiction.
Nothing Hayley Nichole Gibbs or anyone else says to Patric Bagley relieves Patric Bagley of his obligations under this notice.
Under Indiana law, a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father. For purposes of this notice, Patric Bagley is a putative father under the Indiana laws regarding adoption.
This notice complies with IC 31-19-4-5 but does not exhaustively set forth a putative father's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served this notice should consult with the Indiana adoption statutes.
R5753 2/24/25, 3/3/25, 3/10/25

29C01-2502-MI-001736
STATE OF INDIANA IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 29C01-2502-MI-001736
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE)
OF LINDA MARIE FREED)
AN ADULT,)
NOTICE
To all interested persons.
You are notified that a Petition to Change Name has been filed by Linda Marie Freed within 7 days last past to change her name to Linda Marie Jacobs. The Petition will be heard on July 14, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the Hamilton Circuit Court, Hamilton County Government And Judicial Center, Noblesville, Indiana. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and/or file objections thereto.
Dated: February 19, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
2/24/25, 3/3/25, 3/10/25
R5770

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-014227
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Leah Jane Fochtman
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Leah Jane Fochtman, whose mailing address is: 13880 Wabash Dr. in the HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Leah Jane Fochtman has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Leah Jane Timm.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: May 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Leah Jane Fochtman
Petitioner
January 2, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
2/24/25, 3/3/25, 3/10/25
R5772

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-10006
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR:
Tyler Jeffy Abdul Ly
Name of Minor
Myla McKinney
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Myla McKinney, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of minor child from Muhammad Benjamin Ly to Benjamin Franklin McKinney, III.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on April 7, 2025 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: December 5, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
2/24/25, 3/3/25, 3/10/25
R5777

29D02-2502-EU-000100
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 2
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2502-EU-000100
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF WOODBURY THOMAS GLIDDEN
Deceased
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Kathryn Glidden was on February 24, 2025 Appointed the Personal Representative of the Unsupervised Estate of Woodbury Thomas Glidden, Deceased, who died on February 9, 2025, and she is authorized to Administer said Estate 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 Hamilton County, IN. within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's Death, which ever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, IN. this February 24, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Courts
J. DAVID YOUNG,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
5868 East 71st Street, No. 207
Indianapolis, IN 46220
(317)580-2582
R5780 3/3/25, 3/10/25

29D03-2502-EU-000093
Hamilton Superior Court 3
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 3
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE) OF STANLEY ALLEN YERKES,)
DECEASED)
George G. Slater, Attorney
SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC
600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128
Carmel, IN 46032
317-571-9600
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Amanda S. Wilner was on February 25, 2025 appointed personal representative of the Estate of Stanley Allen Yerkes, deceased.
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 said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on February 25, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5806 3/3/25, 3/10/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2502-MI-1609
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF:
VALERIE ANN WHITE
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, VALERIE ANN WHITE, through counsel, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from VALERIE ANN WHITE to VALERIE ANN MARLIN.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on July 14, 2025 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: February 19, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
2/24/25, 3/3/25, 3/10/25
R5771

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-10005
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR:
Muhammad Benjamin Ly
Name of Minor
Myla McKinney
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Myla McKinney, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of minor child from Muhammad Benjamin Ly to Benjamin Franklin McKinney, III.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on April 7, 2025 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: December 5, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
2/24/25, 3/3/25, 3/10/25
R5776

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2502-MI-1668
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Bryden Wayne Francoeur
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Bryden Wayne Francoeur, whose mailing address is: 17938 Galvin Way Unit 312 Noblesville, Indiana 46062 in the HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Bryden Wayne Francoeur has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Bryden Wayne Hartley.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: July 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Bryden Wayne Francoeur
Petitioner
February 19, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
3/3/25, 3/10/25, 3/17/25
R5783

29D03-2502-EU-000084
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE MATTER OF THE) UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF GISELA J. ZIKE,)
deceased.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on a February 24, 2025, Barbara G. Faunce was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Gisela J. Zike, deceased, who died on February 8, 2025.
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 from the date of Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on February 24, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
CLERK, Hamilton Superior Court
Jeanette C. Kassebaum
Attorney
P.O. Box 221
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 578-4550
R5807 3/3/25, 3/10/25

29D01-2501-EU-000045
Hamilton Circuit Court
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
In the matter of the Estate of Tony Cebalo, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Anthony David Cebalo was on January 29, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Tony Cebalo, who died on the 29th day of December, 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: January 29, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Circuit Court
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2500 Main Street, Suite 601
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ATTORNEY AND COUNSEL
FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
R5819 3/3/25, 3/10/25

