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# Building great futures

## Local industry rep helps Heights' CTE students develop their skills & confidence in the sandbox

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The name Chris Wooldridge may not sound familiar, but his involvement in Hamilton Heights High School's Construction and Trades Education (CTE) Program is making a huge impact.

Wooldridge and his wife, Emily (a substitute nurse at Heights), have two children enrolled at Hamilton Heights. Several years ago, Dr. Derek Arrowood invited the Wooldridges to participate in the Superintendent Advisory Group, which meets quarterly offering parents the opportunity to learn more about the people, programs, and behind-the-scenes operations of the school district. From there, Wooldridge learned about the high school's CTE and ultimately met Kevin Sheets, the program's instructor.

"I was impressed," Wooldridge recalled. "I went straight into the workforce after I graduated from high school. I think I could have really benefitted from a skilled trades program like this when I was in high school. The more I learned about Heights' program, the more I felt I was in a perfect position to make an impact on students considering a career in the trades and the industry itself."

Wooldridge works as an Outside Account Manager for Bob-



Hamilton Heights High School CTE students benefit from the opportunity to gain experience and time operating specialty machinery in the Sandbox thanks to the interest and efforts of Chris Wooldridge (pictured above right), Bobcat of Anderson, Bobcat of Indy North, and the Berry Company. The skills learned and certifications earned can be an asset entering the job market after high school.

cat of Indy North, which is part of a dealer group of more than 60 stores owned and operated by the Berry Company, headquartered in Wichita, Kan. He serves a six-county territory that includes Hamilton County.

Wooldridge loves what he does, and it shows. He lives and breathes something that is integral to the philosophy of the Berry Company: "We can build something great together." Great products, customer-focused, and building strong and lasting relationships has been the cornerstone of success for the family-owned and oper-

ated business.

Last year, with the blessing of Bobcat of Indy North and the Berry Company, Wooldridge trailed various machinery to and from the Sandbox (the district's outdoor construction education classroom) for students to gain hands-on experience and/or earn a specialty certification. This included mini loaders, excavators, on-track loaders, etc., whatever the students needed to develop their skill and mastery of a specialized piece of equipment. Wooldridge also provided the basics of operations of that item and safety instructions pri-



Photos provided

or to turning it over to Sheets and the students for the day. It was a big hit, giving students a marketable skill and competitive advantage while they are still in high school.

This year, there were some changes in regulations meaning sales personnel like Wooldridge would no longer be able to transport equipment. Bobcat of Anderson and Bobcat Indy North stepped in to absorb the transportation costs and provide needed equipment for the students to use at no charge.

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## Going to the castle

Dreams really do come true.

Once upon a time, a little girl dreamed of going to a castle. At the age of 10, she watched the movie *Cinderella* and sang along with Leslie Warren: "In my own little corner, in my own little chair, I can be whatever I want to be."

That little girl was me. I get to be whatever I want to be . . . a writer. And guess what? I got to visit and stay in a real castle. Insert a dancing emoji. I even have my own Prince Charming, a.k.a. Prince Charles.

A few months ago, I was invited to join some writer friends for a soul-care retreat at the Glen Eyrie Castle in Colorado Springs, Colo. They had me at the word "castle."

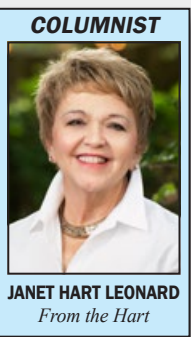
Daughters First . . . a retreat for the communicator's soul.

I knew that the "soul" part of me was weary; I just didn't realize how weary until Jennifer Dukes Lee, one of my favorite authors, discussed the profound meaning of the 23rd Psalm. She lives on a farm in Iowa. When she talked about leaving the lights on, I don't think there was a dry eye in the room. JDL is a treasure to those with weary souls.

Did you know that a shepherd does not run . . . unless it's after a lost sheep? Did you know a sheep does not lie down unless it feels safe?

Each soul care session seemed to be one that my soul needed, even the one where we painted colors on a canvas representing things like peace, strength, and forgiveness. Upon all the colors of the paint a cross was painted. I found my inner artist! I may have left it there at the castle.

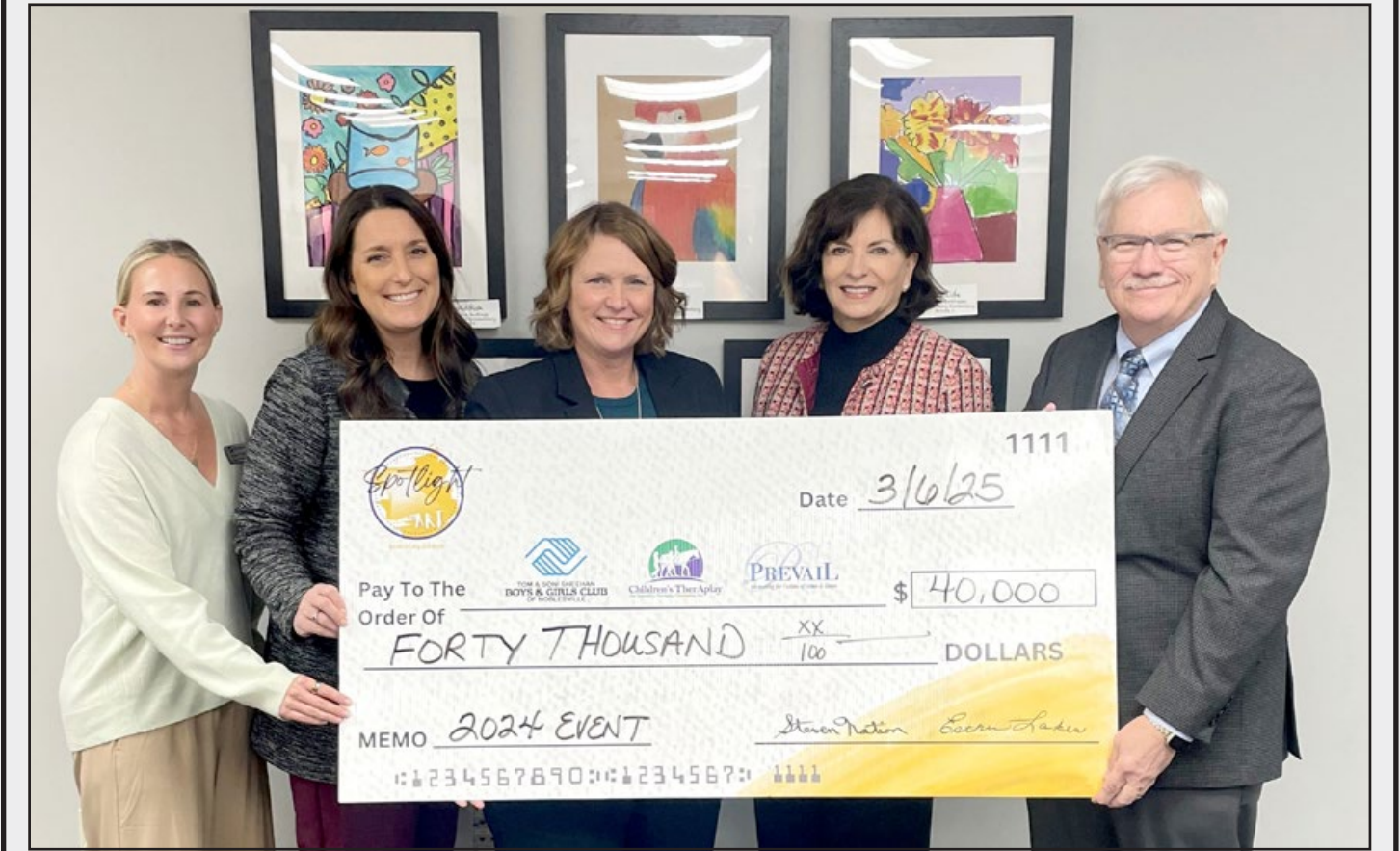
Rhythms of Rest showed me I need to see the value of resting and not always having to be productive. This was a big one for me.



COLUMNIST  
JANET HART LEONARD  
From the Hart

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# Spotlight on Art raises \$40,000 for three local youth-serving organizations



The committee for the Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children recently presented a check to representatives from the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Children's TherAplay, and Prevail, Inc. In its third year, the November event held at the Hotel Carmichael raised \$40,000 to support the work of the three organizations. The event will return for a fourth year on Thursday, Nov. 6 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. (From left) Kassie O'Malley of Children's TherAplay, Becky Terry of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Tami Wanninger of Prevail, Spotlight on Art Founder Esther Lakes, and Honorary Event Chair and Hamilton County Councilman Steve Nation.

## Sponsors matter. Give them credit.

There are abundant community events happening every week in Hamilton County. Some of them are hosted by local non-profits, some by departments inside local government agencies, some by local businesses and chambers of commerce.

Almost all of them are sponsored by businesses, individuals, and organizations other than the event organizers.

Without sponsors, most local community events would never happen.

I could spend thousands of words detailing many of the fine organizations in Hamilton County that do exceptionally good work, and I would only scratch the surface.

Let's pick just one of those as an example: Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Food Bank.

HCH does a lot, all year round, to fight food insecurity in Hamilton County. Every summer they have a program called "Meating the Need." During the 4-H Fair, they buy 4-H project livestock at auction. They have that livestock processed into individual portions of protein and they give it away



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Turn to Page A6 to read this week's Sheridan High School student column.

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# Dani Robinson: Hamilton County through & through

**The REPORTER**  
Since obtaining her realtor license in 2013, Dani Robinson has risen to the top of her field, and she has done so without having a team of realtors in her office. Early this month, Robinson received multiple awards from F.C. Tucker Company, most notable of which is Associate of the Year.

These are not just local honors. Robinson is the Associate of the Year for the entire state of Indiana. She closed \$30 million in sales and 65 transactions without a realty team in her office.

"I love this county, and

I love serving my clients," Robinson said. "It's truly a joy to take people through the process and get them what their goals are. That's what gets me out of bed every day. I love it. I love what I do."

The real estate industry has changed in the last several years, and those changes have made realtors like Robinson more necessary.

"We've got a lot of new regulations and laws and interest rates and there's all kinds of stuff happening," Robinson said. "I don't think people realize how difficult the process can be. For

people like me, it's our joy to take people through that process and make it easier. So that's me."

While work and family keep Robinson very busy, she still finds time to give back to the community. Currently she serves as President of the Hamilton County 4-H Council. She also has nothing but good things to say about the local education system that served her and her family.

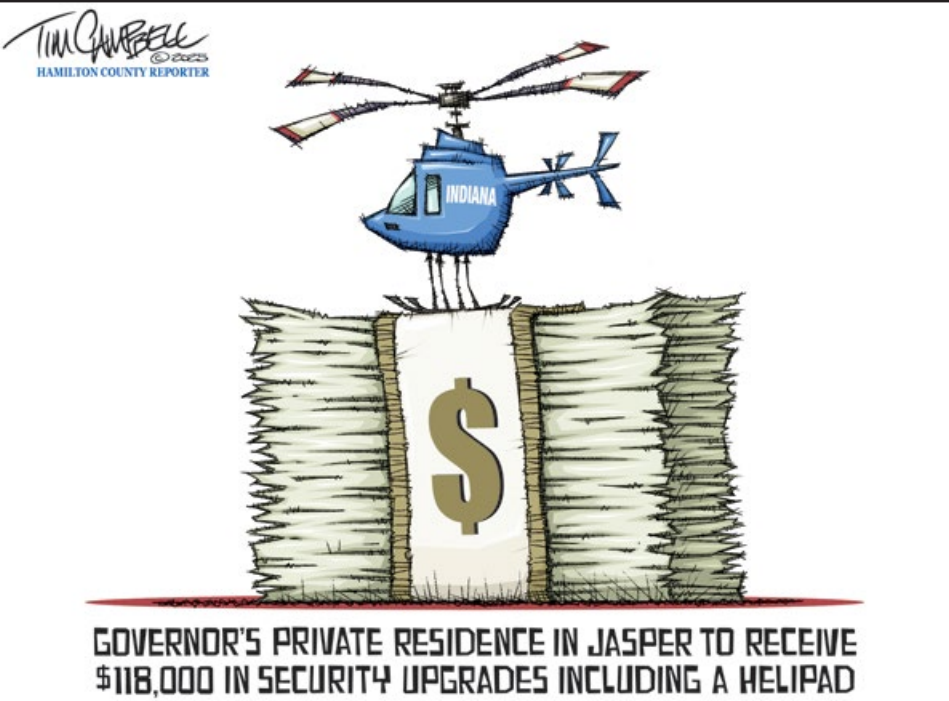
"My son got so much out of high school sports and sports in general," Robinson said. "And my daughter,



Hoddy Hanna (left) and Patrick Purdue (right) stand with Dani Robinson as she receives her F.C. Tucker Associate of the Year award.

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# Tipton resident Nicole May in need of life-saving transplant

## The REPORTER

With the cost of a life-saving transplant often exceeding \$800,000, most transplant families are unable to shoulder that financial burden.

The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is a national 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-related expenses. COTA works with individuals of any age with a single-gene disorder such as Polycystic Kidney Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, or Sickle Cell Disease.

In Tipton, volunteers are raising funds for COTA in honor of transplant patients like local resident, Nicole May.

May has been diagnosed with Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis, and the transplant team at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis recommends a third life-saving kidney transplant. Tipton volunteers are raising \$100,000 for COTA to assist with transplant-related expenses.

Volunteers are needed for this COTA community campaign. Individuals and groups interested in more information should contact Community Coordinator Carrie Hagerty at [carrie36crawford@gmail.com](mailto:carrie36crawford@gmail.com) or (463) 272-5793.

COTA helps transplant families avoid financial devastation. Once the transplant is complete, families face significant transplant-related expenses, including medication, transportation to and from the transplant center, lodging, and expenses while parents are out of work and often living with the hospitalized child far from home. In cases where a shortfall exists, COTA



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**Nicole May of Tipton is in need of a third life-saving kidney transplant. You can donate at [COTA.org/COTAforNicoleM](https://COTA.org/COTAforNicoleM).**

helps bridge the financial gap.

May's family has asked for assistance from COTA. One hundred percent of all funds raised for COTA in honor of patients assist with transplant-related expenses.

Contributions may be sent to:  
**Children's Organ Transplant Association**  
2501 W. COTA Drive  
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Checks should be made payable to COTA, with "In Honor of Nicole M." written on the memo line. Secure credit card gifts are accepted online at [COTA.org/COTAforNicoleM](https://COTA.org/COTAforNicoleM). You can read more about her story at that link, as well.

# Noblesville Elks support Prevail



Photo provided by Terri Sigman-Kennedy  
**Members of Noblesville Elks Lodge #576 recently met with Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger, MPA, and Prevail Director of Advancement Brittany Winebar LCSW, CYE-P. Members from the Elks presented a generous donation to Prevail totaling \$1,980. Prevail is one of many local organizations the Elks supports. Others include the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, The Feeding Team, Meals on Wheels, IU/PU Cancer Research, as well as many others. Prevail uses these funds towards continuing their mission of strengthening survivors of crime and abuse. (From left) Ann Huber, Noblesville Elks Exalted Ruler Steve Vallier, Noblesville Elks Activities Chair Treva Vallier Tami Wanninger of Prevail, Noblesville Elks Past Indiana State President Geoff Robinson, and Carolyn Deines.**

# Doubling down on Deputy Mayors

## Submitted

Carmel has been on a roll with its Deputy Mayors.

Two weeks ago, Deputy Mayor Leena, a fifth-grader at Prairie Trace Elementary, not only stepped up to lead for the day, but she also delivered a fantastic self-introduction. Confident, inspiring and full of energy – she's a natural leader in the making. Carmel's future is bright with young leaders like Leena.

Last week's Deputy Mayor was Shravan, a bright fifth-grader from Cherry Tree Elementary. Shravan did a fantastic job presenting to the city council about the Affiliate Review Committee and the city's upcoming Cherry Blossom Festival. He even nailed the pronunciation of Carmel's Japanese sister city, Kawachinagano. He also gave Mayor Sue Finkam a thoughtful thank-you letter, which is such a great skill to have. Well done, Shravan!



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**Carmel's future is bright with Deputy Mayors like Leena (top) and Shravan (above).**

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# Noblesville Schools announces first Hall of Fame inductees

**Submitted**

Noblesville Schools announced eight inaugural inductees into its new Hall of Fame last Friday, March 14.

“These individuals have made a significant, positive impact on our schools and the Noblesville community, and are more than worthy of this recognition,” Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile said. “We’re pleased to officially and permanently honor their legacy with Noblesville Schools and look forward to celebrating them with their family and friends at our Hall of Fame induction ceremony later this year.”

The honorees are:

**Richard Dellinger**

Richard (Dick) Dellinger joined Noblesville High School in 1959 as a government teacher and spent almost 40 years inspiring thousands, including fellow Hall of Fame honoree Kathy Kreag Williams, who attributes her involvement with government to Dellinger. A beloved educator, senior class sponsor, “Voice of the Millers,” 150th anniversary Noble Miller, and longtime state legislator representing Noblesville, Dellinger was an active community contributor during his lifetime and a proud reflection of Noblesville Schools.

**Vickie Ely**

Vickie Ely graduated from Noblesville High School, married her NHS sweetheart, and began working at Noblesville Schools washing dishes in the NHS cafeteria at the age of 18. She worked her way up to managing the cafeteria and a staff of 20 employees, serving millions of school meals over 40 years of service. Ely is a hard worker, always willing to adapt and learn new skills. Serving lunch was more than just a job to her and she is especially known for her kind leadership, care for students, and love for Noblesville Schools.

**Julia Church Kozicki**

A Noblesville High School graduate, *Jeopardy!* champion, and one of the longest-serving school board members in Noblesville Schools history, Julia Church Kozicki is known not only for her numerous influential contributions to the district, but also her state leadership in school law, finance, and



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(From left to right, top to bottom) The first Hall of Fame inductees are Dick Dellinger, Vickie Ely, Julia Church Kozicki, John Land, Bryan Mills, Tony Oilar, Rick Towle, and Kathy Kreag Williams.

policy. Kozicki championed multiple referendum campaigns, served on the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation board, led several community organizations, and has received numerous recognition honors including being named a 150th anniversary Noble Miller.

**John Land**

A Noblesville High School graduate and former Noblesville Schools educator and principal for nearly 40 years, John Land was the first to lead Hazel Dell Elementary when it opened in 1989 and was adored by students, staff, and families throughout his years of service. A humble leader, he advocated for others, created a culture of excellence and belonging, and had a gift for making everyone in his school feel special. When he wasn’t cheering on the Millers and supporting students, he was creating a lasting legacy of compassion and community.

**Bryan Mills**

Noblesville High School graduate, 150th anniversary Noble Miller, and distinguished central Indiana community leader, Bryan Mills maintains his strong Noblesville roots. He is an attentive and generous supporter of Noblesville Schools, Noblesville Youth Baseball, the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, and United Way of Central Indiana. A Sunday school teacher and former coach, in addition to his role as CEO of Community Health, Mills was instrumental in

developing a new partnership to provide enhanced mental health services to students and staff at Noblesville Schools.

**Tony Oilar**

A Noblesville Schools institution for more than 40 years, rumor has it that former educator, coach, and athletic director Tony Oilar bleeds black and gold. Oilar is respected for his strong relationships with students, coaches, teachers, and community members, his deep knowledge of Millers history, and his strong work ethic. A 150th anniversary Noble Miller, Miller Backers supporter, and member of the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, his passion for athletics has helped lead thousands of Millers to victory.

**Rick Towle**

Rick Towle was at the heart of middle school education in Noblesville for nearly 40 years and is a 150th anniversary Noble Miller. Formerly a science teacher at Noblesville East Middle School, he is known for creating an outdoor education center, leading students to the rainforest, coaching, directing drama productions, serving as an assistant athletic director, managing AV, catering meals, running food drives, and much more. His wealth of knowledge and unwavering support of students and staff made him a respected leader and mentor to many.

**Kathy Kreag Williams**

Perhaps one of the most well-known Millers fans, Noblesville High School

graduate Kathy Kreag Williams can frequently be seen at events demonstrating her black and gold pride. Noblesville’s representative in the Indiana House for 26 years, Williams is a dedicated school supporter. A Miller Ambassador and 150th anniversary Noble Miller, she was a leader in the NHS Alumni Association for many years and now spreads her love for our schools through her service with the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation. She also serves as the Hamilton County Clerk.

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The district solicited Hall of Fame nominations from the community and a selection committee chose individuals who best demonstrated exceptional service, support, accomplishments, or contributions to Noblesville Schools.

The Hall of Fame initiative is a collaboration between Noblesville Schools and the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (NSEF), with honorees being announced at NSEF’s 2025 Miller-Palooza event.

The district is currently exploring options for a permanent structure to honor Hall of Fame inductees and will share more details as those plans are finalized.

Nominations are open for future Hall of Fame inductees. Eligibility criteria, nomination guidelines, and the application to nominate can be found at [tinyurl.com/NoblesvilleHoFform](https://tinyurl.com/NoblesvilleHoFform).



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(From left) Noblesville Schools Executive Director of Student Services Julie Thacker, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, and Noblesville Schools Education Foundation CEO & President Adriann Young.

## Noblesville donates \$50,000 to support school mental health

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The Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (NSEF) will be able to expand its Mental Health Support Fund thanks to \$50,000 in support from the City of Noblesville.

The NSEF Mental Health Support Fund is a vital resource helping students and staff in Noblesville Schools access additional professional counseling services. With increasing rates of stress, anxiety, and depression among students and staff, this initiative directly supports the well-being of the Noblesville Schools community.

“When we ask school leaders where NSEF funding can best support them, mental health resources consistently rank as a top area of need,” said Adriann Young of NSEF. “By eliminating financial barriers to accessing professional care, we’re ensuring that everyone in our school community can receive the full mental health support to ultimately support their success in school.”

This donation points to the unique partnership between the city and its school system.

“We’re thankful to the City of Noblesville and NSEF for their support of our students and staff,” added Julie Thacker, executive director of student services for Noblesville Schools.

“Our community is uniquely fortunate to have a partnership like this and this invaluable support allows students and staff members to access the mental health provider of their choice and receive reimbursement for those services.”

Mental health support represents one of NSEF’s most impactful programs and provides the following benefits:

- Individual reimbursement support to help with the cost of external counseling and transportation to mental health services
- Wellness initiatives for staff
- Support for multilingual counseling initiatives

Over the years, the demand for this support has increased, and this donation will go toward sustaining the program for students and teachers.

“The Mental Health Support Fund aligns with the mission and focus of our administration to support the health and well-being of our community, which includes prioritizing mental health,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “Our community is better and stronger when resources are easily accessible to all who need them. I look forward to the positive impact this fund will continue to have on our students, teachers, and the community.”

## ROBINSON

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even though she wasn’t an athlete, got a lot out of the schools here. She was on the debate team, choir, and drama. Public schools have changed a lot in the last 10 years and there’s a lot of people that are not so happy with them anymore. But the staff and the coaches that I know truly have their hearts in the right place. They’re there to make things better for these kids, and I think it’s awesome. I support them any way I can.”

Robinson has lived in Hamilton County her entire life. She told The Reporter she has no desire to be anywhere else.

“I was born in River-view Hospital,” Robinson said. “My dad was born and

raised in Hamilton County. My mom was born and raised in Hamilton County. We literally live three miles from where I raised my kids now. And I live a mile from where I was raised. So I live, eat and breathe Hamilton County. I don’t really understand why anybody would live anywhere else, honestly.”

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## BUILD

“Heights is giving students a marketable skill and competitive advantage while they are still in high school,” Wooldridge said. “It’s a good feeling of being of part of helping them to jumpstart their careers.”

“This really speaks volumes about Chris and the company he works for,” Sheets said. “Chris has been a gift to the program

and as well as an incredible resource sharing his time, knowledge, and resources. The kids always look forward to seeing Chris, going to the Sandbox, putting their knowledge to the test, and developing a new skill that has a lot of practical application. Our program continues to grow and increase in value thanks to people like Chris and their companies

that know investing in our youth pays big dividends.”

Wooldridge added, “There are more people retiring from the skilled trades than are entering. There is a definite need for more young people in the trades. Anything I can do, or the company can do, to help prepare students with the tools, experience, and confidence for this line of work is good for

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everyone. Dirt needs moved. We need young talent to support the future in building America. Business is driven by construction. The more operators, the more equipment is needed to start or support an existing business operating on the job site. Investing in our youth, who are interested in pursuing a career in our line of work just makes good sense.”

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This newspaper struggles to get sponsor lists from many local event organizers. Sometimes it is not easy. Sometimes it is impossible to get an event organizer to just tell us who donated to make a community event possible.

It should not be a struggle.

Without sponsors, there would not have been an event.

I know of another publication – which shall remain nameless – that has told reporters to NOT list event sponsors because not everyone on the list is a paid advertiser.

My head almost exploded like that guy in the movie *Scanners* when I learned that.

This newspaper is more than happy to list sponsors for any event we preview, promote, or cover. All of them. Every single one.

Alas, event organizers do not always give us those lists, sometimes not even when we ask for them.

At some events, sponsors get a sign at the event or a verbal shoutout to people in attendance. And that’s great, but it is not nearly enough.

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THE CASTLE

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Our columnist was able to stay in a real castle. There she found rest and rejuvenation for her soul thanks to Daughters First. Oh, and not to worry . . . she already has her own Prince Charming.

Releasing our suffering to Jesus had me thinking about the Carrie Underwood song, “Jesus Take the Wheel.” I admit I have control issues. I found some true kindred spirits in this session; yes, there were tears.

Decluttering the soul had me take a spiritual inventory of areas of personal struggle. Codependency, anxiety and fear, and, of course, people-pleasing were my big three. You can take your own struggle finder quiz at [regenerationrecovery.org](https://regenerationrecovery.org).

I could write column after column about what I learned about my soul and how it needs to be cared for. There will be upcoming ones that I feel must be written, some serious, some hysterical.

One day, my friends Jackie Freeman, Jessica Bolyard, and I walked to the Garden of the Gods. We were told it was not that far – after all, we could see it. 16,677 steps later, we arrived back at the castle – almost seven miles. Stay tuned.

Three of my writer friends were on the plane in Denver that caught fire on their way home. We are not only kindred spirits but also kindred calamity-finders. My friend, Casey Hilty, has given her guitar a new name: Shadrach.

The day we left Glen Eyrie Castle, a nearby 20-acre wildfire was set by an arsonist. They found and arrested him. I imagined him hiding in the castle.

The Glen Eyrie Castle is owned by the Navigators, a ministry that emphasizes God’s inspiration for the scriptures. Volunteers come each month to help with the daily functions. I met a couple from Indiana who volunteer each March.

In our conversation, Phil realized he knew my husband, and his wife, Barb, had been given a copy of my book, *When the Hart Speaks*, by a friend. It is truly a small world.

During our free time, I could hike and find a bench to have my devotions, watch wild turkeys, and admire the rock formations of the Garden of the Gods. Signs were warning me to be cautious of rattlesnakes.

The Glen Eyrie Castle was built in the early 1870s by William Jackson Palmer, a Civil War general who founded Colorado Springs. The castle has 67 rooms. Mine was everything I could imagine. Climbing onto the bed was challenging; think about the bed in the story *The Princess and the Pea*.

I’m back home in the little house on the alley with my Prince Charming. My soul is quite rested.

So yes, that little girl who sang “*I can be whatever I want to be*” grew up to be a writer and got to sleep in a real castle. Dreams really do come true.

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Heights FFA Team impresses at National Western Roundup

The REPORTER

Recently, members of the Hamilton Heights FFA made an outstanding showing at the National Western Roundup at the Denver Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

The students’ hard work and dedication in the Livestock Judging events were evident as they competed against the top 15 teams from across the nation, showcasing their skills and expertise in various events.

The results are as follows:

- **Sheep Division:** 5th Place Team Overall: 1st Overall Team, 1st Place individual (Kaden Derrer) and 2nd Place individual (Cooper Rollins).
- **Swine Division:** 5th Place Overall Team; 6th Place individual (Quentin Derrer).
- Kaden Derrer, Quentin Derrer and Cooper Rollins all placed in the Top 20 as well.
- Team Members included Kaden Derrer, Quentin Derrer, Cooper Rollins, Ca-

Photo provided

HHHS Livestock Judging team (from left) Coach Spencer Carson, Kaden Derrer, Quentin Derrer, Caden Hine, Lauren Happel, and Cooper Rollins.

den Hine, and Lauren Happel. Coach Spencer Carson also traveled with the group to the event.

The individual and team’s impressive performance not only brought hometown pride, accolades to the district and highlighted the strong agricultural education and leadership development programs at Hamilton Heights. Congratulations to the Hamilton Heights FFA members for their remarkable achievement in Colorado.

“Attending a national livestock judging event is a feat that only a few in the state are able to accomplish,” Coach Spencer Carson explained. “From competing and qualifying last May, these young individuals have set the pace to continue preparing for their National Contest. It’s easy to coach young people like these five when they have a willingness to learn and a drive for competition.”

“This is a huge accom-

plishment for their futures as well as our FFA program and our state FFA association,” Hamilton Heights Agriculture Educator and FFA Advisor Emilie Carson said.

State Livestock Judging occurs in May of each year. The state contest was held at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds where Heights’ Livestock Judging team qualified. Hamilton Heights last qualified and competed at the National Western event in 2004.

Horn-toting & mustachioed kids entertain the masses in Sheridan

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan’s Middle and High School music departments recently delivered outstanding performances that highlight the talent of the choir and band students.

On Feb. 27, the choir students took the stage for an evening of beautiful harmonies. Under the direction of Libby Doublestein, the students performed a selection of music that captivated the audience. Also during their performances, select students performed their ensembles from the District and State ISSMA contest.

This concert focused on music from around the world. In addition to English, they sang in four other languages, and had a number of folk songs from various countries and traditions. Both high school and middle school students showcased their hard work and dedication, which left a lasting impression on the fami-

lies, friends, and community members that attended.

On March 6, it was the band’s time to shine. The band concert featured an array of pieces that put on display the students’ range and skill. The band members performed with such enthusiasm that they were able to bring the music to life. This is a testament to their talent and the guidance of their band director, Patrick Cronin.

Both concerts demonstrated the incredible work being done by the students and staff at SMS and SHS. These performances highlight the hard work and dedication of the students. It

also shows the strong sense of community and support within the music programs. Those who attended were treated to a lovely evening of exceptional music and outstanding performances.

A huge congratulations to all the students in the choir and band for their fantastic achievements. The school looks forward to seeing more of their musical growth in the future.

Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

The choir and band concerts was an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their talents.

Dr. Ryan Hoover named Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction at Westfield schools

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools has announced the appointment of Dr. Ryan Hoover as the district’s new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, effective July 1, 2025.

Dr. Hoover, who has served as the district’s Director of Curriculum and Instruction since 2022, will step into this expanded leadership role as Dr. John Atha transitions to the role of Superintendent.

Dr. Hoover brings over 27 years of experience in education, instructional leadership, and school administration to his new position. A passionate advocate for student success, innovation in

learning, and fostering collaborative environments for educators, Dr. Hoover has been instrumental in shaping Westfield Washington Schools’ PreK-12 learning programs.

“We are thrilled to announce Dr. Hoover’s promotion,” Dr. Atha said. “His dedication to collaboration, innovative practices, and student-centered learning has significantly impacted our district.”

Dr. Hoover’s career in education began in Fishers as an Instructional Assistant before becoming a fifth-grade teacher and special education

Hoover

inclusion teacher in Noblesville. He later served as Assistant Principal and Principal at Eagle Elementary in Brownsburg for 16 years, focusing on academic achievement and building a strong school culture.

“I am honored to step into this new role and continue serving Westfield’s students, educators, and families,” Dr. Hoover said. “I am committed to fostering an environment where educators can thrive, and our students receive the highest quality education that prepares them for success in life.”

In addition to his work in education, Dr. Hoover is an active member of several professional organizations, including the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP), ASCD, and the Indiana Association of School Business Officials (IASBO). He holds a Doctorate in Education from Ball State University and remains dedicated to lifelong learning and professional development.

Dr. Hoover and his wife, Amy, have been married for 26 years and are proud parents to three sons: Alex, Jake, and Zach. His commitment to education and family serves as a role model for the Westfield Washington Schools community.

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Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club  
Kurt Deichmann was the speaker at the Westfield Lions' monthly Program Night.

## Living the Lions Clubs' charge

### First Aid for the Blind offers life-changing skills

**The REPORTER**

Kurt Deichmann, a member of the Westfield Lions Club, walks the talk of Lions Clubs International's charge to be "Knights of the Blind."

Not only does Deichmann regularly serve alongside his fellow Lions, but he does so while being 100 percent blind and running his own business. He started First Aid for the Blind (FAFTB) in 2023 to help those on a journey of vision loss to learn valuable individual living skills.

On March 6, Deichmann was the speaker at the Westfield Lions' monthly "Program Night" to introduce his FAFTB efforts. FAFTB provides training and tools to help blind and visually impaired people learn to live life to the fullest. The training includes 25 lessons taught over Zoom by blind trainers who bring unparalleled compassion and knowledge to each session. The program also allows for a "training buddy," usually a family member or friend, who can attend the lessons with the client to offer moral support and get a first-hand

look at the new skills and adaptations that are possible for blind folks. The ultimate goal of FAFTB is to replace fear of the unknown with feelings of hope and confidence.

FAFTB-approved devices include an \$800 iPhone with unique software, an Amazon Echo device, and a digital recorder. The devices FAFTB provides, along with the training fees, run \$3,500. So far, the majority of his clients have been able to obtain grants for the training from the State of Indiana's Vocational Rehabilitation department, meaning they have received FAFTB assistance without needing to front the cost.

Deichmann's original goal when he started FAFTB was to help 10 clients during his first year. He ended up completing training for 50 clients located across Indiana. He is now looking to expand his service and impact further by developing a 501(c)(3) organization that will raise funds to provide scholarships that can help cover the costs of the training and the equipment.

Deichmann, who suffers

from retinitis pigmentosa, has embraced the challenges of his blindness and found ways to utilize technology to significantly improve his quality of life. One of his favorite devices is the high-tech Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses, which have built-in cameras and speakers and connect to the internet. The glasses can tell him what he is looking at and take pictures of the scene in front of him, while also telling him the weather forecast, the score of the Cubs game, and more.

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs International to become "Knights of the Blind" – to assist those with vision-related issues and to help fund ways to eliminate the causes of blindness. Kurt Deichmann has risen to the challenge.

Deichmann is available to speak at events and programs to spread the word on FAFTB's life-changing service. If your club or organization is interested in having him speak at one of your meetings, please contact him at [admin@fafb.com](mailto:admin@fafb.com) or visit FAFTB's website at [fafb.com](http://fafb.com).

## Noblesville, Carmel & Westfield Lions assist Gleaners in March



Photo provided by Jake Doll / Noblesville Lions Club  
On Tuesday, March 11, the Lions clubs from Noblesville, Carmel, and Westfield assisted Gleaners Food Pantry with their monthly mobile pantry at Grand Park in Westfield. A total of 134 families received donations from the pantry. (From left) Joe Connerley, Scott Willis, Linda Williamson, Jerry Baker, Ron Williamson, Steve Shaw, Jeanne Auffrey, Jim Foote, Ron Sinicki, Don Collins, Bill Ryan, Amber Best, Matt Best, and Jeff Kozicki. Not pictured are Mark Bachar and Ron and Tiny Ekes.