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
WASTEWATER HEADWORKS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
INDIANA CODE 5-23 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
RFPQ Release Date: March 3, 2025
RFPQ Publication
Dates: March 3, 2025, March 5, 2025, March 10, 2025 and March 12, 2025
RFPQ Due Date: March 25, 2025
RFPQ Contact: Kristyn Parker, Utilities Project Coordinator
P. 317-776-6353 ext. 3009
kparker@noblesville.in.us
I. INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT
In accordance with Indiana Code 5-23-5, as amended (the "Act"), the City of Noblesville, Indiana (the "City") invites any and all qualified parties (each an "offeror") to submit Proposals and Statements of Qualifications to design, build, operate and/or maintain improvements to the City's sewage works consisting of improvements to the wastewater treatment plant headworks building, all as more particularly described herein (collectively, the "Project"). The purpose of this RFPQ is to identify a team that is capable of scoping and developing the Project. The team should include all professional services and consultants as may be required to design, build, operate and maintain the Project, including, but not limited to, civil, structural, HVAC and MEPT engineering, procurement, etc. as well as any other team members the offeror deems appropriate. At a certain point in time, the City shall assume ownership of the Project. The City will provide for the financing of the Project although offerors are expected to provide suggested financing structure models for the City to review. A full copy of the RFPQ may be obtained upon request from the RFPQ Contact, Kristyn Parker, as described above. This notice includes a summary of certain portions of the RFPQ however any qualified party interested in submitting a response should obtain a full copy of the RFPQ from the RFPQ Contact.
II. SUBMISSION OF PSQOS
Sealed proposals in response to the RFPQ ("PSQOs") shall be received by the City at the City of Noblesville, Indiana Clerk's office located at City Hall 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 Attention Evelyn Lees, until 9:00 a.m., local time, on March 25, 2025. Any PSQO received after the designated time will be returned unopened. The proposals will be opened by an evaluation committee on or after March 26, 2025. The evaluation committee will be made up of the members set forth in the full copy of the RFPQ which is available upon request from the RFPQ Contact, Kristyn Parker.
Each member of the selection committee shall have one vote, but the selection committee's recommendation shall be a non-binding recommendation made to the Noblesville Board of Public Works and/or the Noblesville Common Council who shall award any contracts recommended as part of the partnership as provided by law. The selection committee may conduct interviews with any offeror and may also negotiate with any and all offerors. The PSQO should be clearly marked "RFPQ Wastewater Headworks Improvements Project" on the outside of the envelope. Provide five (5) hard copies of your proposal and three (3) copies on portable USB drives. Any confidential information included in the PSQO shall be labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" and shall be submitted on a separate drive, also labeled "CONFIDENTIAL".
III. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
The Project involves the construction of improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant headworks building located at 197 Washington Street in the City. The Project includes the following:
• replace raw sewage pumps
• replace piping and valves
• expand and reconfigure the electrical room
• install liner for concrete flow channels, wetwells, and sludge well
• replace flow channel and wet well gates
• install new ductwork and HVAC system
• construct an odor control system
• other related ancillary improvements
The City, through Noblesville Utilities, is evaluating numerous elements for the Project including the following known elements and potential elements:
KNOWN ELEMENTS
➢ Raw Sewage Pumps
o Replace four (4) raw sewage pumps
o Piping & Valves
o Replace raw sewage pumps check valves and plug valves
o Replace raw sewage pump piping and header piping
o Install wall penetrations as needed
➢ Electrical Room Expansion
o Extend the electrical room to the south building wall
o Modify the southeast stairwell. Install a new below-grade entrance to the stairwell.
o Install a new door to the electrical room from the south face of the building. Eliminate the existing door to the electrical room.
o Install a ladder and hatch to the roof
➢ Flow Channel, Wetwell, and Sludge Well Liner
o Prep the concrete influent channels, wet well, and primary sludge well
o Evaluate the walls and piping for any necessary repairs or replacements. Perform as needed.
o Install a multilayer polyurea coating system
➢ Flow Channel and Wetwell Gates
o Replace four (4) isolation gates in the flow channels
o Replace the failed wet well sluice gate and actuator
➢ Ductwork and HVAC System
o Demo existing HVAC
o Install new air supplies, exhausts, fans, and ducts to improve air ventilation throughout the building
o Install enclosure and hatches at ground-level channel opening
o Install dedicated HVAC system for the electrical room
➢ Odor Control Air Scrubber
o Odor control has been identified as an important goal of this project
o Work with the Engineer and Owner to evaluate the relative benefits of different air scrubber styles
o Construct the selected air scrubber including supporting foundation, fans, and ductwork
➢ Other Improvements
o Install catwalk in the dry well
Additional details of the known project elements can be found in the "2024 Headworks Report" available from the RFPQ Contact.
POTENTIAL ELEMENTS
Additional potential items include anything identified during the BOT scoping process which could improve the long-term safety and operation of the headworks. The City currently contemplates that the Project will include the development, design, construction, procurement of fixtures, and equipment necessary for completion of the Project as referenced above and should additionally include the following:
• The wastewater utility plant must be continuously operational throughout construction. Developer must prepare Maintenance and Operations plans and submit for City approval prior to construction.
• Several improvements included in this Project will require one or more of the headworks raw sewage pumps to be inoperable. This work shall be done in coordination with utility staff and during dry-weather.
• Other contractors may be present in and around the headworks during the Project. All contractors are required to cooperate and coordinate amicably with each other and the utility to achieve the shared goal of improving the utility's infrastructure.
• Offerors should also submit proposals for the operation and management of the Project, under guidance from the City. Operation and management proposals should assume that the Project will be operated as a part of the City's wastewater utility which serves the City.
Site development for the Project shall include any and all site development required for the development of the Project, including but not limited to on-site and off-site utilities necessary to service the Project and related surrounding infrastructure, reconfiguration of existing utilities, hardscape/landscape, road and traffic control improvements, and utility improvements to and from the property boundary to support the Project.
IV. PROJECT BUDGET
The Project will be funded directly by the City through bonds and, if necessary, existing funds on hand. The City does not anticipate additional funding requirements from the Offeror. The Project budget is estimated to be at an amount not to exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000). Project budget adjustments may be considered if return on investment, revenue generation, economic impact, flexible use, related analysis, and alignment with partner priorities indicate that a budget adjustment would be warranted and in the long term interests of the community. Such budget adjustments will be considered during the evaluation and scoping processes set forth in the full copy of the RFPQ. Offerors should include proposed financing structures and operating cost estimates with their offers and are encouraged to recommend financing structures.
V. PROJECT GOALS
The goals for the Project include but are not limited to:
• Design and install the referenced upgrades and improvements to the City's wastewater utility;
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• Qualifications
• Development budget - Offerors shall include a development budget reflecting in in as much detail as possible hard and soft costs to successfully execute and deliver the Project
• Proposed Project team leads with bios and responsibility matrix
• Narrative of services to be performed and execution plan
• Proposed development fee range
R5755 3/3/25, 3/10/25

— COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE
Hamilton County Plan Commission
The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamilton County Council/Commissioners' Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Building at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana in order to hear the following petition:
DOCKET NO. PC-0002-03-2025
A subdivision application concerning the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance Article 27 in order to subdivide two parcels totaling approximately 75.85 acres into 6 lots that will meet all required subdivision standards.
Project Address: 0 E. Durbin Road, Noblesville, IN 46060
Parcel nos.: 29-11-01-000-014-000.016 and 29-11-01-000-016-000.016
Zone District: A-2
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 by to be heard by 12 noon the day of the Hearing, or at the Hearing.
The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner's Name: Frank Giesecking Date: February 19, 2025
R5847 3/5/25, 3/10/25

— ARCADIA —

TOWN OF ARCADIA
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
The Arcadia Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on March 24, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Arcadia Town Hall located at 208 W. Main St., Arcadia, Indiana 46030, in order to hear the following petition concerning 4 acres consisting of parcels 04-02-24-00-02-009.000 and 04-02-24-00-02-008.000, which is located northwest of the intersection of W. Howard Avenue and S. Olive Street in Arcadia, IN:
1. Docket No. BZA-2025-D0C-004: A "Variance from Development Standards" concerning Sections 156.064(D)(6)(d) and 156.127 (F) of the Town of Arcadia's Zoning Ordinance to permit a 40 foot, front yard setback and buffer yard whereas the a minimum setback and buffer yard of 80 feet is required between "C2" (Business Park/Light Industrial) District and "R4" (Old Town Residential) District.
Project Address: in the vicinity of the northwest corner of the intersection of W. Howard Avenue and S. Olive Street, Arcadia, IN 46030
Parcel# 04-02-24-00-02-009.000 and 04-02-24-00-02-008.000
Legally described as follows: **Exhibit A**
Parcel I: (Fee Simple)
Lots Numbered Eight (8) and Nine (9) in Arcadia Commercial Park, and addition to the Town of Arcadia, as per plat thereof recorded March 18, 2025, in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 595, as Instrument No. 200500016345, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Parcel II: (Easement)
A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress as set forth and shown on the plat of Arcadia Commercial Park, an addition to the Town of Arcadia, as per plat thereof recorded March 18, 2025, in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 595, as Instrument No. 200500016345, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
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 Plan 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: Jarrod DeVries Date: March 24, 2025
R5848 3/10/25

— CICERO —

NOTICE
Bullseye Towing LLC 22271 U.S. 31 N. #100, Cicero, IN, 46034 (317)-979-8446
Date of Sale: 03/18/2025
1HGGC5659WA214689 1998 Honda Accord \$2,750
1GNKRJED2BJ302118 2011 Chevrolet Traverse \$2,750
JM3TB2BA1B0317286 2011 Mazda Cx-9 \$4,750
1G1BE5SM3J7166912 2018 Chevrolet Cruze \$4,750
R5720 3/10/25

— INDY —

NOTICE
EME Logistics LLC 5222 Pine Brook Dr Apt G, Indianapolis, IN, 46254
(701)570-2502
Date of Sale: 03/26/2025
1M1AW02Y4AN012128 2010 Mack CXU600 \$10,000
4T3ZA3BB0DU078607 2013 Toyota Venza \$5,500
5XXGU4L31GGO75492 2016 Kia Optima \$5,500
5NPD84LF6HH083370 2017 Hyundai Elantra \$5,500
5NPD74LF2HH1137282 2017 Hyundai Elantra \$5,500
5NPD84LF4HJ236186 2018 Hyundai Elantra \$5,500
R5721 3/10/25

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE OF EXECUTION OF, AND DETERMINATION TO ENTER INTO, LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
The City of Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment and the Redevelopment District of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "Redevelopment District" and the "City", respectively), has executed and determined to enter into a Lease Agreement (the "Lease") with the City of Westfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority"), to provide for the lease by the Commission, as Lessee, from the Authority, as Lessor, of certain roads located in the Redevelopment District, together with the aforementioned Projects (as hereinafter defined) also located in the Redevelopment District, to enable the Authority to finance (i) a new police department headquarters and (ii) a new fire station designated as fire station #85 (collectively, the "Projects"). The Commission's lease payments under the Lease will be payable from a special tax levied and collected by the Commission on all taxable property within the geographical boundaries of the Redevelopment District pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14-27, to the extent not paid from other available revenues of the Commission, including but not limited to tax increment revenues and certain general revenues pledged by the City to the Commission for such purpose. The Lease provides for a term no longer than twenty-five (25) years and a maximum annual rental not to exceed \$4,500,000 in any one year. The Lease provides for terms concerning the use, maintenance, repair, operating and utility costs, insurance, destruction of the premises, defaults, remedies, options to purchase and miscellaneous other matters. After a public hearing held on the proposed Lease by the Commission on February 18, 2025, at which all interested parties were provided the opportunity to be heard, the Commission adopted a resolution, which among other things, authorized and directed the President and Secretary of the Commission to execute and deliver the Lease in substantially the form presented to the meeting and further found that the rental payments to be made by the Commission are fair and reasonable and that the use of the leased premises under the Lease throughout the term thereof will serve the public purposes of the City and is in the best interests of the residents of the City. The Common Council of the City adopted a resolution approving the Lease on February 24, 2025. The Lease was executed on February 24, 2025. This Notice is being provided to affected taxpayers pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14-25.2 and 6-1.1-20-5. The Lease is open to public inspection in the Clerk-Treasurer's office of the Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.
Dated: February 25, 2025.
CITY OF WESTFIELD
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R5802 3/3/25, 3/10/25

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29C01-2411-MF-012348 wherein *Freedom Mortgage Corporation* was Plaintiff, and *Jerry R. Claus, Deer Path Homeowners Association Inc., Sue Ann Claus and Preston Reid Claus* were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **17th day of April, 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.

All that the following described real estate in Hamilton County, State of Indiana: LOT NUMBERED 712 IN DEER PATH, SECTION SEVENTEEN (17), AN ADDITION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13,2006 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2006-54466 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

More commonly known as 12544 Old Pond Rd, Noblesville, IN 46060-4926 Parcel No. 29-11-15-023-027.000-022

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

Dennis J. Ouakenbush II
Sheriff

BARRY T. BARNES
BARRY T. BARNES, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 19657-49
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727

Wayne Township

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

R5781 3/3/25, 3/10/25, 3/17/25

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

SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D03-2309-MF-009347 wherein *Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.* was Plaintiff, and *Thomas Mavrikis and John T. Mavrikis* were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **April 17, 2025**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot 141 in Cook Creek North, Section 5, an addition to the City of Cannel, in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 5, pages 95-96, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Commonly known address: 472 Ironwood Drive, Cannel, IN 46033

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

Dennis J. Ouakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Clay

Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 29-10-29-104-018.000-018

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
MDK Legal
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff

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R5782 3/3/25, 3/10/25, 3/17/25

FISHERS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:

By: Meyer Najem Construction, LLC, as Construction Manager as Constructor for Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Project: Additions to HSE Intermediate & Junior High School (the "Project")

Deliver To: 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038

Date & Time: April 2, 2025, at 2:00pm (local time)

Bids received after that date and time set forth above, as determined, in the sole and complete discretion of Meyer Najem Construction, LLC, as Construction Manager as Constructor for Hamilton Southeastern Schools (the "Construction Manager"), may be rejected, at the sole and complete discretion of the Construction Manager, and if rejected shall be returned unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the date and time set forth above. This invitation to bidders may not be read as a contract or other binding agreement between the Construction Manager and any bidder, and any and all costs incurred by any bidders will be at the bidder's sole cost and expense.

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 State 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 the Construction Manager. Bid security shall be in the amount of not less than 5% of the total base bid price submitted by the bidder. Should a successful bidder withdraw its bid, fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds or execute the contract, the Construction Manager may then declare the bid security forfeited to the Construction Manager as liquidated damages. Any bid submitted by electronic mail or facsimile transmission shall be rejected. If a bidder uses the United States Postal Service or a local, regional or national courier service to deliver its bid, does so with the acknowledgment that such entity is acting as agent for such bidder, and the bidder's bid is not deemed to be received by the Construction Manager until it is delivered to the address set forth in the immediately following paragraph.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope plainly labeled to indicate the following:

Addressed to:
Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Attn: Meyer Najem Construction, LLC
13485 Cumberland Road
Fishers, IN 46038
Additions to HSE Intermediate & Junior High School Project
Bid Package Number & Name
Name and return address of the bidder

All bid proposals shall be in full compliance with the bid documents. To obtain access to the bid documents please reach out to the below contact. Invitations inclusive of the bid documents will be sent out via Meyer Najem Construction, LLC's SmartBid – Document Management Software. Refer to Specification Section 01 12 00 "Bid Packages" for the breakdown of the individual bid packages and their detailed scopes of work.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2025, at 3:00 pm local time at the Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate & Junior High School, Main Entrance (12278 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers, IN 46037). Following the meeting there will be a site walk-through (weather permitting).

For all questions, please contact Hillary Scott, 317.813.6168, hscott@meyer-najem.com, at the Construction Manager as Constructor.

The Construction Manager reserves the right to reject all bids for any reason or for no reason at all, to reject any bids it determines to be non-responsive or non-responsive and to waive any and all informalities with respect to any or all bids and any of the bidding process, all in its sole and complete discretion.