Photos courtesy Rachel Von Art  
Hamilton County Tourism won awards for its annual Tenderloin Tuesday campaign (above left) and for Best Eclipse Promotion (above right), as well as for Best Overall Marketing Campaign for last year's Discover You – Spring Campaign.

## Hamilton County Tourism wins three Indiana Tourism awards

### Organization recognized for marketing campaigns & eclipse promotion

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana Tourism Association (ITA) presented Hamilton County Tourism with three Indiana Tourism Awards during its 2025 conference in Fort Wayne. A panel of out-of-state judges selected winners based on creativity, innovation, and maximization of budget. More than 110 entries were received across 26 categories.

First, Hamilton County Tourism won Best Culinary Focused Marketing Campaign for the 15th anniversary promotion of Tenderloin Tuesday. The digital passport garnered more than 6,400 pass holders and nearly 4,500 redemptions, which were record-breaking numbers for the annual campaign.

The organization also received the Best Overall Marketing Campaign (DMO) award for its Discover You – Spring Campaign. The campaign ran

digitally, in print, radio, streaming, and broadcast in the spring of last year. It influenced 125,000 trips to Hamilton County and generated approximately \$156 million in visitor spending.

Finally, Hamilton County Tourism received recognition for Best Eclipse Promotion (Marketing Budgets over \$300,000) for planning and activations around the celestial event. According to data from Pacer.ai, 86,600 visitors came to Hamilton County on April 8, 2024.

"We are honored to have our marketing efforts recognized among such a talented pool of candidates across the state," Hamilton County Tourism Director of Marketing and Promotions Ashley Ledford said. "These accolades are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team and our partners throughout the county, and they inspire us to continue elevating our efforts to market Hamilton

County, Indiana, as a premiere 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.

**About Indiana Tourism Association**

The Indiana Tourism Association's mission is advocating the value of tourism in Indiana and supporting the best practices of its members. Established in 1980, the association partners with the Indiana Destination Development Corporation, Association of Indiana Restaurant and Lodging and other statewide associations to support tourism investment and promotion as an economic contributor to the state.

## Ignite Studio to hold second annual Make-Off Competition on March 29

**The REPORTER**

Showcasing the variety of wonderful, artful things a person can create in its makerspace, Ignite Studio at the Fishers Library will hold its second annual Make-Off.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 29 at the Ignite Studio located in the Fishers Library, 5 Municipal Drive.

Selected artists will compete to make an original piece of art related to Ignite equipment, kits, or other in-house materials to highlight the creative possibilities involved in making. Artists will be given six hours to complete a work of art which will culminate in the awarding of monetary prizes. Visitors will be able to watch the process of creating art, take part in hands-on activities, and participate in public maker challenge. The first 50 patrons to attend will

even receive free art kits!

"Ignite Studio is excited to hold its second annual Make-Off," Ignite Studio Arts Engagement Coordinator Kris Hurst said. "The Make-Off is a great opportunity for patrons to see local artists at work and get inspiration for their own creative art-making endeavors using equipment and supplies found in Ignite Studio."

This year's theme is abstract art: using the building blocks of art. Abstract art, in this competition, involves the breaking down of art into its primary elements: dot, line, shape, form, color, value, space, and texture. The focus is on the building blocks of art rather than the fidelity to the subject seen in traditional, realistic land-



scapes, portraits, and still life. Abstract art makes no effort to capture the real world perfectly, frequently prioritizing the conveyance of emotion or meaning through gestural mark making. Abstract art pieces can serve as an investigation of the elements of art.

Winners will be selected by a panel that includes past winner Craig Helming. All work will be displayed in the Fishers Library Lobby Gallery from April 5 to May 16.

All ages are invited to join us for this unique opportunity to witness the artistic process at work, while participating in your own art projects. Visit [ignite.hamiltoneastpl.org](http://ignite.hamiltoneastpl.org) for more information.

## Riverview Health recognized for excellence in infant & maternal health

**The REPORTER**

Riverview Health was recently recognized by the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), in partnership with State Health Commissioner Lindsay Weaver, M.D., FACEP, for its commitment to infant and maternal health at the fifth annual INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program.

Riverview Health earned an INspire Hospital of Distinction award based on implementing best practices in key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, perinatal substance use, social drivers of health, obstetric hemorrhage, and maternal hypertension.

"It is an incredible honor for Riverview Health to receive the INspire Hospital of Distinction award," Associate Chief Nursing Officer Michelle Allen said. "This achievement is a testament to our collective effort to enhance maternal and infant



Photo provided  
This is the fourth time Riverview Health has received the Inspire Hospital of Distinction award.

health, ensuring every patient receives compassionate, high-quality care."

For the first time in the program's history, 100 percent of Indiana's birthing facilities earned one of two INspire recognitions, reinforcing the progress that has been made to improve upon the key drivers of maternal and infant health. Due to the

compassionate and excellent patient care provided by the medical staff and nurses, this is the fourth time Riverview Health has been recognized with an INspire Hospital of Distinction award.

For more information about Riverview Health's maternity services, visit [riverview.org/services/maternity](http://riverview.org/services/maternity).

## Reports: \$1B in visitor spending gives big boost to local economy

**The REPORTER**

For the first time, annual tourism spending by visitors exceeded \$1 billion in local Hamilton County businesses.

A new study released by the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) and conducted by Rockport Analytics shows the tourism industry's role throughout 2023 as a driver of economic vitality in Hamilton County. Tourism directly supported more than 10,000 jobs and generated \$1.1 billion in spending. The net economic impact totaled nearly \$690 million.

"In 2023, the earliest year we have for this data, pent-up demand for travel was still at an all-time high as the industry recovered from COVID-19's restrictions," Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. President and CEO Karen Radcliff said. "We knew we were getting close to the billion-dollar tipping point, and it happened in 2023. The nation saw complete recovery to 2019 levels in 2024, and Hamilton County followed suit with a strong leisure travel sector

driving the way."

Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. plays a pivotal role in the county's tourism economic growth, both through marketing and promotion as well as product development.

**Data-driven insights**

Hamilton County Tourism manages a robust data and research program to help manage growth and provide insights into the market. The program delivers viable master planning, digital marketing analysis, visitor demographics and arrivals, advertising effectiveness, resident sentiment, and economic impact, among other activities.

**Residents value tourism's contribution to quality of life**

Providing intelligence is a hallmark of the organization and an important value offered to community. When asked in a survey of the importance of tourism to Hamilton County, 94 percent of residents rated tourism somewhat, very or extremely important to the local economy. In the same



survey, tourism was highly regarded by residents as a strategy that provides opportunity, revenue and quality of life for community. (MMGY Global)

**Marketing efforts factor into economic impact**

The Hamilton County Tourism's destination advertising proved effective in 2023 with key messages driving mid-week visitation when the hospitality industry needed the business. A post-campaign analysis showed 24 percent destination awareness generated in Chicago and Cincinnati, as well as \$446 spent in market for every dollar spent on advertising. (SMARI Insights)

To learn more about Hamilton County Tourism's strategic plans and future initiatives, go to [VisitHamiltonCounty.com/About-Us](http://VisitHamiltonCounty.com/About-Us).



# Time flies: should school start later?

*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.*

Have you ever thought about the start time of schools? What time did your school start? Over the course of this essay I will describe both the pros and cons of school starting at a later time.

First, I will describe the pros of school starting later. The three main ideas that will be improved are attendance, attention, and grades. These benefits will mostly be centered at a high-school level due to the difference between adolescents' brains and adult brains.

As a person's brain develops rapidly during their teen years, they may need more sleep to help them function properly. That's why school starting at 9 a.m. would be more beneficial to high school students.

For my first improvement, which is attendance, studies from the American Psychological Association ([apa.org](#)) show that when students get more sleep they are more likely to attend school long term. People may ask "Why don't the kids just go to sleep earlier?" Well, this is because during puberty hormonal shifts happen in the body that push kids to fall asleep later. This means that the problem is not as simple as it may seem, adding more credibility for a late start.

Secondly, there is a student's attention to consider. Studies show that having well-rested students prevents a myriad of problems that involve attention: "Later start times were correlated with better attendance, less tardiness, less falling asleep in class, better grades, and fewer car crashes" ([apa.org](#)). All of these problems shown are mostly attention-based. A later start time would not only benefit a student's grade, but it would also benefit early morning commuters. With fewer car crashes associated with a later start time, commuters as well as students would benefit.

# We're all joined together in this circle of life

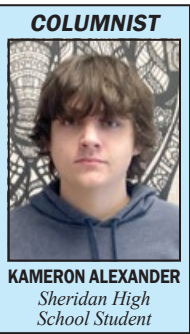
*"From the day we arrive on the planet, and blinking, step into the sun / There's more to see than can ever be seen, more to do than can ever be done."* – Elton John in "Circle of Life" from *The Lion King*

It seems that this past winter season has closed the circle of life of several friends and acquaintances. The quote above seems very appropriate to me as a reminder of two things: one thing every human on this planet has in common is that we are headed toward the same end, and we will know others who are experiencing loss before they themselves meet that end.

I understand that is not exactly the most upbeat topic this column, but one that is as it is said in *The Lion King* – the circle of life.

Mourning our own loved ones we lose is obviously very difficult, and mourning *with* others is difficult as well. However, it is an important part of our lives. Our psyche and our physical well-being are inextricably linked.

Few people enjoy funeral home visitations and services. (If you do, I suggest you might wish to read



**COLUMNIST**  
**KAMERON ALEXANDER**  
Sheridan High School Student

logistics of transportation, and extracurricular activities being moved later. These flaws are the main reasons that a late start has not been adapted by more school systems.

I will tackle the first two cons as they tie in together. The main problem that disrupts schedules is that the benefits of a late start are only seen at a high-school and middle-school level; this means there is no need for a late start in elementary school. This can pose a challenge as parents may need to leave earlier than the time the late-start bus arrives, meaning they will have to leave some kids at home. If the parents take their kids to school and some children start late and others don't, it can lead to a difficulty balancing getting kids to school and arriving at work.

It also leads to an even bigger problem which is bus routes. Schools within a school system starting at different times means that buses need separate routes to accommodate the start times. This means that bus drivers need to be working and buses need to be driving longer.

For the last con of extracurricular activities, they pose a challenge as kids will need to be away from home later. Due to school ending later, extracurriculars will begin and end much later. This can dampen the amount of participation in these activities as either the kids or their parents will not want them to stay out later and impede on family activities such as dinner.

Has this essay changed your mind? This topic is important, and I believe improving the learning experience in school is necessary. More school districts should look into a late start for improving the learning environment of their schools. Isn't that why we are at school anyway – to learn?

Many area businesses also have their start time at 8 a.m., creating more traffic.

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another column or seek professional help.) A celebration of life service can be both uplifting and comforting, it is true, and if you take the time to reach out to those in mourning, you will lift them up as well as yourself. We do it as a service both to those for whom we care and for ourselves.

There is a saying that "we never really begin to live until we are prepared to die." I earnestly believe that is true; whatever your personal faith might be, most of us believe that we will be aware and engaged after our demise.

Speaking for myself, I am in no great hurry to meet that end, so I want to live my life healthy, engaged, giving, and with enjoyment in the process. We are all shaped differently with various talents, outlooks, and plans. However, we are drawn together in common goals to achieve our "best self." These goals include proper nutrition, moving our bodies away from the television, computers, and social media, working our muscles and staying flexible, and keeping our mental capacities strong and curious.

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# Spring brings renewal – and safety for survivors

As the season changes, I, like many of you, welcome the renewal that spring brings. I am reminded of the importance of growth, healing, and safety – core beliefs that drive our work at Prevail.

Many people do not realize that a portion of our funding comes from federal grants (VOCA) Victim of Crimes Act and (FVPSA) Family Violence Prevention Services Act. These funds were instrumental in



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Prevail, Inc.

helping Prevail open its doors in 1986. Since then, this funding has played a critical role in ensuring that survivors of crime and abuse receive the immediate and long-term support on their healing journey. From crisis services and court support to safety planning, and case management, these federal funds help to create pathways to safety and stability for those in crisis.

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Last year alone, nearly 3,200 survivors and their children received support through our services.

We are actively monitoring the federal funding situation. We are working to strengthen our funding sources, ensuring that survivors have access to comprehensive support beyond government assistance. Your generosity allows us to go beyond the basics – offering personalized support, innovative programs, and community outreach that truly change lives. With your help, we can adapt, expand, and ensure

that every survivor has access to the comprehensive resources they need to not only find safety but also rebuild and thrive.

Together, we are creating a future where survivors do more than survive – they thrive.

Thank you for being part of this mission. Spring is not just a season of renewal – it is a season of hope.

Together, we are saving lives!

Tami Wanninger serves as the Executive Director of Prevail, Inc. Learn more at [prevailinc.org](#).

# I'm more than a can of green beans

For this edition of The Feeding Team Feature, Greenie the Can of Green Beans is filling in for Feeding Team Founder Mark Hall. Enjoy this story of Greenie's travels and how he hopes to help a neighbor in need in Hamilton County.



**COLUMNIST**  
**GREENIE, THE CAN OF GREEN BEANS**  
The Feeding Team Feature

Good morning! My name is Greenie. I'm a can of green beans living in some temporary yellow housing in Noblesville.

My journey to get here was exhausting. I'm a proud can of vegetables, fresh packed, four inches tall, and I weigh 14 and a half ounces. My 60 calories represent a small portion of what people are supposed to eat every day. As a can of green beans, I sit silently among cans of soup, boxes of pasta, and jars of peanut butter. My bunkmates are some interesting characters that come from all over the world. As diverse as we all are, we share the same purpose. After traveling to our forever home, we'll help someone to have a better day.

From my window to the world, I witness firsthand the struggle of hunger faced by families who depend on the generosity of strangers. Last Tuesday, I left the factory, traveling from Canada on a truck bound for Indiana. A couple of days later I found myself in a large dark storage shed along with hundreds of my friends. Then it happened: a nice young lady picked me up and drove me to a big yellow pantry. It tickled as she spun me around checking my born-on date, gave me a bath, and tattooed my UPC code. Then up on the shelf I go. Wow! What a view!

In my short time here so far, I've watched humans from all walks of life visit

the pantry. Some arrive with a sense of gratitude and eyes filled with hope. Some show up and drop off more friends to temporarily join me. Still others who open the door seem sad, filled with the desperation of

their situation. This is the moment when the painful soul of hunger reveals itself.

Early this morning right after midnight, a mom and two children pulled up to my pantry. Carefully and quietly, she looked to make sure no one was watching as she hurriedly placed a few items in a small plastic bag before jumping back into her car. She motioned to the kids in the back seat and then almost as if to say goodbye she pointed towards me in the pantry, driving away.

The shame of judgment is real; it changes the behavior of people who find themselves in need. I've seen longing gazes and hesitant steps, as people battle their demons, wrestling with their pride and the fear of being labeled. If I could talk, I'd shout to them, "HEY! You are not alone, people care, we are here for your people."

From my perch in the pantry, hunger is more than a mere sensation. It is a silent battle fought by individuals; their lives deeply impacted by the absence of food. As a can of green beans, I know that I'm a temporary solution for someone, and I'm okay with that life. In my time on the shelf, I've learned that while providing meals, my pantry is also a symbol of community solidarity. People find comfort in knowing that they are not alone in their fight against hunger. The humans who put me here describe it as humanity, honoring God,

and something about Neighbors serving Neighbors. Well, thanks for taking the time to read the thoughts of a can of Great Value Green Beans. I've been here nine days waiting to go to my forever home ... maybe today. Stay tuned.

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With over 44,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love



Photo provided Greenie was found on the top shelf of this Feeding Team pantry, where he dictated his story to Mark Hall. What, you thought a can of beans could type, too? Just be impressed he can talk.

**FeedingTeam.org Facts**  
77 pantries  
14,000 meals per month  
Over 30 volunteer families

serving so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns,

we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

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

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

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

# Westfield Youth Assistance Program releases 2024 Annual Impact Report

## The REPORTER

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) announces the official release of the 2024 Annual Impact Report, which can be found at [westfieldyap.org/about-us/by-the-numbers](#).

The Annual Impact Report highlights the events, successes, and milestone moments experienced in 2024. Some highlighted moments include the 14th annual Youth Recognition Breakfast and inaugural "The Double" Walk/Run event, which WYAP will hold annually. Additionally, the Report is divided into various sections, with each section emphasizing a different aspect of how WYAP operates and connects with the Westfield community.

"I am honored to present the accomplishments of the hard work and dedication that our Early Intervention



Photos provided by WYAP (ABOVE LEFT) WYAP youth Grace, a passionate baker, was connected with Westfield business owner Becky the Bakerist to learn more about baking and running her own business. (ABOVE RIGHT) WYAP youth Marlon, who wants to become a videogame designer, was connected with idTech's videogame design course at Butler.

Advocates, Board of Directors, donors, and community partners continually put into our nonprofit to support our youth and their families," WYAP Board President Tammy Havard said.

The Report aims to inform the community of WYAP's impact, highlighting the numbers of youth served with different services. These service connections can include mentoring, tu-

toring, camps, enrichment activities, mental health counseling, and more. The Report serves as a way for the community to better

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The Adventures of Two Bad Dogs

One thing that those close to me and my wife, Megan, know is we are dog people. We love our two dogs, Elsa and Lucy, and pretty much any dogs we come across. We love puppy kisses and are great at doggy snuggles. One thing we suck at ... training. We pretty much expect a newborn puppy to know how to sit, roll over, and play the trumpet by the time they make it into our home.