Meyer Najem Construction, LLC, as Construction Manager as Constructor for Hamilton Southeastern Schools

R5863 3/10/25, 3/17/25

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS CONSTRUCTOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION, UPDATE & EXPANSION PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that Hamilton Southeastern Schools ("Owner"), is requesting proposals from responsible offerors to provide Construction Manager as Constructor services for those construction management services in connection with Hamilton Southeastern High School Renovation. HSE Schools has allocated at least \$100,000,000 to renovate and expand Hamilton Southeastern High School. It is HSE's recommendation that the HSE High School Renovation, Update and Expansion Project will be done in two or more phases over a period of approximately 4 years using the construction manager as constructor method under Indiana Code 5-32. The project will include all or any portion of (a) the construction and equipping of a 2 story academic addition on the south side of the current facility, which upon completion will contain approximately 200,000 square feet, (b) the renovation, updating and equipping of the old A and B wings to accommodate a Career and Technology Academy, (c) the updating and renovation, repair and/or restoration of interior and exterior finishes throughout the entire facility, (d) addressing building envelope issues with renovations, repairs, restorations and/or replacement as determined to be necessary or desirable by Owner, (e) replacing the skylight, (f) updating mechanical, fire, electrical, plumbing, lighting, technology and public address systems, (g) furniture replacement, and (h) site improvements, including, but not limited to, repair, restoration and/or updating of parking lots, sidewalks and curbs.

The proposals will be received until April 22, 2025, by 3:00 PM EST. All questions and communications from any firm interested in submitting an SOQP shall be directed to only Matt Rapp via either telephone at (317) 570-3379 or electronic mail at mrapp@hse.k12.in.us. All such email communication must include the phrase "HSE High School Project-Architect RFP." SOQPs are to be delivered in a sealed envelope or box to the attention of Matt Rapp, Director of Facilities, at Hamilton Southeastern School Administrative Office, which is located at 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038, no later than April 22, 2025, at 3:00pm, local time and must be labeled "Statement of Qualifications and Proposals for CMc Services – HSE High School Renovation, Update and Expansion Project."

The RFP documents for the Construction management services are on file with Hamilton Southeastern Schools and may also be examined at the following location:

<https://www.hseschools.org/community/public-notices>

R5850 3/10/25, 3/17/25

COUNTY

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF
**Vestal/Kirkendall Drainage Area, Russell Shugart Arm
Courtyards of Hazel Dell Offsite Arm Extension & Partial Vacation**
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Vestal/Kirkendall Drainage Area, Russell Shugart Arm, Courtyards of Hazel Dell Offsite Arm Extension & Partial Vacation on March 24, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: *Lynette Mosbaugh*
R5868 3/10/25

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
LIFT STATION 20 REPLACEMENT PROJECT
INDIANA CODE 5-23 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

RFPQ Release Date: March 3, 2025
RFPQ Publication Dates: March 3, 2025, March 5, 2025, March 10, 2025 and March 12, 2025
RFPQ Due Date: March 25, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
RFPQ Contact: Kristyn Parker, Utilities Project Coordinator
P. 317-776-6353 ext. 3009
kparker@noblesville.in.gov

I. INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT

In accordance with Indiana Code 5-23-5, as amended (the "Act"), the City of Noblesville, Indiana (the "City") invites any and all qualified parties (each an "Offeror") to submit Proposals and Statements of Qualifications to design, build, operate and/or maintain improvements to the City's sewage works consisting of the replacement of Lift Station 20 through the construction of a tri-plex lift station at the existing Lift Station 20 site and a new force main to the City's wastewater treatment plant all as more particularly described herein (collectively, the "Project"). The purpose of this RFPQ is to identify a team that is capable of scoping and developing the Project. The team should include all professional services and consultants as may be required to design, build, operate and maintain the Project, including, but not limited to, civil, structural and MEPT engineering, procurement, etc. as well as any other team members the Offeror deems appropriate. At a certain point in time, the City shall assume ownership of the Project. The City will provide for the financing of the Project although Offerors are expected to provide suggested financing structure models for the City to review. A full copy of the RFPQ may be obtained upon request from the RFPQ Contact, Kristyn Parker, as described above. This notice includes a summary of certain portions of the RFPQ however any qualified party interested in submitting a response must obtain a full copy of the RFPQ from the RFPQ Contact.

II. SUBMISSION OF PSQOS

Sealed proposals in response to the RFPQ ("PSQOs") shall be received by the City at the City of Noblesville, Indiana Clerk's office located at City Hall 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 Attention Evelyn Lees, until 9:00 a.m., local time, on March 25, 2025. Any PSQO received after the designated time will be returned unopened. The proposals will be opened by an evaluation committee on or after March 26, 2025. The evaluation committee will be made up of the members set forth in the full copy of the RFPQ which is available upon request from the RFPQ Contact, Kristyn Parker.

Each member of the selection committee shall have one vote, but the selection committee's recommendation shall be a non-binding recommendation made to the Noblesville Board of Public Works and/or the Noblesville Common Council who shall award any contracts recommended as part of the partnership as provided by law. The selection committee may conduct interviews with any Offeror and may also negotiate with any and all Offerors. The PSQO should be clearly marked "RFPQ Lift Station 20 Improvements Project" on the outside of the envelope. Provide five (5) hard copies of your proposal and three (3) copies on portable USB drives. Any confidential information included in the PSQO shall be labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" and shall be submitted on a separate drive, also labeled "CONFIDENTIAL".

III. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Project involves the replacement of the existing Lift Station 20 through construction, acquisition, renovation and equipping of a new tri-plex lift station at the existing Lift Station 20 site and a new force main to the City's wastewater treatment plant. The lift station portion of the Project generally includes the following:

- Wet well approximately 35' deep
- Submersible pumps capable of handling approximately
 - 1,400 gpm average daily flow and 3,500 gpm peak flow at startup
 - 2,300 gpm average daily flow and 5,800 gpm peak flow at full buildout
- Prefabricated or site-built climate-controlled building for power, equipment, and valves
- Pump control equipment
- Communication equipment
- Power handling and automatic transfer equipment
- Backup generator
- Bypass pump connection
- Station valves and piping
- Flow metering
- Site work
- Existing lift station structure and equipment decommissioning

The force main portion of the Project will generally include the following:

- New pressure pipe with the following approximate characteristics
 - 14,500 to 16,500 feet long
 - Single 24" or dual 16" diameter configuration
 - Installed via open cut, horizontal directional drilling, or microtunneling methods
- Air & vacuum valve structures
- Trenchless crossings under Cicero Creek and White River
- Modification of an existing discharge structure at the wastewater treatment plant
- Existing force main decommissioning and abandonment

The City currently contemplates that the Project will include the development, design, construction, procurement of fixtures, and equipment necessary for completion of the Project as referenced above and should additionally include the following:

- The wastewater facility must be continuously operational throughout construction. Developer to prepare Maintenance and Operations plans and submit for City approval prior to construction.
- Offerors should also submit proposals for the operation and management of the Project, under guidance from the City. Operation and management proposals should assume that the Project will be operated as a part of the City's wastewater utility which serves the City.

Site development for the Project shall include any and all site development required for the development of the Project, including but not limited to on-site and off-site utilities necessary to service the Project and related surrounding infrastructure, reconfiguration of existing utilities, hardscape/landscape, road and traffic control improvements, and utility improvements to and from the property boundary to support the Project.

This is an initial RFPQ and the City reserves the right to amend, alter, or expand the scope of the RFPQ with the issuance of addenda at any time. Such addenda shall be made available to all offerors at the time of revision.

Clark Dietz, Inc. (Clark Dietz) served as the City's Engineer for the evaluation and conceptual design of the List Station 20 Replacement Project. As part of this Project, Clark Dietz will continue to serve as the design Engineer and be responsible for developing the final design to be constructed under contract with and under the purview of the Developer. All other professional services and consultants required to design, build, operate and maintain the Project, including, but not limited to civil, structural, and MEPT engineering, procurement, etc., shall be selected and engaged by the Offeror, with the consent of the City.

IV. PROJECT BUDGET

Offerors shall submit their proposals for funding the Project. The Project will be funded directly by the City through bonds and, if necessary, existing funds on hand. The Project budget is estimated to be at an amount not to exceed Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000). Project budget adjustments may be considered if return on investment, revenue generation, economic impact, flexible use, related analysis, and alignment with partner priorities indicate that a budget adjustment would be warranted and in the long-term interests of the community. Such budget adjustments will be considered during the evaluation and scoping processes set forth in the full copy of the RFPQ. Offerors should include proposed financing structures and operating cost estimates with their offers and are encouraged to recommend financing structures.

V. PROJECT GOALS

The goals for the Project include but are not limited to:

- Design and install the referenced upgrades and improvements to the City's wastewater utility;
- Ensure the Project is designed, built and constructed in an expedited manner with a targeted goal of completion by December, 2026;
- Ensure first-class operation of the Project, with demonstration of the ability to ensure full continuous use of the wastewater facility throughout Project construction;
- Establish near-term and long-term operational schemes of the lift station including pump and impeller selection and recommended modifications as the influent flow rate increases;
- Establish force main sizing and operational schemes for present and future operating conditions that meets optimal velocity ranges;
- Odor control is a key design consideration for the Project. Ensure the lift station configuration and operational scheme minimize production and release of hydrogen sulfide;
- Identify least cost methods of installation for the force main(s) including open-cut and/or trenchless construction methods. Special consideration will be provided to Offerors who own or include teaming partners who can affordably access specialty equipment or processes to allow for minimizing excavation volume, increased efficiencies in force main installation, and trenchless force main installation;
- Provide construction expertise for cost efficiencies regarding the installation of the wetwell including support of deep excavation and dewatering;
- Identify and utilize construction cost and time saving opportunities through the utilization of prefabricated components assembled onsite;
- Achieve facility operational savings and promote placemaking and sustainability goals through selection and commissioning of efficient building systems, innovative design elements, and forward-thinking facility utilization strategies;
- Achieve operational efficiency through efficient planning of space to accommodate various processes and activities and designing component layout and connections in a manner to optimize serviceability;
- Achieve best value in the construction, furnishing, operation, and maintenance of the facility, taking into account the long-term cost impacts of design, construction, and equipment; and
- Consider and incorporate sustainable design into the Project as a key attribute. This preference may include: (i) energy efficient design; (ii) consideration of renewable energy systems while demonstrating the ability to deliver lowest first cost approaches; and (iii) any other energy/environmental efficiency mechanism available that could be used to obtain funding from any source of federal funding or federal program.

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- Proposed development fee range

R5804 3/3/25, 3/10/25

TIPTON

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Tipton County, Indiana that the Tipton County Council will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the First Floor Meeting Room, Tipton County Courthouse, at 6:30 p.m. on the 18th day of March 2025.

Fund Name:	
Major Budget Classification:	
Tipton County Highway:	
1176 Motor Vehicle Highway	Amount
46000 Lease/Purchase	\$84,000.00
Total for Fund	\$84,000.00

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 (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated: March 4, 2025
Jon DeBaun, Tipton County Auditor

R5852 3/8/25, 3/10/25

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Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Tipton County, Indiana that the Tipton County Council will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the First Floor Meeting Room, Tipton County Courthouse, at 6:30 p.m. on the 18th day of March 2025.

Fund Name:	
Major Budget Classification:	
Auditor:	
1000 General	Amount
11009 Budget/Settlement Assistant	\$18,200.00
11900 Part Time	\$2,500.00
Total for Fund	\$20,700.00

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 (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated: March 6, 2025
Jon DeBaun, Tipton County Auditor

R5855 3/8/25, 3/10/25

COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LEASE BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1-5.5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and thYou are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held before the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners on the 24th day of March, 2025, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. (local time) in the Commissioner's Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana., upon a proposed lease ("Lease") to be entered into between CSS VII, LLC, d/b/a RISE Commercial District, and Hamilton County.

The Lease is for the benefit of the storage and office space of the voting machines located at 605 Sheridan Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060. The Lease will be for a term of six (6) months. The rent will be at a monthly cost of \$5,350.00.

A copy of the proposed Lease is available for inspection by the public on all business days, during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the office of Lee Buckingham, Director of Administration, Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Suite 157, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.

At such hearing all persons interested shall have a right to be heard upon the necessity for the execution of the Lease. Such hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates, and following such hearing the Commissioners may either authorize the execution of the Lease as originally agreed upon or may make modifications therein as may be agreed upon.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2025.

HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA,
ss/ Todd E. Clevenger
Hamilton County Auditor

R5871 3/10/25

CARMEL

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Carmel, Indiana

Department: Board of Public Works and Safety
One Civic Square
City of Carmel, Indiana 46032

Project: 121st Street Water Main extension
IFB-2024-023

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, will receive sealed bids for the above-described "121st Street Water Main extension" via the City's eProcurement Portal, <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/carmel.in>, until 9:00 am on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 and commencing as soon as practicable thereafter on the same date such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers of City Hall. **No late bids will be accepted.**

All bids and proposals shall be properly and completely executed on the proposal forms provided with the plans and specifications, which will include the non-collusion affidavit as required by the State of Indiana.

A bid bond or certified check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must be submitted with each bid. A one hundred percent (100%) performance and payment bond will also be required of the successful bidder. It is intended that actual construction of all work divisions shall be started as soon as practicable, and each bidder shall be prepared to enter promptly into a construction contract, furnish a performance bond, and begin work without delay in the event the award is made to him.

The Project consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:
Installation of approximately 1,000 lineal feet of 12" water main, fire hydrants, and valves

Contract Documents and drawings for the Project can be found in this solicitation and the attachments section.

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents. This Project will be funded by the City of Carmel.

A Mandatory pre-bid conference for discussions of the Project, the bidding requirements and other important matters will be held on **Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 1:30 pm** in the Caucus Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall (One Civic Square). All prospective bidders are invited to attend the pre-bid conference. The pre-bid conference is **Mandatory**.

For special accommodations needed by handicapped individuals planning to attend the pre-bid conference or public bid opening meeting, please call or notify the city of Carmel, Engineer's Office, at (317) 571-2441 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.