So, this means we are full of disappointment when there's dog poop hanging from the rafters and my eighth pair of shoes are half-eaten by the time I make it downstairs to greet them in the morning. Of course, by the time they give me the puppy dog eyes and greet me like they haven't seen me in years, all is forgiven, and the vicious cycle starts all over again.

Megan, who is also a columnist for the Hamilton County Reporter, recently wrote about this little adventure, and I was challenged to write my side of the story. So, here it is.

This doggone tale takes place last August. It was a Saturday, and we were happily looking forward to a leisurely morning of staying in sweats and slippers. Megan left to go pick up some muffins and bagels for us and the kids. I let the dogs outside to do their normal routine. You know, do their business and then immediately chew up one of our lily plants. I typically leave them outside for a few minutes to play when it's a nice day, which it was, not taking into consideration that there was a big wind storm the night before (foreshadowing!!).

Megan came home and asked where the dogs were. I told her I left them outside to play. She opened the back door to call them inside. Crickets. I raced upstairs

in case the kids had let them in, and they managed their way up. No Elsa. No Lucy. A frightening thought came to me. *What if the windstorm damaged our old wooden fence and the dogs got*

*out?* I raced to the backyard again and saw, to my horror, a gaping opening in the far corner of the fence. Megan called her sister to come sit with the kids, while I ran around the neighborhood, screaming the dogs' names like a madman, still in my sweats and slippers. There was no sign of them anywhere.

Her sister came and Megan and I jumped in our cars and split up to cover more ground. Luckily, we learned from others in the neighborhood that two dogs were spotted romping and running around together, like they were on a crime spree. The bad news was, they were seen crossing Brooks School Road, which can be a very busy street. Knowing how little common sense our dogs have; I was immediately frightened for their lives. The good news was, however, that they seemed to still be together.

We both drove around, asking anyone outside if they had seen the dogs. Many had, so I felt like we were on the trail like they were Carmen Sandiego. Some good Samaritans jumped in their truck and joined in the search after speaking to Megan. In all honesty, they were probably just tired of a deranged woman in a robe screaming at the top of her lungs in their neighborhood.

At this point, I had parked my car and was on foot because I got a hot tip that they were in the area. The Samaritans in the truck stopped me and said the perpetrators were near a neighborhood lake, right next



Photo provided Elsa and Lucy right after their bad-dog adventure.

to Brooks School Road. They offered to drive me there. I jumped right in, and they drove near the lake. "THERE THEY ARE!!!"

I did a tuck and roll as I dove out of the speeding truck. Ok, I didn't do that, but it makes me sound cooler. I ran to the edge of the lake and there they were. The problem was, they were on the opposite side. I yelled for them, thinking they would stay right there while I ran to them. Not the result I was hoping for. They both immediately jumped in the lake and tried to paddle to me. I know these dogs. They've never been near water in their lives. This was bad.

I was one second from jumping in myself to go save them, but luckily, they both realized they couldn't swim and jumped back on land. Now I had to get to them, fast. I started running to the far corner of the lake, and to my surprise, they were running parallel to come to me. The problem was, they are a lot faster than me. I was afraid they would run right around the edge and out into traffic.

My adrenaline kicked in. My slippers, which are too big for my feet, were a large hindrance to my gazelle-style running. I kicked them up high into the air in one smooth motion, just as I saw a police car on Brooks School with its lights on and all traffic stopped. I can only imagine what the people in

those cars were thinking. They were watching a middle-aged man in sweats and socks, sprinting at full speed in the grass, along a lake, with a cop now watching me. Commence the "Yakety Sax" music.

I made it to the corner of the lake at the same time as the dogs, who were completely soaked from their little dip. I threw myself on the ground and grabbed them and held on with all my strength. I was somehow able to pull my phone out and call Megan to tell her I had them and I need someone to come help me. Oh yeah, and I also might be arrested.

Turns out, the cop was my police officer brother-in-law who had come to help. Megan arrived and we were able to get them in the car and back home safely. I was sopping wet and completely out of breath, but my doggies were safe. I walked back down the lakeside to retrieve my oversized slippers and went back home to collapse.

In conclusion, I have bad dogs. But I love them. Helpers in the neighborhood are awesome. And it helps to have a police officer in the family.

The moral of the story is ... For goodness' sake, check your fence after a storm!

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I wasn't ready

I heard a quote recently that really resonated with me. It said, "I asked God for flowers, and He gave me rain."

I was not ready to get what I was asking for. I needed to grow in many ways to be prepared to take on what I needed to, in order to fulfill my purpose. If He had just given me the flowers, I would have missed the growing season. I would not have understood the purpose.

I wasn't ready for my path. I had a lot to learn to understand what I needed to do in my life. To be educated to help the people I need to.

For so long, I prayed and prayed, "please heal me." I felt like I was placed in the wrong body. It just didn't feel right. I felt trapped. The lack of answers was really God telling me to wait. I had to prepare. Forty-four years of preparation is a long time.

As the puzzle pieces finally came together, the last one finally clicked into place, the bigger picture was revealed. In those early days post diagnosis, there would be times where all the incoming realizations were overwhelming, in a good way. Six years post diagnosis, I am still getting those a-ha moments. It is honestly really special to be able to look at all God wanted me to learn, and how learning those things have real-life applications.

It doesn't just happen though. It is putting into practice what I learned all of those years undiagnosed. Making a consistent effort to not waste the years of learning. It taught me much more than I could ever form into words. It was the hardest thing I have lived through. Even harder than the physical struggles my disability brings, living in the unknown space for so long, was so difficult, confusing and isolating. I knew absolutely zero people who were dealing with what I was.

Many of my childhood friends (who are still my friends today) have said to me, "I'm sorry, I didn't know you were struggling so much. You didn't show it." I assure them there was nothing that they could do to be better friends. They were/are amazing. I simply didn't know how to talk about such a rare thing. I did not have the words to voice or express what was going on behind the scenes.

When you don't have real life examples of things you are struggling with, it can be really hard to make sense of those things. When you don't have anyone you know to go before you and illuminate the path, it is like living in total darkness. The feeling of unendingness is dreadful and consuming.

Strangely enough, when I was diagnosed, I instantly went from one type of unendingness to another. I was diagnosed with a disease that has no cure, and has many unknowns of its own, yet the diagnosis comforted me. I felt like I had been spinning for 44 years, and the spinning suddenly stopped. I could steady myself.

It is not that I don't struggle with living with Muscular Dystrophy, but not only were those years of the unknown teaching me how to help others, it was also teaching me how to help myself. As things continue to decline, my faith is what keeps me from unraveling.

My faith tells me, sometimes, you must learn to love the rain, so you can really appreciate the beauty of the flowers.

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

The balancing act: cooking, career & community

Life in the U.S. required more than just adapting to a new kitchen – it meant juggling multiple roles.

Back in India, household tasks were often shared. Cooking was a communal experience, supported by extended family and household help. Chopping vegetables, grinding fresh spices, and preparing meals were collective efforts that made the kitchen a space of togetherness rather than just a place of work.

When I moved here, the dynamic changed. Suddenly, my husband and I were juggling between work and being Uber parents for our girls and their extracurriculars – all while managing the responsibilities of running a household. The transition was overwhelming at first. I missed the comforting rhythm of home, where meals were slow-cooked with patience and food was a bridge to connection. But amid the chaos, I found my anchor: food itself.

In today's fast-paced world, we all look for ways to simplify cooking while keeping meals fresh and nourishing. While convenience is essential, I still hold onto the wisdom of slow cooking, fresh ingredients,

and mindful preparation – practices deeply rooted in my upbringing. I've learned that balancing tradition with modern efficiency is key. Weekly meal prepping, batch cooking, and embracing new ingredients allow me to nourish my family while staying true to my roots. Keeping a balanced diet and incorporating Satvik food into our meals is my comfort – it keeps me grounded, energized, and connected to my heritage.

One thing we have made a point to prioritize is having at least one meal together as a family. No matter how busy the day gets, sitting down at the table allows us to wind down, share reflections, and stay connected. These moments, however simple, reinforce the idea



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

that food is more than sustenance – it is a time to pause, listen, and be present with one another.

Living in Indiana, far from home, I have embraced this balancing act. My kitchen is now a space where cultures blend. I experiment with global flavors, mixing the comfort of home-cooked Indian meals with the diversity of my new community. Grocery budgeting, exploring local farmers' markets, and connecting with others over shared meals have deepened my appreciation for food's ability to build relationships.

As I prepare for the Taste of Community potluck and book signing on Sept. 18, I invite you to reflect on your own food journey. What recipes ground you? What flavors remind you of home? Join me in celebrating the stories that shape our tables and bring our communities closer – one meal at a time. Please RSVP and reach out to me through tasteofcommunity25@gmail.com.

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

That basketball thing

If there were an award for Most Clueless Person When It Comes to Sports, it would go to me, hands down. This amuses my family and friends to no end. Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against

them. And I've played some. I was on our junior varsity tennis team in high school and played tennis with friends long after that in college and in my 20s. I also enjoy volleyball, which is how I met my husband, John.

I've just never had any interest in sports overall. Which I know makes me an oddball in our society – well, I'm an oddball for other reasons, too, but I digress.

For example, as I waited for my friend Monday evening before we went out to dinner, I saw clips on the news of people getting downtown Indianapolis ready for March Madness. Oh yeah, I thought, it's time for that basketball thing where people have those ... what do you call them ... brackets ... whatever that means.

Okay, I do know what March Madness is ... sort of ... and what a big deal it is for most people in central Indiana. I have enjoyed watching basketball games in the past and understand the basics.

Other sports? Forget it. John has attempted to explain football to me multiple times. I understand it ... that day ... but since it doesn't pertain to my life whatsoever, it all flies out of my head by the next day.

In fact, for the first time in years, we didn't even watch the Super Bowl last month. In the past I enjoyed it for the commercials. But

this year, knowing they'd all be on YouTube, our family skipped it.

To be fair to myself, John and his family aren't into sports, either, although my husband loves to watch baseball both live and on TV. And when asked if he would attend some sporting event, John's dad would famously say, "Why? They (the players) don't pay to come watch me work?"

Strangely, I love watching the Olympics, which has been a tradition for John and me for years. I guess it's because most of those sports are simple to understand. If someone crosses the finish line first, they get a gold medal ... if someone does a great gymnastics routine, they get high scores ...

We also love hearing the stories about the athletes and learning how hard they've worked/how far they've come. It's inspiring and amazing.

At 54 years of age, I don't think my cluelessness in sports will ever improve. I used to beat myself up over it, but at this stage, I've realized it's not the end of the world. I have other strengths, gifts, and talents. I've lived a pretty great life (thank you, God!) and look forward to more years ahead.

Just don't ask me this month if I watched "the game last night." You'll be guaranteed to see a deer-in-headlights look.

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CIRCLE

Obviously, there are situations in which the demise of a person is immediate and without warning, something my own family has experienced and maybe some of you as well. A life cut short in that way is truly tragic but not the situation which I am addressing here, although I suggest that if you have had that experience that you seek trauma counseling.

In working with senior citizens (of which I am one!) in nutrition consult-

ing and personal training, I very often receive feedback that they now understand that if they had been more discerning of their eating habits, activity, and personal care over the years, their senior years would be more productive, enjoyable, and rewarding. I believe this to be true for most of us.

So – what are we to do? The answer is very simple, really ... do the best we can. Isn't that what it comes down to – taking the best care of ourselves that we

possibly can and adopting a positive outlook on the trials and tribulations that are pervasive in our society? By doing that, reaching out to others, and using our time on planet Earth to be a confident force in maintaining optimum physical, emotional, and mental health we will make the best use of our time here. Control what you can, work on the attributes you can change, and greet each morning with optimism and hope.

Reach out to those who

mourn; ease their souls as you soothe your own. Your body, mind, and soul will respond to the care you provide to yourself and to others as you navigate the circle of life.

Sharon McMahan, CNWC The opinions expressed in this column are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

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# Heights BPA students shine at state, 12 advance to nationals

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Students from Hamilton Heights High School's Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) recently returned from the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. The Huskies excelled on the state stage placing in the top 10 in 17 events with 12 students qualifying for nationals.

- **Olivia Cosand:** 10th, 190 Financial Math and Concepts
- **Bella McDole:** 1st, 590 Meeting and Event Planning
- **Hailey Hall:** 9th, 591 Management Marketing and Human Resource Concepts
- **Katelynn Bishop:** 6th, 594 Digital Marketing Concepts
- **Grant Cavanaugh, Enzo Christy, Landon Faubion, Drew Laitas:** 6th, 160 Economic Research Team
- **Kylie Hilton, Maddy Lustig, Zoe Pickett:** 5th, 455 User Experience Design Team
- **Bekah Beechler, Brinley Flaherty, Anna Kauffman, Jessa Steffen:** 6th, 500 Global Marketing Team
- **Julia Bearman, Sierra Bramel, Giselle Effing, Elyse Hurley:** 3rd, 510 Small Business Management Team

- **Izzy Bailey, Addison Gilmore, Drew Hilton, Gwendolyn Pritsch:** 5th, 550 Parliamentary Procedure Team
- **Lizzy Smith:** 4th, 420 Digital Media Production
- **Hailey Hall:** 2nd, 535 Human Resource Management
- **Gwendolyn Pritsch:** 1st, 540 Ethics and Professionalism
- **Katelynn Bishop:** 4th, 110 Advanced Accounting
- **Taylor Morrison:** 3rd, 125 Payroll Accounting
- **Anna Kauffman:** 3rd, 600 Medical Coding
- **Tessa Hartwick:** 8th, 605 Health Insurance and Billing
- **Olivia Cosand:** 6th, 610 Health Admin Procedures
- **Adalynn Gould:** 7th, 540 Ethics and Professionalism

"I am so proud of the hard work I have seen among BPA students this year," said Austin Nicole, Business Department Head Teacher, Work-based Learning Coordinator, and BPA Advisor. "Hailey Hall, chapter president, has done a great job leading our chapter of 70 students. This combination has led to great professional growth across



Photos provided  
(ABOVE LEFT) Gwendolyn Pritsch placed first in the state for Ethics and Professionalism at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. The National Leadership Conference represents the culmination of a year's work for those students and chapter sponsors attending. (ABOVE RIGHT) Bella McDole placed first in the state for Meeting and Event Planning at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. She is among those students who get to take their leadership and career skills to the national stage in May.

the board for freshmen through seniors. Let's finish the year strong and get some hardware at NLC!"

This year's conference is expected to bring together delegates from across the country to vie for top honors in business and information technology skills competitions, attend leadership and professional development workshops, receive awards for community service activities and elect BPA's 2025-26 national student leadership team.

The 2025 BPA National Leadership will take place May 7 to 11 in Orlando, Fla. The opening session (May 7) and awards sessions (May 11) will be streamed live at [bpa.org/nlc](https://bpa.org/nlc).

## Sheridan Lions get lesson in Civil War history



Photo by Dayne Jessup  
Sheridan Lions Club members ventured back in time, way back in time, at their recent meeting. Civil War re-enactor Greg Swank visited the local service organization dressed in full Civil War uniform and displayed various combat gear and weapons used during the bloody war fought on U.S. soil from 1861 to 1865. He also displayed other soldier essentials during the evening presentation. A question-and-answer session followed.

## Fishers' own Sydney Parrish joins "Team Fifth Third"

The REPORTER

Fifth Third announced on March 3 "Team Fifth Third," a Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) program comprised of 26 student athletes that will give fans an all-encompassing look at the personal stories and personalities of each student athlete.

Among the members of Team Fifth Third is Sydney Parrish, a Fishers native who

plays on the Indiana University women's basketball team.

The social media video series will highlight each athlete's journey and show what it takes to play Division I college basketball.

While Team Fifth Third



Parrish

is new to the college sports scene, Fifth Third has a long-standing relationship with college athletics, with naming rights for Fifth Third Arena at the University of Cincinnati and Fifth Third Stadium at Kennesaw State University. Fifth Third also is

the Official Bank of University of Dayton Athletics, with Fifth Third proudly emblazoned on the Flyers' basketball court. The NIL program enabled new partnerships between Fifth Third and student athletes at Indiana University, University of Florida, University of South Carolina and Xavier University.

Learn more at [53.com/TeamFifthThird](https://53.com/TeamFifthThird).

## WYAP

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understand how WYAP works to serve its mission: serving youth ages 3 to 17 who are facing challenging life circumstances by taking a holistic approach to coordinate the community's vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers.

Lastly, the Report serves as a way to acknowledge and celebrate WYAP's incredible donors, sponsors, and partners. Without their generous support, WYAP would not be able to provide support and services to over 200 Westfield youth and their families. Each donor, sponsor, and partner are listed so WYAP can show its appreciation for the generosity of the community.



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Ivan “Sonny” Lothair Sherman

March 12, 1931 – December 25, 2024



Ivan “Sonny” Lothair Sherman, 93, life-long farmer and resident of Hamilton County, passed away surrounded by family on December 25, 2024.

Friends are invited to join Ivan’s family for A Celebration of Life from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2025, at the Hamilton Masonic Lodge, 11466 IKEA Way, Fishers. Eastern Star services will begin at 4:30 p.m. and Masonic services will follow.

Melva Irene Irion

May 4, 1935 – March 12, 2025

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of a remarkable woman, Melva Irene Irion, who left this world on March 12, 2025, at the age of 89. Born on May 4, 1935, in Evansville, Ind., to Melvin and Lucille Skeels, Melva was a loving and spirited soul who brought joy to everyone she encountered.

Melva was, at her core, a woman of many talents and a heart full of generosity. As an office manager at Steven A. Wilson Builders before her retirement, Melva’s creativity and hard work were evident in everything she did. Melva was an ardent lover of life, always ready to take on a new adventure. She was a diligent gardener, a lover of music and dance, an avid card player, often engaging in spirited games of euchre. Melva found immense joy in cooking and baking, often creating meals that gathered her family around the table in love and laughter. She was also a founding member of Saint Mark’s United Methodist Church in Carmel, a dedicated member of her church choir, and in her seasoned years was a member of Cicero United Methodist Church. Her love for travel took her to many places, but she held a special place in her heart for anywhere with a beach, especially Dauphin Island, Ala.