No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of thirty (30) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety reserves the right to hold any or all bids or proposals for a period of not more than thirty (30) days and said bids or proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said period. The City of Carmel reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitations when it is not in the best interests of the governmental body as determined by the purchasing agency in accordance with IC 5-22-18-2.

R5857 3/6/25, 3/10/25

WESTFIELD

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the City Council at their regular meeting place at Westfield City Hall at 130 Penn Street, in Westfield, IN at 7:00 PM, on the 24th day of March, 2025, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

Additional appropriations to be added:
270 – IT-Revenue Fund

Major Budget Classification:	
Personal Services Line item # 270007111 -	\$10,000
Personal Services Line item # 270007120 -	\$765
Personal Services Line item # 270007121 -	\$1,660
Personal Services Line item # 270007125 -	\$600
Services and Charges Line item # 270007389-	\$25,000
Capital Outlays Line item #270007451-	\$9,000
Total for IT-Revenue Fund	\$47,025

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation.

R5862 3/10/25

COURT NOTICES

29D03-2502-EU-000099
ATTORNEY:
Dustin L. Plummer
Mallor Grodner Plummer LLP
511 Woodcrest Drive Bloomington,
IN 47401 (812) 332-5000
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court
In the Matter of the Estate of
Myles Hood, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Griffin was on February 25, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Myles Hood, deceased.
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 said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on February 25, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Probate Division
3/3/25, 3/10/25
R5805

29D01-2502-EU-000101
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Unsupervised Estate of
Lawrence S. Lehner
ADLER Attorneys - Noblesville
136 South 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
Phone: 317-773-1974
Seth R. Wilson, #26647-49
seth@noblesvilleattorney.com
In the Superior Court 1
Notice is given that Edith Jackson, on was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named Decedent, who died on 06/11/2024. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether 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 of Decedent's death whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated: February 24, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk for Hamilton County, Indiana
3/3/25, 3/10/25
R5803

29D03-2502-EU-000081
Diane Hubbard Kennedy
Attorney at Law
5837 Gloucester Circle
Indianapolis, IN 46270
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In The Hamilton Circuit/Superior Court:
In the Matter of the Estate of Earl D. Ligon, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Jan Brown and Karen McCormick were on February 20, 2025, appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Earl D. Ligon, deceased.
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 claim will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, February 20, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit & Superior Court
3/3/25, 3/10/25
R5808

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-10003
INRE: NAME CHANGE OF:
RACINE OUSMANE LY
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, RACINE OUSMANE LY, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name from RACINE OUSMANE LY to RACINE C. McKINNEY.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on July 14, 2025 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: February 19, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
2/24/25, 3/3/25, 3/10/25
R5778

29D03-2502-EU-000102
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
In the Hamilton County Court,
Probate Division
In the Matter of the Estate of Michael A. Ringenberger, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Linda L. Herner was on the 28th day of February, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael A. Ringenberger, deceased, who died on the 16th day of November, 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 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 28th day of February, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Court
3/3/25, 3/10/25
R5821

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT 3)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2411-EU-000505
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE()
OF LINDA J. ALSIP, DECEASED)
George G. Slater, Attorney
SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC
600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128
Carmel, IN 46032
317-571-9600
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Jennifer A. Hissen was on February 28th, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Linda J. Alsip, deceased, who died on October 29, 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 said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on February 28th, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
3/10/25, 3/17/25
R5854

29D01-2503-EU-000113
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR)
COURT 1)
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:)
THOMAS A. GRAZIANI,)
Deceased)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
N THE ADMINISTRATION OF
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA:
In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas
A. Graziani, Deceased.
{Cause Number Referenced Above}
Notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2025, Lyn McCoy was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Thomas A. Graziani (a/k/a Tom A. Graziani), deceased, who died February 22, 2025.
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.
Date: March 5, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court No. 1
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Steven M. Lutz
Church Church Hittle + Antrim
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
Telephone: (317) 773-2190
R5859 3/10/25, 3/17/25

29D01-2503-EU-000115
S. MATTHEW COOK
Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Lois Dean Burton was on the 6th day of March, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Cynthia Diane Essig, deceased, who died on the 14th day of February, 2025.
All persons having claims against this 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 within nine (9) month after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 6th day of March, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
S. Matthew Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317) 773-5522
R5870 3/10/25, 3/17/25

ARCADIA

NOTICE
The Arcadia Town Council will met in a special meeting on Thursday, March 13th at 3:45 located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030.
R5872 3/8/25, 3/10/25

SHERIDAN

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AFFECTED BY ADOPTION AND CONTENT OF RESOLUTION OF THE SHERIDAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Sheridan Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana (the "Town"), on January 28, 2025, adopted a resolution (the "Declaratory Resolution") (i) declaring that a certain area within the Town of Sheridan, Indiana, designated as the "Sheridan Residential Housing Program Area" (the "Program Area"), is an economic development area within the meaning of Ind. Code § 36-7-14 et seq, as amended (the "Act"), (ii) establishing a residential housing development program for the construction of new residential housing and the renovation of existing residential housing (the "Program") in accordance with Ind. Code §36-7-14-53, (iii) approving an economic development plan (the "Economic Development Plan") to implement the Program in the Program Area, and (iv) designating the Program Area as an "allocation area" for the purpose of allocation and distribution of certain property taxes (commonly referred to as "tax increment") under Sections 39 and 56 of the Act.
A detailed description of the Program Area is included in the Economic Development Plan included with the Declaratory Resolution and can be inspected at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer at Sheridan Town Hall, 506 S. Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069 during normal business hours.
Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on March 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., Sheridan, Indiana 46069, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed projects for the Program Area and the proceedings pertaining thereto.
Following the public hearing, the Commission will determine the public utility and the benefit of the proposed projects. Maps and plats have been prepared and, along with the Economic Development Plan, can be inspected at the office of Clerk-Treasurer at the address set forth above.
A copy of this notice has been filed with the agencies, boards and other departments, bodies, and offices of the Town having to do with planning, variances from zoning ordinances, land use, or the issuance of building permits as required by the Act. These agencies and officers shall take notice of the pendency of the hearing and, until the Commission confirms, modifies and confirms or rescinds the Declaratory Resolution, or the confirmation of the Declaratory Resolution is set aside on appeal, may not (1) authorize any construction on property or sewers in the Program Area, including substantial modifications, rebuilding, conversion, enlargement, additions, and major structural improvements; or (2) take any action regarding the zoning or rezoning pf property, or the opening, closing or improvement of streets, alleys or boulevards in the Program Area. This prohibition shall not prohibit the granting of permits for ordinary maintenance or minor remodeling, or for changes necessary for the continued occupancy of building in the Program Area.
Individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the public hearing are encouraged to contact the office of the Clerk-Treasurer during normal business hours no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting at (317) 758-5293.
Dated this 10th day of March, 2025.
TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R5861 3/10/25