Melva was a beacon of love and generosity, leaving a significant impact on everyone she met. For Melva, happiness was found in her family – the people who mattered most to her. She leaves behind her beloved sons, Kevin and Kenneth Phelps; her cherished grandsons, Jordan and Brandon (Alyssa) Phelps; and treasured niece, Charlene (Joe) Salpietra. Melva is preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Lucille Skeels; and her brother, Charles Skeels.

Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, March 21, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, Cicero, 209 W. Jackson St. The funeral service will follow at the same venue at 2 p.m. with Mark Knapp officiating. A graveside to follow at Carey Cemetery.

We invite you to celebrate this extraordinary woman’s life by sharing your favorite memories, stories, and photographs on her memorial page. Melva’s life was a testament to the power of love, generosity, and spirit, and her legacy will continue to inspire us all.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Hoosier Consumer Alert

Don’t fall victim to ‘smishing’ toll road texts claiming you owe money

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General


Hoosiers statewide – like our peers across the U.S. – have seen texts pop up on their phones in recent months warning of unpaid fees from toll roads.

In most cases, warns Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, the texts come from scammers which Indiana Toll Road label as SMS Phishing or “smishing” ruses – and the worst thing you can do is click on any of the seemingly helpful yet sinister links.

“These fraudsters try to create a sense of urgency,” AG Rokita said. “Often, they include triggering phrases like ‘final warning’ or ‘last chance.’ They threaten increased fines or legal penalties if the supposed fees are not promptly paid. The important thing is to pause, take a breath and recognize the red flags.”

Here’s how to protect yourself:

- Don't respond to spam texts. This allows scammers to know your account is active.



Rokita

Never click on any links you receive by text or email. Clicking could enable scammers to steal your identity.

To find out whether you have outstanding charges, check with tolling agencies by using verified phone numbers or websites that you know are legitimate.

Report text scams by forwarding them to 7726 (SPAM) or using your phone’s “report junk” option. This helps your wireless provider spot and block similar messages.

Block numbers from which you’ve received unwanted messages.

Use restricted phone settings to reduce spam text messages.

Never share any personal information over text or unsolicited links.

Put a freeze on your credit to prevent new accounts from being opened in your name in the event of a breach.

If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, file a complaint at [indianaconsumer.com](https://indianaconsumer.com) with AG Rokita’s office.

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Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Darlene Downing Overdorf

July 27, 1935 – March 10, 2025



Darlene Downing Overdorf, 89, Cicero, passed away on Monday, March 10, 2025, at The Waters of Tipton. Darlene was born in Elwood on July 27, 1935, to Samuel Garver and Jessie (Jordan) Downing. She married Walter Clyde “Walt” Overdorf on June 5, 1953, and they were married for 69 years until his passing on October 20, 2022.

Darlene had worked in Food Service for the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. She was a graduate of Windfall High School in the Class of 1953. Darlene was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Tipton and served as a Deacon and also sang in the choir. She was a member of the Helping Hands Extension Homemakers and enjoyed reading, crocheting, and doing word-search puzzles.

Survivors include her three children, Jill Overdorf Leach, Cicero, Bradley Overdorf, Noblesville, and Wade Overdorf and wife Rhonda of Cicero; seven grandchildren, Beth Overdorf Cline, John Leach, Allen Overdorf, Stephen Overdorf, Joe Overdorf, Elizabeth Ann Davis, and Rachel Netherton; as well as several great-grandchildren.

Darlene’s visitation and funeral was held Friday, March 14 at the First Presbyterian Church in Tipton with Pastor Phil Votaw presiding. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery, Tipton.

Young-Nichols Funeral Home is honored to assist the Overdorf family in their time of need. Condolences for the family may be left on Darlene’s obituary page at [young-nichols.com](https://young-nichols.com).

Memorial donations in honor of Darlene should be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Jefferson St., Tipton, IN 46072.

Darlene’s family would like to thank the staff at Miller’s Merry Manor/The Waters of Tipton for the excellent care they provided her over the last several years.

Janet Louise Carter

September 6, 1940 – March 9, 2025

Janet Louise (Dunn) Carter, 84, Noblesville, passed away March 9, 2025. She was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, on September 6, 1940, the daughter of Aris and Eleanor (Engle) Dunn.

Janet was a 1958 graduate of Noblesville High School. She enjoyed living life, expressing a positive attitude and sweet spirit. Janet loved her cats who truly were her family.

In addition to her parents, Janet was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Carter, and brother, Frank Dunn.

Survivors include her sister, Dorothy Reynolds; niece, Linda (Ernest) Hazelwood, and several other nieces and nephews.

Janet was quietly laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery, Indianapolis. Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals.

Condolences: [bussellfamilyfunerals.com](https://bussellfamilyfunerals.com)

Ferol Dana Rich

November 3, 1945 – March 9, 2025

Ferol Dana Rich, 79, Atlanta, passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on November 3, 1945, to Ralph and Esta (Carroll) Wilson in Noblesville.

Dana was a homemaker and also worked in real estate and furniture sales. She enjoyed cross stitching, sewing, decorating, and gardening. Dana was an antique collector and enjoyed going to Conner Prairie. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren.


Dana is survived by her sons, James Tyson Rich and Tobin Andrew Rich; grandchildren, Megan Nicole (Skylar) Johnson, Landon James Rich, and Brooklyn D. Rich; and her great-granddaughter, Kinsley Nicole Johnson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by several siblings.

Visitation and funeral services were held Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiated. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](https://randallroberts.com)

Michael Allen “Butch” Barrick

September 24, 1951 – March 10, 2025



Michael Allen “Butch” Barrick, 73, Columbus, Ind., formerly of Sheridan, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Monday morning, March 10, 2025, at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis. Born September 24, 1951, in Noblesville, he was the son of Charles Guy “Bud” and Mary Jean (Wallace) Barrick.

He was a member of the Sheridan First Christian Church.

Butch grew up in Sheridan and was a 1969 graduate of Marion-Adams High School (now Sheridan Community Schools).

During his high school years, he was proud to play football for the Blackhawks. Though his time on the field was memorable, it was his time off the field that was life changing. Butch met the love of his life, Chris, in Algebra class. For anyone who has questioned the importance of advanced mathematics, this is one very good example.

He went to work for Indiana Bell in 1971, where he worked as a lineman, and retired from the company in 2002. Butch always loved hunting and fishing as a youth, and his love of the outdoors continued into adulthood. Retirement afforded Butch more time to devote to the things he loved most: family vacations to Gulf Shores and fishing, especially off the piers.

He was an amazing husband, father, and papaw who loved his family very much, and he will be forever missed by everyone who was blessed to have him in their lives.

Butch is survived by his parents, Charles Guy “Bud” and Mary Jean (Wallace) Barrick of Sheridan; and by his loving wife of 53 years, Christine “Chris” Barrick. She and Butch were married on October 16, 1971. Also surviving are his children, Brian Barrick (Gina) and Michelle Barrick Paine (Andrew); three grandchildren, Tobi Barrick Paine, Gibson Barrick, and Charlie Barrick; three brothers, Chuck Barrick (Sandy), David Barrick (Cathy), and Steve Barrick (Mira); and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Randy Barrick.

Visitation and services were held Friday, March 14, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Jeff Jones officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](https://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

Rev. Gary Arthur Dworak

January 5, 1940 – March 11, 2025



The Reverend Gary Arthur Dworak, 85, passed away on his home on March 11, 2025, in Westfield.

Gary was born in Decatur, Ill., on January 5, 1940, to Oscar Dworak and Margaret (Warnick) Dworak. After graduating from MacArthur High School in Decatur, he attended the University of Illinois – Champaign and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in teaching social studies. He went on to complete a master’s degree in teaching social science at the University of Illinois. While a graduate student, he felt a call to enter the ministry and enrolled in Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Ill.

During his time as a seminarian, Gary served as a vicar at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in The Bronx, N.Y. There he met June Mey-bohm, whose family were members of the church. June and Gary were married on March 26, 1967. Later that year Gary graduated from the Seminary and was ordained as a Pastor of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on August 20, 1967, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in his hometown of Decatur, Ill.

Gary’s first call was to be an instructor of religion and history at St. John’s College in Winfield, Kan. Gary and June spent two years in Winfield, making good friends and discovering a love for Mexican food. Despite a love for teaching, Gary’s primary goal was to serve as a parish pastor. He accepted a call to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mount Olive, Ill., and began his life’s work as a preacher of the Gospel of Christ. Gary served in Mount Olive from 1969 to 1974 before the family moved to Indianapolis for him to become Pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. After taking time away from being a parish pastor to pursue studies at Christian Theological Seminary, Gary was called to serve at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brownsburg, Ind., where he served until retirement in 2001. In his retirement, he enjoyed reading, watching classic movies, traveling with June, and playing with his grandchildren.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Linda Campbell. He is survived by June, his wife of 58 years; his children, Jonathan (Erica), Paul (Maricel), and Ruth Le Mounier (Jean-Christophe); his grandchildren, Charlotte, Constance, Isabella, Eleanor, Andrea, and Samuel; his brother, Roger (Karen); and his brother-in-law, Richard Campbell. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, colleagues, and friends.

Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22 at Advent Lutheran Church in Zionsville, with a Funeral Service to follow at 11 a.m.


Memorial donations may be made to Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne ([ctsfw.edu/support-ctsfw](https://ctsfw.edu/support-ctsfw)) or to the Advent Lutheran Church Expansion Campaign ([adventlutheran.org/expansion](https://adventlutheran.org/expansion)).

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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Thomas Lee Templeton

May 30, 1936 – February 28, 2025



Thomas Lee Templeton, 88, Indianapolis, passed away peacefully, on Friday, February 28, 2025. Tom was born May 30, 1936, in Anderson, Ind., to Herbert and Edythe (Stiner) Templeton.

Tom and his devoted wife Virginia were married for 67 ½ years. A loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle; he is survived by his wife, Virginia, his four children, Gregory Templeton (Helen), Scot Templeton (Vickie), Tamara Coomer (Mark), and Thomas Templeton (Tamara); six grandchildren, Ryan (Victoria), Matthew (Jessica), Sasha (Eric), Cassandra (Joey), Megan (Dustin), and Kyle (Ashtin); 15 great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Ingrid Templeton; and his special nephew, Dave Nadler (MarySue) and nieces and nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Herb Templeton.

Tom graduated from Anderson High School (1953), completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Ball State University (1957), and his Master of Science Degree in Education from Indiana University (1965). He held many licenses including those for Language Arts, Speech and Hearing, Principal and Director of Special Education.

Tom’s professional career began by teaching in Flint Michigan Public Schools as a Speech and Hearing Therapist in 1957. In 1959, Tom started the Speech and Hearing Therapy Program at MSD Perry Township, then became the Director of Special Education and developed the RISE Program for children with special education needs, becoming the RISE Learning Program Director encompassing three Marion County townships, MSD Perry, MSD Franklin, MSD Decatur, and Beech Grove.

In 1973, Tom joined Indianapolis Public Schools as the Principal of Cold Springs School. This was the largest school in the nation at that time, for special education students. In 1986, Tom took the role as Principal of John Marshall Jr. High School, transitioning the school from a high school. In 1988, Tom was the Asst. Principal at Merle Sidenor Jr. High until his retirement in 1992.

Tom served on many professional boards throughout his career including President for the Indiana Federation Council for Exceptional Children, President of Indiana Special Olympics Board of Directors, Chairman of Central Indiana Mental Health Planning Commission, Chairman ISTA Special Education Division and Secretary for the Indiana Council of Administration for Special Education.

In addition, Tom was honored and recognized with many awards for his service which included the Governor’s Commission on Handicapped and Boss of the Year from the American Business Women Association.

Tom’s interests included playing cards, working on small engines, rehabbing housing properties, raising beagles for field trials, hunting, fishing, traveling, camping, and attending grandchildren’s after school activities. Family will always hold precious memories at their Raccoon Lake cabin.

Visitation for Tom was held March 7, 2025, at Little and Sons Funeral Home, 4901 E Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. Additional visitation was held Saturday morning, March 8, 2025, followed by a Celebration of Life service at 11 a.m. Burial followed the services at Anderson Memorial Park, 6805 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson.

Memorial donations may be made to the Indiana Special Olympics.

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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

**American Legion Posts**  
**Carmel Post 155** Kim Kilburn  
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12  
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p  
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat  
M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa  
8a-11p, Su 8a-8p.  
**Restaurant –Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-  
F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p**

**Cicero Post 341** Tye Anderson  
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p  
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p,W 7p  
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p  
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.  
**Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-  
W, F eat in or carry out**

**Fishers Post 470** Pat Menc  
9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K  
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm  
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11  
M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty.  
**Restaurant Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 9-12,  
Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th, F 3-8 Sa, 12-5  
Su**

**Noblesville Post 45** Gil Soria  
273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt  
Noblesville, in 46060  
317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm  
M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su  
12p-8p  
**Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p,  
Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-  
930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

**Sheridan Post 67** Tom DeShon  
406 E 10<sup>th</sup> St  
Sheridan, In 46069  
317-758-5007  
M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p  
**Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service  
till close**

**VFW Posts**  
**Carmel Post 10003** Darin Bibeau  
12863 Old Meridian St  
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11  
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm  
Su-Sa 11a-11p.  
**Restaurant - Breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sa 8a-11a,  
Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

**Noblesville Post 6246** Eric Behrends  
654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Noblesville, In 46060  
317-773-9956  
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su  
12p-8p  
**Restaurant M-F 6-9p**

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

**Navy Club Hamilton County Ship 29**  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 530pm dinner 630pm meeting  
at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10<sup>th</sup> St Noblesville

**Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers**  
317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
CVSO – Tom Logan  
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[christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

## Hamilton County Military Veteran

Apr 2, VA Claims & Veterans Career Day 3-7pm  
Carmel American Legion Post 155, 852 W Main St

### VA Claims and Career Day

ARE YOU CONNECTED?

- Enroll in VA healthcare
- File disability claims
- Toxic exposure screening
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  - Woman's Health
  - Career Specialists



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**April 2, 2025 from 3-7pm**  
Questions - [kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountyphhc.org](mailto:kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountyphhc.org)  
**Carmel American Legion Post 155**  
**852 West Main St Carmel, In.**

Representatives will be on-site to answer your questions about Federal and State benefits.  
Career professionals will be onsite to assist our Military Veteran Community to advance their career and find employment.

## March 26 Suicide Prevention Training in Fishers


Talk Saves Lives

### SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Please join us  
Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention is a community-based presentation that covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to help save lives.

**Taught by:** Brittany Cheviron Smith LCSW, LSSW  
Fishers Health Department Social Worker  
**When:** Wednesday March 26th 5:30-7:00  
**Where:** Delaware Township Government Center  
9090 E. 131 St. Fishers IN 46038

**Sponsored by:**  
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& Delaware Township Trustee



## March 28 Public Service Hiring Event

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## Activities & Events

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**MARCH 29, 2025**  
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Since August 2015, our mission at Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans has been to **FIND, THANK and REPAY** Hoosier Vietnam Era Veterans. WHVV & community partners have held over 250 special “Welcome Home” events in ALL 92 Indiana Counties with the Indiana Vietnam Veterans Gift Program, *A TIME TO HONOR* book & DVD set. This extremely successful statewide outreach program honors, remembers and preserves the memories of Hoosier Vietnam Era Veterans. A 2021 collaboration with Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution has been a key component to many of these community events taking place ensuring all Indiana public libraries and high schools have a donated copy of *A Time To Honor*. We connect Veterans to earned benefits and resources. We have impacted over 20,000 military families!

Our final “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans” appreciation event with this Vietnam Gift Outreach will be on **National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Saturday, March 29th, 2025**. This is the last year for the Department of Defense 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War. The event will take place at the **Johnson County Indiana National Guard Armory, 325 Minuteman Way, Franklin, Indiana, 46131**.

Highlights include a luncheon, Huey Helicopter Flights provided by Columbus Indiana Huey, a special viewing of *The Journey Home* documentary. All attendees will receive a copy of *A Time To Honor—Stories of Service, Duty and Sacrifice* book/DVD. Our Honored Guest is Indiana’s own Medal of Honor Recipient **Sammy L. Davis**. Invited special guests include former Vice President Mike Pence, Governor Braun, The Adjunct General of Indiana Larry Muenich, Senator Aaron Freeman, Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett, Indiana State Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Elaine Sholtz, MG Ret. R. Martin Umbarger, Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Director Jake Adams, and officials from the Department of Indiana American Legion, VFW Department of Indiana, Indiana DAV, AMVETS, Civil Air Patrol, DAR Leadership, IMMVG, and others. It is free and open to the public.

*We hope you will consider joining us to make this a very special day for Indiana Vietnam Veterans*

## Christmas In June Care Package Drive



### “Christmas in June” Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12<sup>th</sup> till May 10<sup>th</sup>

Please help us collect gifts to send care packages to our deployed Hoosier troops for a “Christmas in June”. Purchase gifts on the list below and bring them to your local Hamilton County VFW or American Legion Post where they will be collected and brought to the Fishers American Legion Post for wrapping and packaging on May 10 at 5pm. We also need to raise money for shipping costs, so please donate online at <https://donorbox.org/hamilton-county-veterans-corp> or drop off funds at your Legion & VFW where you leave the goods for the care packages. We need the gifts and funds delivered by May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

**Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post’s addresses.**  
Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032  
Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032  
Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In  
Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St, Fishers, In  
Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060  
Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060  
Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10<sup>th</sup> St, Sheridan, In

**Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops**  
Suggested items requested by those deployed include Card games (Phase 10, Uno...), Puzzles, small boxes of Keurig cups, Graphic t-shirts Men’s and Women’s (Sizes 5 – 3x), water bottles, throw blankets, Decorations -Christmas lights, signs, banners as people love to decorate their living quarters or office space. If you’ve been deployed, bring what you wanted back then.

**Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;**  
Lynn at [treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Tracy at [auxiliarypost470@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliarypost470@gmail.com)



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Boys Basketball Regionals

# No. 1 Fishers handles Harrison, claims second straight regional title

By CRAIG ADKINS  
For The Reporter

**FRANKFORT** – It took very little time for the Fishers Tigers to get familiar with the Harrison Raiders. The former Hoosier Crossroads Conference foes were playing for the ninth time, but for the first time in the tournament.

The Tigers re-introduced themselves right away to the Raiders and did everything possible in running away with a dominating Class 4A regional championship win last Saturday at Frankfort's Case Arena, 89-39.

"Harrison is a really good team and well-coached by Coach Rinehart. We made sure we didn't take them lightly," said Fishers head coach Garrett Winegar.



Photo by Dwight Casler

**The Fishers boys basketball team dominated Harrison 89-39 last Saturday to win the Class 4A Frankfort regional. This is the second consecutive regional win for the No. 1-ranked and unbeaten Tigers.**

The Raiders took the opening tip and took the first lead on a dunk by Malachi King. But, that didn't last long.

At the other end, Nathan Baker got the Tigers on the board and was fouled to make it 3-2. Harrison was completely stunned as Cooper Zachary made two consecutive three-pointers and Millen McCartney another for a 12-0 Fishers run.

Reid Smith scored for Harrison on a fast break to stop the bleeding temporarily, allowing the Raiders to burn their first 30-second timeout.

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# Blazers hold off Tigers for regional

University takes down Triton Central, winning program's first 2A title

By RICHIE HALL  
sports@readthereporter.com

**LEBANON** – "It feels good to make history," University junior Blake Gray said that minutes after the Trailblazers boys basketball team won an exciting Class 2A regional championship game last Saturday at Lebanon's Rosenstihl Gymnasium. University held off Triton Central 44-43 to claim the team's second regional title.

It was a history-making victory, as this was the Trailblazers' first regional title in Class 2A. University won its first boys regional as a 1A team back in 2013. The win is also Justin Blanding's first regional title as the 'Blazers boys coach. Blanding coached the University girls to three regional championships in 2019, 2021 and 2022.

"Our system and how we do things is fit for everybody," said Blanding. "They've really done a good job. Guys have bought into their roles and they're ready to step up when they need to."

The first quarter was tight and finished with the Tigers leading 9-8. Triton Central held a 9-6 lead before Gray got the last basket of the period on a steal and dunk. Those were Gray's first two points of the game, but he was just getting started.

Junior Noah Cortez opened the second quarter with a 3-pointer to give University an 11-9 lead, and as it turned out, the 'Blazers would not trail again. Gray then scored off another steal, then made a floater. Just like that, University had scored nine straight points for a 15-9 advantage.

The Tigers came back and tied the game at 18-18 by halftime. The Trailblazers controlled the third quarter, outscoring Triton Central 15-7. Gray opened the half with a 3, then senior Max McComb scored on a layin.

Junior Faisal Mohamud drained a 3-pointer, then Gray scored off a steal for the third time. Gray later hit



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

**The University boys basketball team beat Triton Central 44-43 to win the Class 2A Lebanon regional Saturday at Rosenstihl Gymnasium. It's the second regional title for the Trailblazers and their first in 2A.**

a triple to put University up 31-22 for its largest lead of the game.

"I step up whenever I need to because that's what I do," said Gray. "I'm a team player. I'll put others first."

Blanding had praise for Gray, saying "he likes these moments."

"We got four or five guys that could really score the ball," said Blanding. "So we knew somebody was going to do it. We knew they were going to key in on Max, but Blake stepped up."

University led 33-25 going into the fourth quarter. Josh Henderson made a floater to finish University's third-quarter scoring, which was a sign of things to come.

Triton Central came blasting back in the fourth quarter, thanks to its star Eli Sego. The junior already had 14 points, but he dominated the fourth, nailing three triples during the first few minutes to get the Tigers within 37-34. A basket from senior Silas Gray put TC within one point.

"He's that good of a player," Blanding said of Sego. "We knew we weren't going to stop him. We just knew if we got an opportunity to get a couple stops when we needed to, we'd be all right."

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# Slow start grounds Golden Eagles

By RICHARD TORRES  
For The Reporter

**GREENFIELD** – The Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles were chasing a potential regional championship three-peat last Saturday, but a sluggish start inside Greenfield-Central's Cougar Gym halted their pursuit before they could respond.

Down 10-1 in the first quarter before charging back to make it 12-6 by the second quarter, Class 3A No. 3 New Palestine (25-3) upheld its early advantage to win the Regional 14 title, 63-49.

"New Pal came out and took the fight to us, and we didn't respond very well," Guerin Catholic coach Bobby Allen said. "I'm proud of my guys for fighting and getting back to six points there (in the first quarter)."

The fifth-ranked 3A Golden Eagles (23-5) didn't convert their first field goal until the 3 minute, 38 second mark in the first quarter when senior Ryne Paris buried a 3-pointer to cut the deficit 10-4.

However, a 10-2 run by New Palestine in the second quarter pushed the margin into double figures, 22-8, and provided enough of a cushion for the Dragons to win wire-to-wire and claim their first-ever regional crown.

"We prepared and we came in confident, but we weren't us tonight. Give credit to them for taking us out of our game and what we tried to do. When you shoot 16-for-38 from the field you're not going to win many games that way," Allen said. "I think it's a credit to our guys and the fight that they have to still be in it in the fourth quarter after not being able to put the ball in the rim."

The Golden Eagles shot 33 percent from the field in the game and 25 percent in the first half, as the Dragons never let up by converting 55 percent of their shot attempts by halftime and 52 percent overall.

New Palestine's all-time leading scorer Julius Gizzi (1,781 points), a senior Indiana Wesleyan commit, finished with a game-high 28 points and nine rebounds, while senior Ben Slagley added 16 points.

Dragons' senior and IU-Kokomo recruit Mose Haynes, the program's all-time assist and steals leader, provided eight points and seven assists.

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# Baseball

## Noblesville Youth Baseball's Opening Day is April 19

**The REPORTER**

Noblesville Youth Baseball is inviting the community to attend its Opening Day on Saturday, April 19.

The festivities begin at 9 a.m. with bounce houses, live music from Mik the Music Man, and entertainment on Field 5 by Brad Farber of Farber Productions. Kids can enjoy a great time in the Nathan Suddarth Kids Zone. The NWMS Band, led by Stacey White, will perform to energize the crowd.

Local leaders will gather at Bobby's Bullpen for a ceremony at 9:30 a.m., after which teams will line up on Field 7 for the Parade of Teams, representing their respective grades.

At 10 a.m., the official Opening Ceremony will commence. Adrienne Colla will welcome all attendees and take a moment to honor those who contribute to the success of the league, including the Board Members and Executive Board. Additionally, NYB will recognize community members and companies that sponsored the new scoreboards.

A special highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Bobby A. Mills Person of the Year Award, followed by the Statesman Award, which recognizes both the 2023 winner, Aiden Shamo. The winner for 2024 will be announced.

At 10:25 a.m., everyone will look to the sky for a possible flyover by Sky Dive Indy (pending confirmation). Shortly after, the NWMS Band will lead the National Anthem at 10:30 a.m., culminating in the ceremonial first pitch.

Before the games begin, everyone will join in a league-wide sing-along of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at 10:35 a.m.

NYB's Opening Day celebration will reflect the strength of our community and the joy of the game, and showcases the hard work of the volunteers, coaches, and families who make it all happen.

Noblesville Youth Baseball's fields are located behind Hazel Dell Elementary School, 3025 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

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February 2024 Median Sale Price

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compared to this time last year

Sales Decreased

February pending home sales compared to this time last year

-4.5%

632

More Homes For Sale

2/24 vs. 2/25

-6.8%

Price Decrease

2/24 vs. 2/25

Months of Inventory Change

17.9%

2/24 vs. 2/25

Interest Rates

30-Year Fixed

6.75%

With an APR of 6.865%

TOP COUNTIES

Johnson Sales Up 15.7%

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Girls Basketball



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**Fishers freshman Riley Schellhammer is one of 24 players that have been named to the rosters for the 2025 *IndyStar* girls' All-Star "Futures Game." Schellhammer will play on the North team.**

Riley Schellhammer of Fishers named to girls Futures Game roster

The REPORTER

Fishers freshman Riley Schellhammer is among the 24 players that have been named to the rosters for the 2025 *IndyStar* girls' All-Star "Futures Game," games director Mike Broughton announced last Thursday.

The Futures Games, one each for boys and girls, are a third-year part of the Indiana All-Star basketball program. The Futures Games will pair teams of current Indiana freshmen and sophomores in a North-South format. The third annual Futures Games doubleheader will be June 2 at Fishers High School. The girls' game is set for 6 p.m., and the boys' game will follow about 8 p.m.

Schellhammer will be one of the 12 players competing on the North Team for the 2025 Futures game. She will be joined by freshmen Delaney Noll and Suzy Perego of Homestead, Fort Wayne Snider freshman Janaya Cooper, McCutcheon sophomore Lillie Graves, Marion freshman Nyomi Hahn, Penn freshman Addison Hummel, Pendleton Heights sophomore Adah Hupfer, Merrillville sophomore Malika Jenkins, Westville freshman Hillary Labis, Hammond Morton sophomore Kylah Patterson and Northridge sophomore Lily Scholl.

Players selected for the 2025 South Team are Evansville Memorial sophomore Rylee Canaan, Loogootee sophomore Alaina Diamond, Franklin Central sophomore Payton DuVall, South Knox sophomore Kendal Hill, Heritage Christian freshman Riley Johnson, Eastern Hancock sophomore McKenzie Koch, Greensburg sophomore Claire Larrison, Roncalli sophomore Elliot Leffler, Plainfield sophomore

Hannah Menser, Gibson Southern sophomore Paige Schnaus, Cathedral freshman Caroline Wiggins and Mt. Vernon (Fortville) freshman Zoey Wood.

Koch, Schnaus, Menser and Graves all played in the 2024 girls' Futures Game, where the South prevailed 95-86. Koch totaled seven points, two rebounds and three assists for the South. Schnaus added six points and one rebound, while Menser chipped in three points, four rebounds and two assists for the South. Graves had five points, three rebounds and three assists for the North.

Wes Radtke of Class 2A state runner-up Rensselaer Central is head coach of the North Team. He will be assisted by Brad Bowsman of Twin Lakes. Hollie Anson-Eaves of 2A state champion South Knox is head coach of the South Team. She will be assisted by Matt Vick of 1A state champion Borden.

Radtke is 145-73 in nine seasons as head coach at Rensselaer Central. Bowsman has posted a 303-218 mark in 22 seasons at Twin Lakes, including two sectional titles and one regional crown. Anson-Eaves has amassed a record of 177-110 in 11 seasons with previous sectional titles in 2017 and 2019. Vick is 106-84 in eight seasons at Borden.

Players and coaches for the All-Star Futures Games are selected by a Futures Games committee co-chaired by Broughton and Bill Zych, a retired coach who amassed a 478-375 record over 37 seasons while a head coach at Winamac, Rensselaer Central, Jay County, Center Grove, Shelbyville, Perry Meridian, Pike and Southport.

BLAZERS

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Never fear, Henderson was there. The 6-6 sophomore made a layin to push University's lead back up to 39-36, then he laid in an easy basket seconds later. The 'Blazers now lead 41-36 with under a minute to go.

"(Blanding) told me, 'Always be aggressive, always be ready to impact the game,'" said Henderson.

"He can handle the ball, he can shoot the ball," said Blanding. "And we really need him on the defensive side of the ball, rebounding. He did that. We got some offensive rebounds in there and you saw what happened. He's going to be a heck of a player for us in the future."

Sego scored seven points in the final minute, including a last-second 3-pointer

to give him a game-high 30 points. But University held on with free throw shooting; two from Mohamud and one more from Gray sealed the game.

Gray finished with 17 points and four steals. Henderson scored eight points, while Mohamud added seven. McComb's five points were followed by four from junior Cooper Cammack and Cortez's 3-pointer. McComb and Cammack both dished out three assists.

University improved to 18-9 and will play in the 2A south semi-state this coming Saturday. The Trailblazers' opponent and semi-state site were announced last Sunday after press time. Check our website, [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com), to see who and where University plays.

HSE's Kennedy Holman among Indiana Girls Junior All-Stars

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman is among the 18 players that have been selected to the *IndyStar* Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars for 2025, All-Stars games director Mike Broughton announced March 9.

Holman is one of the six players in the Core Group. The other players are Lillian Barnes of Valparaiso, Joselyn Bricker of Warsaw, Myah Epps of Homestead, Lola Lampley of Lawrence Central and Brooklynn Renn of Silver Creek.

In addition to the core group, six players each were chosen for squads labeled Red Group and Blue Group.

The Red Group players are Komari Booker of Pike, Mollie Ernstes of Jennings County, Gracy Gilliard of Center Grove, Maddy Shirley of Evansville Central, Ava Wheeler of Borden and Berkeley Williams of Plainfield.

The Blue Group players are Ke'Adriah Butler of Lawrence North, Aniyah McKenzie of Lawrence Central, Gabby Helsom of Homestead, Vanessa Rosswurm of Norwell, Laniah Wills of Lapel and Brooke Zartman of Warsaw.

Lenny Krebs of Class 4A state runner-up Warsaw will be the head coach and Amy Shearer of Columbia City will be the assistant coach for the 2025 Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars.

Krebs has compiled a 138-55 record in eight seasons at Warsaw, including a 26-2 mark with Northern Lakes Conference, sectional, regional and semi-state titles in 2024-25. The Fairfield High School graduate is 268-229 in 22 seasons as a head coach, including a 130-174 mark in 14 seasons at Goshen.

Shearer is 221-142 in 15 seasons at Columbia City, her alma mater. Her Eagles went 24-5 this past season, capturing sectional and regional crowns before falling in a semi-state final to eventual Class 3A state champion Norwell.

The Junior All-Stars will play one game against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars on Sunday, June 1 at a site to be announced. The Junior All-Stars also will play one game against the Indiana All-Star senior girls on Wednesday, June 4 at Greenfield-Central High School. Both games will be doubleheaders with



Julie Brown / File photo  
**Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman was named as one of the six players in the Core Group of the *IndyStar* Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars for 2025.**

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2025 girls Indiana All-Stars named 13 players selected for squad that will face Kentucky in June

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky and Noblesville's Meredith Tippner are among the 13 players that have been selected for the 2025 *IndyStar* Indiana Girls' All-Stars, All-Stars game director Mike Broughton announced last Friday.

Those chosen to the team 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.

The other players comprising 2025 Indiana Girls' All-Stars, listed alphabetically, are Laila Abdurraqib of Lawrence Central, Addison Baxter of Columbia City, Ella Bobe of South Knox, Addie Bowsman of Twin Lakes, Avery Gordon of Brownsburg, Jacklynn Hosier of Alexandria, Kya Hurt of Lawrence North, Jaylah Lampley of Lawrence Central, Monique Mitchell of South Bend Washington, Kaycie Warfel of

Pendleton Heights and Brooke Winchester of Warsaw. Bowsman is injured and will not play in the games.

The 2025 *IndyStar* Indiana Miss Basketball will come from among the above players and be announced later.

The '25 girls' All-Stars have six players who have been a part of state championship teams (Abdurraqib, 2024 4A; Bobe, 2025 2A; Hurt, 2025 4A; Lampley, 2024 4A; Mitchell, 2022 3A; and Tippner, 2022 4A), four players who were named 2025 IBCA first-team Academic All-State (Baxter, Bobe, Tippner and Warfel) and one player who was chosen 2025 IBCA honorable mention Academic All-State (Gordon). There also are All-Star family ties for two of these players to previous All-Star squads -- Hosier's father, Mickey, was a 1996 All-Star; and Makalusky's sister, Riley, was a 2023 All-Star.

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Julie Brown / File photo  
**Noblesville's Meredith Tippner is one of the 13 players selected for the 2025 *IndyStar* Indiana Girls' All-Stars.**

FISHERS

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Fishers led at the end of the first, 24-12, with complete balance.

The second quarter was when the Tigers spread the wealth throughout their lineup and it didn't matter who scored. They did it with precision and efficiency.

"We talk about strength in numbers. We don't care who scores. It's all about winning," Winegar said.

To start the second, Zachary found Justin Kirby on a backdoor cut, starting another scoring spree. McCartney grabbed an offensive rebound and found Logan Sigler for two. JonAnthony Hall snagged an offensive board for a putback dunk. Jason Gardner Jr. and Sigler helped close the half for a comfortable halftime lead of 44-19.

The Tigers had answers for everything that Harrison

was trying to execute. It was a struggle for the Raiders to get any sort of continuity on offense, which led to numerous turnovers, resulting in offense for Fishers.

"It all starts with defense," said Winegar. "Millen McCartney guarded King and gave up three to four inches in height. Whenever we start playing defense, it helps our offense."

Ball movement was a big factor that helped completely overwhelm Harrison and in turn, the offense kept pouring it on.

"They came out in a zone. Our guys were ready when they tried to stop us in the paint," said Winegar.

Fishers played at a speed that Harrison just could not keep up with and that became glaringly obvious with a 76-34 lead through three periods.

Despite having a great season, the Raiders' woes continued into the fourth. One of the big reasons for the turnovers and stealth defense was the presence of Hall all over the court on both ends.