FISHERS

CITY OF FISHERS
FALL CREEK BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE VA-25-4
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://townoffishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the FALL CREEK BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at Fishers Municipal Center, FMC Nickel Plate Conference Room, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.
REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # VA-25-4 - Consideration of a Land Use Variance from Section 5.7.2.C. of the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to allow a landscaping company as a home occupation that will store five (5) vehicles and five (5) trailers on the property, where only one (1) home occupation vehicle is allowed.
LOCATION: 11215 E 121ST ST, FISHERS, IN 46037
The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:
City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
planning@fishers.in.us
(317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
Petitioner: Nathan E. Nocton
R5865 3/10/25

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By/At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: 2025 Street Rehabilitation Contract II
Until: 09:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, March 25, 2025
Receipt of Bids: Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified.
SEALED BID: 2025 STREET REHABILITATION – CONTRACT II
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 09:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, March 25, 2025.
Qualification of Bidders: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Placing Asphalt Pavement", "Asphalt Pavement Milling", "Traffic Control: Pavement Markings", "Traffic Control: Signal Installation and Sign Installation", and "Surface Masonry and Misc. Concrete."
The Work: The work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of 2025 Street Rehabilitation – Contract II
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.
Bid Documents: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after March 10, 2025. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to ardewald@noblesville.in.gov and dochoa@noblesville.in.gov requesting instructions to download project documents.
Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville – Engineering Department prior to 12:00PM, local time on Thursday, March 20, 2025. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:
Andrew Rodewald, PE
City of Noblesville – Department of Engineering
Email: ardewald@noblesville.in.gov
Carbon Copy Question To:
Deon Ochoa
Construction Manager
Email: dochoa@noblesville.in.gov
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.
Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.
Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
BY: Andrew Rodewald
R5856 3/10/25, 3/17/25

SHERIDAN

BZA Public Notice
This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals on March 20, 2025, 5:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss the following:
a. 25-SE-01: 1609 W 236th Street, Sheridan
The Petitioner is requesting approval of the Special Exception to allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit to be constructed within the new barn (Article 6.1).
Planner: Jennifer Miller, jmillerr@sheridan.in.gov
Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals. People interested in presenting their views in person, written or verbally, shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place. Hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during the regular office hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That file may also be viewed online at www.Sheridan.in.gov.
Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals
Jennifer Miller, Secretary
R5866 3/10/25

APC Public Notice
This notice is to inform you of a public hearing to be held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission on March 20, 2025, 6:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss:
a. 25-UDO-02 March UDO Update
The Town of Sheridan requests a series of minor updates to the Sheridan Unified Development Ordinance.
Planner: Jennifer Miller, jmillerr@sheridan.in.gov
b. 25-RZ-01 Ardalan Subdivision
Arbor Homes requests a rezoning of +/- 94.24 acres from AG1: Intensive Agriculture District to R2: Residential Small Lot, generally located on the northwest corner of 246th Street and Lamong Road.
Planner: Jennifer Miller, jmillerr@sheridan.in.gov
c. 25-SP-01 Farr-Cox Subdivision
Planner: Katie Ramirez, kramirezr@sheridan.in.gov
Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission. People interested in presenting their views in person written or verbally shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place. Agenda items may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the APC. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during regular business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That file may also be viewed online at www.Sheridan.IN.gov.
Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission
Jennifer Miller, Secretary
R5867 3/10/25

COUNTY

Public Notice
The Hamilton County Sheriff's Merit Board has scheduled an executive session for March 11, 2025, at 6:30pm to discuss a personnel matter. The meeting will take place in the main conference room of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Rd, Noblesville, IN 46060.
R5849 3/7/2025, 3/10/25

FISHERS

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 Unit Replacement**
PROJECT LOCATION: Fishers High School
13000 Promise Road
Fishers, IN 46038

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received after the designated day and time listed above will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall also submit financial data and a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the bidder, and clearly identified as follows:
Fishers High School Pool Unit Replacement
BID OPENING: Each bid will be opened at the HSE Administration Building, 13485 Cumberland Road Fishers, IN 46038 by the Owner on **Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 1:30 PM local time.** Deliver Bid in a sealed envelope showing the project name and Bidder's name and address.
PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on **Monday, March 17th, 2025, at 1:30 PM** at Fishers High School. Meet at main entry doors. The meeting will include an opportunity to tour the pool mechanical mezzanine mechanical room and roof areas. To arrange site visits after this meeting, contact Jerry Enyart, email: jenyart@hse.k12.in.us phone: (317) 594-4380. Drawings and specifications shall be available at the ReproGraphix online plan room. https://eplanroom.reprographix.com/
CONTRACT TYPE:
Project will be constructed under a Single Prime Contract with bids received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material, and services necessary to complete the project in full accordance with the Construction Drawings and Project Manual. Prime bidders and their subcontractors must be certified and in compliance with the Indiana General Assembly's House Enrollment Act #1019.
Where trade names, brand names, or manufacturer's names are used in the Project Manual, it is for the purpose of establishing kind and quality and not for the purpose of limiting competition. Bidders may offer items or materials equal in quality and having the same durability and efficiency if the Bidder first receives written approval from the Architect/Engineer prior to the date and time of the Bid Opening and complying with requirements indicated in Document 00 21 00, "Instructions to Bidders." The Bidder shall identify such substitutions by name, kind, and type with the Bid.
A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, complying with the conditions of the Instructions to Bidders and Advertisements for Public Bids. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana's Public Work Projects Act, Indiana Code 36-1-12. The bidder agrees to hold open its bid for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening.
The Contract to which the Owner will be a party will contain a provision prohibiting the other party to the Contract, and their subcontractors, from engaging in employment practice that constitutes a discrimination against a person because of the person's race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry. The successful Bidder shall provide an affidavit with each billing assuring the Owner that this provision has not been violated.
Any questions concerning this project shall be directed to RE Dimond and Associates, Inc, 317-634-4672. Contact Mike East, mike.east@redimond.com.
BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security for five percent (5%) of the base bid in the form of a certified check or a bid bond. Bid bonds shall be executed by the bidder and a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Indiana. The check or bid bond shall be made payable to Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Should a successful Bidder withdraw the bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit forfeited as liquidated damages.
PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND:
The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount equal to the contract price, which shall cover faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all obligations. The cost of the bonds shall be at the expense of the Bidder and be included in the Bidder's bid. The bonds shall be executed by a surety company approved by the Owner and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana.
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NOTICE
This public notice is being provided to you in conformance with the provisions of IC 14-11-4 and 312 IAC 2-3.
Application Number: FW-33085-0
Applicant's Name and Address: Travis May
Oakshire Holdings, LLC
17119 Westfield Park Road
Westfield, IN 46074
Peggy Shepherd
Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC
115 West Washington Street, Suite 1368 South
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 266-8000