"I don't think there's a player in the state who has the impact that JonAnthony Hall does. If he doesn't become an Indiana All-Star, there's something wrong," Winegar said.

The Tigers held the Raiders to their second single-digit quarter of the night in the fourth, outscoring Harrison 13-5 to put the finishing touches on their second regional championship.

Baker led six Tigers in double figures with a game-high 18 points on eight field goals and a pair of free throws. Zachary and Kirby each scored 13, Hall 11,

Gardner and Sigler 10 each and McCartney with nine.

Fishers (28-0) has now won 41 games in a row and 57 of its last 58 dating back to the beginning of the 2023-24 seasons.

This is the Tigers' second regional title in a row, advancing them to the semi-state. The semi-state pairings were announced last Sunday, after press time. Visit [readthereporter.com](http://readthereporter.com) for an update to see who and where Fishers plays.

The other Class 4A teams in the Elite 8 that are potential matchups in the northern semi-state are No. 4 Crown Point (22-2), No. 13 South Bend Riley (22-4) and Homestead (22-5). In the south, No. 7 Jeffersonville (21-5), No. 12 Lawrence North (21-6), No. 15 Mt. Vernon (21-5) and Terre Haute North (21-5).

GROUNDS

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The trio along with senior Austin McMahan's eight points carried the Dragons to their fifth straight victory and fourth consecutive win by double digits this postseason.

"We felt like we had some opportunities in the paint early on, and we weren't able to finish. They took advantage of us not being able to get going early on," Allen said. "They hit a couple perimeter shots, and Gizzi is a great player. Knows how to use his body. Anyone that can get to the free-throw line 17 times (and convert 13) in one game knows what he's doing out there."

The Golden Eagles had won six games in a row prior to the opening tip and netted their eighth sectional title all time last weekend with four in the past five years, including three straight.

Guerin Catholic captured three regional championships

in the last five years with six overall and were in search of the program's first three-peat after going back-to-back in 2014-15 and 2023-24.

The Golden Eagles narrowed the gap, 45-38 and 47-40, in the fourth quarter, but they couldn't get any closer as the Dragons pulled ahead 53-40 by the 3:17 mark.

Sophomore Jake Grisom led Guerin Catholic with a team-high 13 points, followed by senior Malcolm Houze and Paris with 10 points each. Senior Bryson Cardinal finished with eight points and nine rebounds while going scoreless in the first half.

"It's tough to lose games like this. When you feel like you're better, but at the same time I'm not going to take anything away from our guys and the season we had," Allen said. "They took our pro-

gram to another level, which is exciting, and we have a lot of young guys coming back."

New Palestine, which dropped down from 4A this year, converted 20 of 25 free throws, 5 of 13 shots from behind the arc and out rebounded Guerin Catholic 25-24 with 22 on the defensive glass.

The Golden Eagles shot 6 of 17 from 3-point range and went 11 of 16 from the foul line.

Cardinal, Paris and Houze combined to score 10 of Guerin Catholic's final 18 points.

"Bryson Cardinal, Ryne Paris, those guys fought so hard for us. All of our seniors did. For them to be in a situation where they won three straight sectionals, Bryson got to play in the state finals, and they got to play in a final four last year, it's great. It's

exciting. I know they had an unbelievable high school experience, and I think the most important thing is they have passed on traits, and they've been great role models for our younger guys," Allen said.

In the seniors' four years, the Golden Eagles won 79 games, captured three sectional titles, two regionals, a semi-state championship and nearly the program's third state title. This year, Guerin Catholic won the Circle City Conference title outright with a 4-0 record.

"Guerin basketball is in a great place. We're going to walk out of here with our heads held high, but New Pal was simply the better team for about an hour-and-a-half today. We wish them the best of luck going forward," Allen said. "Grateful for our seniors. They left the program in a great place."



— COUNTY —

**PUBLIC NOTICE FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT FOR WATER SERVICE**

At the March 10, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Hamilton County Regional Utility District ("District"), the Board introduced proposed Ordinance No. 2025-1 which would establish the District's monthly user rates for water service for those served in Hamilton County, Indiana. The Board will hold a public hearing at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 N. 8th St., Noblesville, Indiana 46060, on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 11:00 am Eastern Standard Time in order to receive public input on the proposed Ordinance. For further information regarding the proposed Ordinance, including to obtain a complete copy of the Ordinance, please contact CJ Taylor at (317) 315-4850. The specific schedule of rates and charges that is more fully set forth in the proposed Ordinance is as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1 HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT Schedule of Water Rates and Charges for Hamilton County Regional Utility District**

**A. MONTHLY CHARGES FOR USERS**

**Base Charge:**  
All users are subject to a monthly base charge based on the size of the water meter as follows:

Meter Size	Service Charge
5/8-inch Meter	\$24.36
1-inch Meter	\$60.91
1-1/2-inch Meter	\$121.81
2-inch Meter	\$194.90
3-inch Meter	\$365.44
4-inch Meter	\$609.07
6-inch Meter	\$1,218.14
8-inch Meter	\$1,949.02
10-inch Meter	\$2,801.72

**Metered Usage- Use Charge:**  
Additionally, each user is charged a monthly charge based on the metered water usage per 1,000 gallons as follows:  
Monthly charge per 1,000 gallons \$4.06

**Sprinkler System:**  
Each user connected to the system with a sprinkler system for fire protection will be charged monthly the following rate based on the size of the sprinkler connection as follows in addition to the water usage being charged at the volumetric rate.  
Each user upon application will be charged a \$500 permit fee and \$150 inspection fee.

**Private Sprinkler Connection**

Meter Size	Per Annum	Monthly Charge
1-inch Meter	\$54.82	\$4.57
1-1/2-inch Meter	123.34	10.28
2-inch Meter	219.26	18.27
3-inch Meter	493.35	41.11
4-inch Meter	877.06	73.09
6-inch Meter	1,973.38	164.45
8-inch Meter	3,508.24	292.35
10-inch Meter	5,481.62	456.80
12-inch Meter	7,893.53	657.79

**Fire Protection**

**Public Fire Protection:**  
Each user of the water system is to pay a monthly charge for public fire protection based on meter size as follows. Customers with private fire protection may be exempt from this charge.

Meter Size	Monthly Charge
5/8-inch Meter	\$4.59
1-inch Meter	11.48
1-1/2-inch Meter	22.95
2-inch Meter	36.72
3-inch Meter	68.85
4-inch Meter	114.75
6-inch Meter	229.50
8-inch Meter	367.20
10-inch Meter	527.85
12-inch Meter	660.96

**Private Fire Protection:**  
Each user of the water system who has a private fire hydrant is to pay the monthly fee below per hydrant in addition to volumetric charges.

**Irrigation:**  
Each user with an irrigation system is required to have an annual backflow test. Additionally, users will be required to pay a permit fee of \$500, inspection fee of \$150, and the cost of a backflow test if the irrigation company does not submit one annually on behalf of the user.

**B. ONE TIME/NON- RECURRING CHARGES:**

**Tap/connection Charge:**  
Each user connected to the system shall pay a connection fee to repay the cost of the customer's connection.

**Application Fee:**  
Each user connected to the system shall pay an application fee.

**Bad Check/NSF Fee:**  
Each customer shall pay a fee for each payment that is rejected/returned as being insufficient.

**Turn off/on- Special Service Request:**  
Each customer shall pay the fee for a turn on/turn off when requested by the customer or if turned off for non-payment.

**Late Fee:**  
10% fee calculated based on the delinquent charges will be added if the bill is not paid by the due date.

**Temporary Meter:**  
Temporary meters are available for customers. The following fees apply to each meter in addition to the charge for the volumetric water charges listed above.  
Up to 1-inch meter \$75 deposit and \$25 per day in addition to volumetric charges for water usage  
Over 1-inch meter \$200 deposit and \$40 per day in addition to volumetric charges for water usage  
System Development Charge:  
Each user upon connection to the system is to pay a one-time system development charge based on the meter connection size as follows:

Meter Size	
5/8-inch Meter	\$3,300.00
1-inch Meter	8,250.00
1-1/2-inch Meter	16,500.00
2-inch Meter	26,400.00
3-inch Meter	49,500.00
4-inch Meter	82,500.00
6-inch Meter	165,000.00
8-inch Meter	264,000.00
10-inch Meter	379,500.00

**Water Theft:**  
Any violator caught stealing water from the utility will be subject to a minimum fee of \$100 per occurrence and subject to additional fines, charges, and potential criminal charges.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for City of Noblesville and Unincorporated Areas of Hamilton County, Indiana, Case No. 24-05-1632P.**

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp), or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

**NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE**

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— 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 [arodewald@noblesville.in.gov](mailto:arodewald@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: [arodewald@noblesville.in.gov](mailto:arodewald@noblesville.in.gov)  
Carbon Copy Question To: Deon Ochoa  
Construction Manager  
Email: [dochoa@noblesville.in.gov](mailto: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

**Public Notice**

Lennar (11555 N. Meridian Street, Suite 400, Carmel, IN 46032) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with Woodland Oaks Single Family Development located approximately 1,950' north of the intersection of Howe Road and 146th Street in Noblesville, Indiana. Run-off from the project site will discharge to Stony Creek and eventually to the Upper White River. Please direct questions to Eric Wickersham at 317-547-5580 or [ewickersham@structurepoint.com](mailto:ewickersham@structurepoint.com).

— TIPTON —

**LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF TIPTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CTI-V-02-25 City of Tipton**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Tipton Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 26th day of March 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tipton City Building, 216 South Main Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CTI-V-02-25 City of Tipton, owner, Tipton Main Street, petitioner, requests one (1) use variance to construct a 22' x 16' outdoor stage in the B-1 Traditional Downtown Business zoning district for an outdoor theater, and one (1) development standard variance to reduce the rear setback from ten (10) feet to two (2) feet four (4) inches.

The property is a parcel currently utilized as City green space, located at or near 107 East Jefferson.

The property is more fully described as:

A part of Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 10 of the Original Plat of the City of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana, being described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 3, thence North 01 degree 27 minutes 50 seconds West (Indiana State Plan Coordinate System – East Zone) along the East Right of Way line for Court Street, a distance of 198.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 1, thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East along the North line of said Lot 1, a distance of 127.13 feet; thence South 01 degree 27 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 123.37 feet; thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 27.37 feet; thence South 01 degree 27 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 0.63 feet to the West Right of Way line for Independence Street; thence South 01 degree 27 minutes 50 seconds East along said West Right of Way line, a distance of 8.00 feet to the Northeast corner of aforesaid Lot 3; thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds West along the North line of said Lot 3, a distance of 99.00 feet; thence South 01 degree 27 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 66.00 feet to the South line of said Lot 3; thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds West along said South line, a distance of 99.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.55 acres, more or less.

Interested persons desiring to present their views upon this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place or comments or objections may be submitted in writing in the Planning Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

Tipton Board of Zoning Appeals

**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 15th day of April 2025.

**Fund Name:**  
**Major Budget Classification:**  
**County Highway:**  
9403.27001.00000.0532 \$1,018,527.42 – Community Crossing Matching Grant

**Total for Fund** **\$1,018,527.42**

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 11, 2025  
Jon DeBaun, Tipton County Auditor

— FISHERS —

**Public Notice**

Samuel's Auto Sales (8306 Pendleton Pike, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with Samuel's Auto Sales (14033 Trade Center Dr, Fishers, Indiana). Run-off from the project site will discharge to the Stony Creek. Please direct questions to Donald Highlander at 330-653-5320 or by email at [don@connectingspaces.com](mailto:don@connectingspaces.com).

— SHERIFF SALES —

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 appraisal laws.

*Dennis J. Quakenbush II*  
Sheriff of Hamilton County

**Township: Clay**

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

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

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

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

— FISHERS —

**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](mailto: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-notice>

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

**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](mailto: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-responsible 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

**NOTICE**

Crown Castle is proposing to install a 47-foot small cell pole located within the public right of way located at the following site: 13266 Olivo Rd, Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana 46037 (39 58 56.93N / 85 55 8.93W). The facility is not expected to be FAA lighted. Crown Castle invites comments from any interested party on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or specific reason the proposed action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Specific information regarding the project is available by contacting EBI Consulting, Project #044125-PR, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or at (617) 715-1822.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA**

The citizens of the Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), are hereby notified that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation, proposes to pay for all or a portion of the costs incurred, or to be incurred, by the School Corporation in connection with the 2025-2026 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project, as defined and described in the resolution adopted by the Board on January 22, 2025 (the "2025-2026 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project"), with the proceeds of one or more series of general obligation bonds to be issued by the School Corporation, to be designated as the "Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025" (with such further letter designation as determined at the time of issuance by the Superintendent of the School Corporation or the Chief Financial Officer of the School Corporation) (collectively, the "2025 General Obligation Bonds"). A portion of the proceeds of the 2025 General Obligation Bonds will also be used to pay for all or a portion of the costs and expenses incurred in connection with or on account of the issuance of the 2025 General Obligation Bonds. The 2025 General Obligation Bonds will be issued in an aggregate original principal amount not to exceed \$42,000,000, have a final maturity date of no later than December 31, 2030, and bear interest at a maximum rate or rates not to exceed 7.00% to be determined by negotiation.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that the Board will, on April 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Board Room of the School Corporation's Central Office, located at 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, Indiana, conduct a public hearing regarding the matter of appropriating the proceeds of the 2025 General Obligation Bonds and investment earnings thereon. All interested parties are entitled and encouraged to attend to present their testimony and ask any questions relative to the 2025-2026 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project or the 2025 General Obligation Bonds.

Subsequent to the public hearing, the Board expects to consider adoption of a resolution regarding the appropriating of the proceeds of the 2025 General Obligation Bonds and the investment earnings thereon for the purposes described herein.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2025.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS,  
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA  
By: Patrick Mapes, Superintendent

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— COURT NOTICES —

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 Conn )  
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 )  
R5783 3/3/25, 3/10/25, 3/17/25

**29D01-2503-EU-000113**  
STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR )  
COURT )  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF: )  
THOMAS A. GRAZIANI, )  
Deceased. )  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION** )  
IN 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

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON )  
SUPERIOR COURT )  
Cause No. 29D02-2502-EU-000103 )  
IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE UNSUPERVISED )  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE )  
ESTATE OF MARY A. SEIFERT, )  
DECEASED. )  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION** )  
IN HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT )  
2. HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA )  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE )  
OF MARY A. SEIFERT, DECEASED )  
CAUSE NO.: 29D02-2502- )  
EU-000103 )  
Notice is hereby given that Christie )  
A. King was, on February 27, 2025, )  
appointed personal representative of )  
the Estate of Mary A. Seifert, who )  
died on January 27, 2025. )  
All persons who have claims against )  
the estate, whether or not now due, )  
must file the claim in the Office of )  
the Clerk of this Court within three )  
(3) months from the date of 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, on )  
March 12, 2025. )  
*Kathy Kreag Williams* )  
Clerk of the Hamilton County Courts )  
Beth Schenberg Parsons )  
PARSONS KING, LLP )  
10555 Chestnut Hill Cir. )  
Fishers, IN 46037 )  
Ph: 317-753-2097 )  
Email: bparsons@parsonsking.com )  
R5790 3/17/25, 3/24/25

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY )  
SUPERIOR COURT )  
Cause No 29D01-2501-JP-000066 )  
INRE: THE PATERNITY OF: )  
NGUYEN QUYNH ANH TRAN )  
BY THE NEXT FRIEND, )  
HA THI NGOC NGUYEN )  
Petitioner, )  
v. )  
HUNG BIEN TRAN )  
Respondent. )  
**NOTICE OF HEARING** )  
HUNG BIEN TRAN, respondent, )  
is hereby notified that on the 15th )  
dat of January 2025, by next friend, )  
Ha Thi Ngoc Nguyen, filed in the )  
Clerk of Court of Hamilton County, )  
in the State of Indiana, a Petition )  
for Paternity. ON the 15th day of )  
January 2025,, the Petitioner also )  
filed her Praeceive for Summons along )  
with supporting affidavits showing )  
a diligent search has been made )  
and that Hung Bien Tran cannot )  
be found at this time. Hung Bien )  
Tran is further notice that unless he )  
responds within thirty (30) days after )  
the last publication of notice of this )  
action, said a Petition will be heard )  
and determined by the Court in his )  
absence. )  
R5896 3/17/25, 3/24/25, 3/31/25

**29D02-2501-EU-000010**  
ATTORNEY: )  
Jennifer M. Hess )  
Hess Hess & Donnellson, LLP )  
540 N. Rangeline Rd. )  
Carmel, IN 46032 )  
(317) 844-1377 )  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION** )  
In the Hamilton County Superior )  
Court )  
In the Matter of the Estate of David )  
D. McCormick, Deceased. )  
Cause Number 29D02-2501- )  
EU-000010 )  
Notice is hereby given that Lorraine )  
M. Firko was on January 15, 2025, )  
appointed Administrator of the Estate )  
of David D. McCormick, Deceased, who )  
died on or about September 30, 2024. )  
All persons having claims against this )  
estate, whether or not now due, must )  
file the claim in the office of the Clerk )  
of this Court within three (3) months )  
from the date of the first publication )  
of this notice, or within nine (9) months )  
after the decedent's death, whichever )  
is earlier, or the claims will be forever )  
barred. )  
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this )  
January 15, 2025. )  
*Kathy Kreag Williams* )  
Clerk of the Hamilton County Court )  
R5900 3/17/25, 3/24/25



STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR )  
COURT )  
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. Hisgen 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 )  
R5854 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