Project Location: The project is located on Cyntheanne Road at the bridge crossing over Thorpe Creek. Specifically, the project is located within Sections 29 & 30, Township 18 North, Range 6 East on the Fishers Quadrangle Map.
Name of Lake/Stream: Thorpe Creek
Relevant Statute or Rule: Flood Control Act, IC 14-28-1
Project Description:
As part of the Cyntheanne Woods residential development in Fishers, Indiana, a pedestrian crossing over Thorpe Creek is proposed. This crossing will extend a multi-use path parallel to Cyntheanne Road. The proposed pedestrian bridge is 60 feet long and 8 feet wide, constructed approximately 7 feet upstream of the Cyntheanne Road Bridge. The low chord elevation of the structure will be 836.00 feet, NAVD 1988 which is above the 1% annual chance flood elevation. Some fill will be placed on the east side of the trail extending north from the north edge of the proposed bridge to provide a more stable slope.
Questions relating to the project should be directed to:
CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LLC
115 West Washington Street, Suite 1368 South
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Telephone: (317) 266-8000
Pursuant to 312 IAC 2-3-4, an informal public hearing, pre-AOPA, (Administrative Orders and Procedures Act) hearing, on this application may be requested by filing a petition with the Division of Water. The petition must conform to administrative rule 312 IAC 2-3-4 as follows:
(a) This section establishes the requirements for a petition to request a public hearing under IC 14-11-4-8(a)(2).
(b) The petition shall include the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and who reside in the county where the licensed activity would take place or who own real property within one (1) mile of the site of the proposed or existing licensed activity.
(c) The complete mailing addresses of the petitioners shall be typed or printed legibly on the petition.
(d) Each individual who signs the petition shall affirm that the individual qualifies under subsection (b).
(e) The petition shall identify the application for which a public hearing is sought, either by division docket (application) number or by the name of the applicant and the location of the permit.
A pre-AOPA hearing on the application will be limited to the Department's authority under the permitting statutes. Only the issues relevant to the Department's jurisdiction directly related to this application for construction will be addressed. The Department has no regulatory authority on property zoning, local drainage, burning, nuisances, road traffic, etc; therefore, topics beyond the Department's jurisdiction will not be discussed during the public hearing.
A petition for a pre-AOPA public hearing or a request to be notified of the Department's approval, denial, or termination of the permit application should be mailed to:

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Water, Technical Services Section
402 West Washington Street, Room W264
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2641
Telephone: (877) 928-3755 or (317) 232-4160
The Department's jurisdiction under the Flood Control Act, IC 14-28-1, is limited to a project in the floodway of a waterway that includes, but is not limited to, rivers, streams, ditches, and creeks. To be approvable a project must demonstrate that the project will not:
(a) adversely affect the efficiency of or unduly restrict the capacity of the floodway,
(b) constitute an unreasonable hazard to the safety of life or property; defined as, the project will not result in either of the following during the regulatory flood:
(1) the loss of human life,
(2) damage to public or private property to which the applicant has neither ownership nor a flood easement;
(c) result in unreasonably detrimental effects upon fish, wildlife or botanical resources.
Additionally, the Department must consider the cumulative effects of the above items.
After an approval, denial, or termination is issued by the Department, you may appeal the Department action by requesting an administrative review by the Natural Resources Commission under IC 4-21.5 and 312 IAC 3-1. The appeal request should be addressed to:

Division of Hearings
Natural Resources Commission
Indiana Government Center North, Room N501A
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Telephone: (317) 232-4699
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NOTICE OF FILING AN APPLICATION
APPLICATION FOR A LETTER OF AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH
Notice is hereby given that on March 10, 2025, Northwest Bank, with its principal place of business located at 100 Liberty Street, Warren, Warren County Pennsylvania, filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) an application for a Letter of Authority to establish a branch located at:
11 Municipal Drive
Suite 150
Fishers, Indiana 46038
All interested persons may file comments regarding this application with Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities, Bureau of Bank Supervision, at ra-bnbnksbmssnsppt@pa.gov and/or with the FDIC Regional Office at 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606-3447.
In order for your comments to be considered, written comments regarding this application must be received by the PA Department of Banking not later than ten (10) business days and by the FDIC not later than fifteen (15) days, after the date of publication of this notice.
The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the above address for the FDIC and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.
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CHARGE

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followed by a layup from sophomore Jason Gardner Jr. to put Fishers ahead 43-38.

Prior to the momentum shift, both teams deadlocked six times, including five times in the first half.

The Millers tested the Tigers at every opportunity, tying the score four times in the first quarter before junior Justin Curry II handed Noblesville a 12-10 lead with a buzzer-beating putback.

A 16-5 Noblesville run in the second quarter turned a 19-14 deficit into a 30-24 halftime lead that senior T.J. Davidson capped with a layup before time expired.

“We knew since we played them the first time that they’ve improved a lot. This was the game they wanted the most. This is the game that left a bad taste in their mouth the first time we played them, so we knew this time it was going to be a different game,” Hall said. “We were going to have to play a little bit harder.”

Fishers beat Noblesville during the regular season, 74-40, on Dec. 6, and they won 49-47 in last year’s Sectional 8 finals.

The Millers led 36-29 in the third quarter with payback in mind for the postseason rematch, but the Tigers fed off the capacity crowd’s energy and pieced together a 9-2 run to tie the game before the fourth quarter.

The Millers had three players in double figures, paced by Davidson with 14 points. Curry had 13 and junior Baron Walker finished with 10.

However, the Tigers matched them with three of their own led by Gardner’s 14 points, Hall’s 11 and senior Nathan Baker’s 12. Sophomore Cooper Zachary had seven points, while McCartney added another seven. Senior Justin Kirby provided four points – all in the second half.

“That’s the strength of our team. We’re basically playing seven right now. All seven of them can go for double figures in any game, and they really don’t care who does as long as the team wins,” Winegar said.

“When you have 12 guys that are truly bought in, and they don’t care about themselves. They only care about one thing, and that’s winning and they’re really talented, I think you have a chance to do things like this.”

Winning has been the Tigers’ way since Jan. 27, 2024, which marks their last loss, coincidentally on the same court they won their 40th consecutive game for the program’s second straight sectional title.

“(Coach) told us, this is what we’re literally made for. We’ve been in these moments a lot of times, and we always come out on top. At least that’s how it feels, like every time, if everyone thinks the same way, and we always do,” Hall said. “We’ve used close games this year as lessons. Never settle. We have the mentality of keep going and going.”

The Tigers’ final run involved points from four different players, highlighted by a finishing touch alley-oop dunk by Hall off of Zachary’s fourth assist to put Fishers ahead 49-38 with 1 minute, 30 seconds left in the game.


Noblesville didn’t score until the final minute and posted eight points in the frame against Fishers’ 17.

“Some of those (Noblesville) guys have been my friends since the sixth grade. I knew they were going to compete until the end, and they sure did. They gave us a run for our money,” Baker said.

The Tigers will face Harrison (19-6) Saturday at Frankfort’s Case Arena for the Regional 4 championship with a shot at the program’s second title overall and second straight.



The Fishers boys basketball team was all smiles after defending its Sectional 8 championship.



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(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers’ Jason Gardner Jr. drives to the basket. He led the Tigers with 14 points. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville’s Aiden Brewer goes up to the basket.



(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers’ Justin Kirby puts in a dunk in the second half. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville’s T.J. Davidson led the Millers with 14 points. (BELOW) Noblesville’s Baron Walker drives to the basket while being guarded by Fishers’ JonAnthony Hall.

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