**29D03-2503-EU-000114**  
STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE HAMILTON )  
SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3 )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
UNSUPERVISED )  
ESTATE OF JOAN MARY THIEL, )  
deceased. )  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION** )  
Notice is hereby given that on March )  
12, 2025, Carolyn Land was appointed )  
Personal Representative of the Estate of )  
Joan Mary Thiel, deceased, who died )  
on February 17, 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 )  
March 12, 2025.. )  
*Kathy Kreag Williams* )  
CLERK, Hamilton Superior Court )  
Jeanette C. Kassebaum )  
Attorney )  
P.O. Box 221 )  
Fishers, IN 46038 )  
(317) 578-4550 )  
R5881 3/17/25, 3/24/25

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON )  
COUNTY COURT )  
Cause No. 29C01-2503-MI-2414 )  
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF NAME )  
OF MINOR: )  
Emmett Russell Sanchez-Brown )  
Name of Minor )  
Amanda Elizabeth Wright )  
Petitioner )  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR )  
CHANGE OF NAME** )  
Notice is hereby given that )  
Petitioner, Amanda Elizabeth Wright, )  
as a self-represented litigant, filed a )  
Verified Petition for Change of Name )  
to change the name of Emmett Russell )  
Sanchez-Brown to Emmett Russell )  
Wright. )  
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. )  
Date: March 6, 2025 )  
*Kathy Kreag Williams* )  
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court )  
R5891 3/17/25, 3/24/25, 3/31/25

**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 Randal )  
M. Dague was on the 7thday of )  
March, 2025, appointed Personal )  
Representative of the Estate of John )  
E.E. Franklin, deceased, who died on )  
the 15th 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 )  
7th 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 )  
R5898 3/17/25, 3/24/25

**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 Clampitt, )  
on March06, 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

— COUNTY —

Request for Proposals & Qualifications (RFPQ) for Childcare Services Provider	
Hamilton County RFPQ #CS2025	
RFPQ SUMMARY: Hamilton County is seeking Proposals/Statement of Qualifications (“SOQ”) in response to this RFPQ from licensed and qualified professional childcare providers to manage and operate a Hamilton County owned childcare facility.	
RFPQ ISSUE DATE	Monday, March 17, 2025, 1:00 PM ET
PROPOSAL/SOQ DUE DATE	Friday, May 2, 2025,3:00 PM ET Proposal/SOQs will be opened on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 1:00 PM ET at the Board of Commissioners Meeting at: Commissioners’ Courtroom One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, IN 46060
RFPQ CONFERENCE	An in-person & virtual RFPQ conference will be held the week of April 14th - 18th (conference date is TBD)!. It is highly recommended that all interested vendors attend. Parties interested in attending must submit their request to attend and specify if they will be attending in-person or virtually by email to annaleigh.schuler@hamiltoncounty.in.gov by Monday, March 31, 2025 at 3:00 PM ET.
DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS	The deadline for questions is April 25, 2025, 3:00 PM ET. Questions and/or inquiries must be submitted in writing to Anna Schuler at annaleigh.schuler@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or GRC@hamiltoncount.in.gov
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS	Proposal/Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) are to be submitted electronically in PDF format and hard copy. See page 8 for Submission Instructions.
RFPQ WEBSITE	https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/Bids.aspx
RFPQ OFFICIAL CONTACT	Anna Schuler, Procurement Director One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, IN 46060 annaleigh.schuler@hamiltoncounty.in.gov GRC@hamiltoncount.in.gov (317) 776-4434

<sup>1</sup> RFPQ Conference details and more information will be provided after the RSVP deadline.

**1. The Opportunity**

**1.1 Summary**

Hamilton County, Indiana (the “County”) is seeking proposals to this Request for Proposals & Qualifications (“RFPQ”) for the services of a licensed and qualified professional childcare provider (“Provider”). The County seeks to partner with a provider to offer high-quality, affordable childcare at a County-owned facility. The goal is to provide care for up to 144 children, ranging from 6 weeks to 5 years old, with a flexible approach to age groupings as the program evolves. This initiative will address the growing demand for reliable childcare and aligns with the County’s long-term vision to improve employee well-being while contributing to the success of Hamilton County as a desirable place to work and live.

The selected provider will operate as a separate entity from Hamilton County under a cost-plus model or an alternative public-private partnership structure that is deemed feasible and sustainable. The County will own the facility and provide the physical space, while the provider will be responsible for daily operations, staffing, curriculum implementation, and compliance with applicable regulations. The division of facility-related expenses and responsibilities will be defined in future agreements.

**1.2 Background**

Hamilton County Overview

Hamilton County is proud to be one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation, with a vibrant population of over 300,000 residents. Strategically located in the Indianapolis metropolitan area, Hamilton County offers residents and employees easy access to downtown Indianapolis, the award-winning Indianapolis International Airport, and a central location within one day’s drive of 50% of the U.S. population.

As a nationally recognized “Best Place to Live and Raise a Family,” Hamilton County understands that its success is directly tied to the well-being and growth of its workforce. To foster continued workforce growth and ensure we retain top talent, Hamilton County offers excellent employee benefits. We are committed to supporting our employees both professionally and personally, and with this in mind, we are exploring the addition of childcare services. By introducing this benefit, we aim to help employees balance their work and family responsibilities, ensuring they can continue contributing to the County’s success while also improving childcare availability for other members in the community.

Investing in these services is an important step toward building a stronger, more resilient workforce. Hamilton County is committed to offering resources that support the work-life balance of our employees, helping them thrive both at home and in the workplace.

**Needs Statement**

Hamilton County recognizes the growing need for accessible, high-quality, and affordable childcare services for working families within our community. As part of our commitment to supporting the workforce and enhancing the well-being of our employees, the County seeks to partner with a childcare services provider to offer these essential services at a County-owned facility. The goal is to provide care for up to 144 children, with an anticipated age range of 6 weeks to 5 years old, and to refine age groupings as the project progresses to best serve the evolving needs of County employees.

This initiative is a part of the County’s long-term vision for a public-private partnership that focuses on delivering high-quality, safe, and affordable childcare options. We understand the significant challenges working families face in securing reliable childcare, and the County is committed to addressing this issue to ensure employees can maintain a healthy work-life balance. By offering these services, the County aims to support employee retention, enhance productivity, and contribute to the continued success of the County as a great place to work and raise a family.

A public-private partnership with a childcare provider will enable Hamilton County to meet the diverse and changing needs of its employees, ensuring that families have access to the best possible childcare while helping the County remain an employer of choice. Through this collaboration, we can provide a vital service to our employees, foster workforce stability, and contribute to the overall growth and prosperity of Hamilton County.

**1.3 Outcome Goals**

The public-private partnership between Hamilton County and a childcare services provider is designed to achieve the following outcome goals:

- Provide High-Quality, Safe, and Affordable Childcare:** Establish a childcare facility that offers high-quality care for up to 144 children, ranging from 6 weeks to 5 years old, ensuring that all children receive a safe, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate environment while remaining affordable for County employees.
- Enhance Work-Life Balance and Employee Retention:** By offering reliable and accessible childcare, support County employees in achieving a better work-life balance, ultimately increasing employee satisfaction, reducing turnover, and enhancing workforce retention.
- Foster Long-Term Partnership and Address Evolving Employee Needs:** Build a sustainable publicprivate partnership that adapts to the changing needs of County employee families, continuously refining age group offerings and expanding services as needed to ensure the childcare program remains aligned with the diverse needs of the workforce.
- Invest in the Future Success of Our Youngest Residents:** Demonstrate Hamilton County’s commitment to the future by providing high-quality childcare, laying the foundation for the growth and development of our youngest residents, and contributing to their long-term academic and personal success.

**1.4 Public-Private Partnership and Financial/Operational Framework**

In furtherance of a mutually beneficial public-private partnership, the County’s anticipated preferred approach is a cost-plus model. Under this model, the awarded provider will operate as a separate and distinct entity from the County and will be responsible for managing the daily operations of the childcare facility. The awarded provider will submit monthly expense reports along with a management fee as part of the agreement.

The following financial/operational framework is what the County envisions as a cost-plus model:

**Facility Ownership & Provider Responsibilities:**

The childcare facility will be owned by Hamilton County, and the County will provide the physical space required for operations.

The division of facility-related expenses and responsibilities between the County and the provider will be outlined and agreed upon in future contractual agreements.

As a separate entity from Hamilton County, the awarded provider will oversee the daily operations of the childcare facility, including staffing, curriculum implementation, and ensuring compliance with all relevant regulations. The awarded provider will manage all aspects of the childcare services on behalf of Hamilton County.

**2. Scope of Work**

**2.1 Services to be Provided**

The awarded provider will be directly responsible for the day-to-day operations of the childcare facility. The awarded provider will be legally and financially responsible for managing the business. All decisions and responsibilities with respect to program, enrollment, fees, tuition, hiring, salaries, policy making, and any and all aspects of the operation and conduct of the awarded provider’s business remain the exclusive right and responsibility of the awarded provider.

**Service/Operational Responsibilities**

The following highlights the key responsibilities of the awarded provider:

- Provide high quality childcare services;
- Manage childcare programs, budgeting, and financial oversight;
- Implement cost management strategies and ensure long-term program sustainability;
- Set childcare center operating policies based on developmentally appropriate practices;
- Hire and train staff;
- Market the program;
- Keep abreast of trends and research in the field;
- Keep Hamilton County Board of Commissioners informed regarding center issues; and,
- Manage the waitlist and registration process.

**General Requirements**

The awarded provider will be expected to adhere to all of the terms and conditions outlined in the resulting contract for this initiative. This includes the non-exhaustive list of contract terms found in Attachment 2, attached to this RFPQ and incorporated fully herein.

**Role of Hamilton County**

The key outcome goal of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners (“BOC”) is to ensure that a stable, high-quality, safe, and affordable childcare program is available to all Hamilton County employees who wish to participate.

The BOC has the responsibility of ensuring that the terms of the resulting contract with the awarded provider are followed and that awarded provider has the capacity to meet all of the outcome goals stated in this RFPQ. Moreover, the BOC will implement long and short-term plans for the childcare center that include mutual and clear, measurable expectations of the awarded provider’s performance throughout the life of the contract.

**2.2 Performance Metrics and Contract Management**

**Performance Metrics**

Hamilton County is interested in identifying metrics to work collaboratively with the awarded vendor to monitor and improve performance during the life of the contract. The County has identified initial metrics of interest and looks forward to working with the awarded vendor to add to or refine this list during contract negotiations. The final set of performance metrics and frequency of collection will be negotiated by the successful proposer and Hamilton County prior to the finalization of an agreement between parties and may be adjusted over time as needed.

The County anticipates that the following performance metrics will be used to assess whether the awarded provider is making timely progress toward achieving the outcome goals of this initiative during the life of the contract:

Performance Metric	Data Source	Data Collection Frequency	Data Collection Responsibility	Data Review Cadence
Parent Satisfaction Scores	Parent Surveys	Quarterly	Awarded Provider shall distribute satisfaction surveys to parents to gauge their feedback on the quality, safety, and affordability of the childcare services provided.	Semiannually
Program Adaptability & Enrollment Flexibility	Semi-annual report	Continuous	Awarded Provider shall submit a semiannual report that outlines information collected on a continuous basis that provides enrollment data, waitlist data, curriculum updates, etc.	Semiannually

**Contract Performance Monitoring**

As part of Hamilton County’s commitment to improved outcomes, the County seeks to actively and regularly collaborate with awarded vendors to enhance contract management, improve results, and adjust service delivery based on learning what works. Reliable and relevant data is necessary to drive service improvements, facilitate compliance, inform trends to be monitored, and evaluate results and performance. As such, Hamilton County reserves the right to request/collect other key data and metrics from vendors.

**3. Submission Instructions**

**3.1 Proposal Content**

Proposer shall complete the attached Response Workbook and submit it as their response to this RFPQ. Proposer shall also follow all proposal submission requirements set forth below in the proposal checklist and submit all proposal documents and required RFPQ compliance documents listed in the proposal checklist.

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST	
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS	
The two (2) hardcopies of the Proposal/SOQ are contained in a sealed envelope clearly labeled “RFPQ #CS2025”	<input type="checkbox"/>
One copy of the Proposal/SOQ is formatted as a PDF to be electronically submitted	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Response Workbook, Proposal Documents, and Required RFP Compliance Documents are included in the Proposal/SOQ	<input type="checkbox"/>
All documents are clearly labeled and numbered	<input type="checkbox"/>
PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS	
One-Page Statement of Qualifications (“SOQ”)	Cover Letter
Table of Contents/Proposal Checklist	Copy of this Checklist
Proposer General Information	Response workbook
Overall Proposal Narrative	Response workbook
Qualifications, Experience, and Capacity	Response workbook
Project Approach	Response workbook
Project Management, Performance Improvement, and Communications	Response workbook
Cost Proposal and Narrative	Response workbook
Additional Information (Optional)	Attachments from Proposer
REQUIRED RFP COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS	
W9	Attachment
Direct Deposit Form	Attachment
Certificate of Insurance	Attachment
E-Verify Form	Attachment

**3.2 Submission Instructions**

- Two (2) hardcopies of the Proposal/SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labeled “RFPQ #CS2025” to the following address:  
ATTN: Anna Schuler  
Legal Department | Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) Division  
One Hamilton County Square  
Noblesville, IN 46060
- One (1) copy of the Proposal/SOQ must be electronically submitted in PDF format to GRC@hamiltoncncty. in. gov.
- Proposals/SOQ must be submitted to the above address and email address no later than **May 2,2025,3:00 PM ET**. If Proposal/SOQs are being submitted via USPS, FedEx, UPS, or any other mail carrier, please ensure that the mailing envelope is clearly marked “RFPQ #CS2025.”

**Other forms of submission (fax or online) will be rejected.**

**Proposal/SOQs submitted after the deadline will be rejected.**

**4. How We Choose**

**4.1 Minimum Qualifications**

Each Proposer must demonstrate that it meets the following minimum qualifications:

- Proposer is a licensed childcare provider in the State of Indiana;
- Proposer must demonstrate a proven track record of providing childcare services; and,
- Proposer must demonstrate financial and operational stability.

**4.2 Evaluation Criteria**

The County may, in its sole discretion, form a committee to review proposal submissions. The criteria to be utilized in evaluating proposals is as follows:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	% ALLOCATION
Conformance to RFPQ Requirements <sup>2</sup>	Accept/Reject
Qualifications, Experience and Capacity	30%
Overall Proposal Narrative / Project Approach	25%
Project Management, Performance Improvement, and Communications	5%
Cost Proposal and Narrative	40%

<sup>2</sup> A proposer’s conformance to the requirements of this Request for Proposal and Qualifications (RFPQ) is essential for the successful evaluation of their submission. To ensure compliance, proposers must meet the minimum qualifications as outlined in Section 4.1. In addition, proposers are required to follow the submission instructions provided in the RFPQ, including adhering to the proposal checklist to ensure all necessary documents and information are included. Furthermore, proposers must conform to the terms and conditions specified in Section 5, which govern the overall proposal process. Non-compliance with these requirements may result in the disqualification of the proposal from further consideration.

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the 2025 Indiana boys Junior All-Stars, who will be chosen later.

The players listed as Core Group players each will play in two games. The players listed in the Red and Blue groups each will play

in one game, the Red Group on June 1 against the Kentucky Juniors and the Blue Group on June 4 against the Indiana Seniors.

The Indiana senior All-Stars will play the Kentucky senior All-Stars on June 6

at a site to be announced. The Indiana senior All-Stars will play Kentucky’s seniors again on June 7 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

The third annual *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star “Futures

Games” doubleheader will be played on June 2 at Fishers High School. The Futures Games will be a girls-boys doubleheader with Indiana-only squads of sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format.

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4.3 Selection Process, Award, and Protest Procedures

RFPQ Timeline

Please review the RFPQ timeline below. Dates may be modified or amended at the discretion of the County, which will post an amendment to this RFPQ notifying prospective Proposers of any change.

Timeline	
Event	Date(s)
RFPQ issue date	Monday, March 17, 2025, 1:00 PM ET
First Advertisement	Monday, March 17, 2025, 1:00 PM ET
Second Advertisement	Monday, March 24, 2025, 1:00 PM ET
RFPQ conference (in-person & virtual)	Week of April 14th -18th
Deadline for questions	April 25, 2025, 3:00 PMET
Proposals/SOQ due <sup>2</sup>	May 2,2025, 3:00 PMET
Interviews with shortlisted proposers	Week of May 19th -23rd
Anticipated contract award date	June 9, 2025
Anticipated contract execution date	July 2025

5. Terms and Conditions

The County’s decision to enter into an eventual agreement with a provider will be made on the basis of the best qualified Proposer’s qualifications, project understanding and approach, relevant experience, and ability to deliver the County with the best value. The County reserves the right to reject all proposals and shall make a decision they believe is in the best interests of the County’s residence. The County reserves the right to assemble a team to review the proposals received.

The County does not require the Proposer to submit a certified check or other evidence of financial responsibility with its proposal.

All Proposers will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals. The County may enter into discussion with Proposers to clarify and assure a full understanding of proposals.

The County may refuse to disclose the contents of Proposals/Statement of Qualifications during discussions with eligible Proposers.

Proposing providers shall not contact Hamilton County Board of Commissioners or any other voting body. All correspondence and questions for this RFPQ should be handled through the RFPQ Contact.

6. Attachments

The following attachments are attached and incorporated fully herein to this RFPQ:

Attachment 1: Response Workbook

Attachment 2: Contract Terms

Attachment 3: E-Verify

Attachment 4: W-9

Attachment 5: Direct Deposit Form

Proposers shall complete the attachments and submit them with their Proposal/SOQ by the Proposal/SOQ deadline.

The RFPQ and all corresponding documents/attachments can be found at <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/Bids.aspx>. Alternatively, interested parties may contact Anna Schuler at [anna.leigh.schuler@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:anna.leigh.schuler@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) to receive a copy of the entire RFPQ via email.

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— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON )  
SUPERIOR COURT II )  
Cause NO. 29D02-2410-EU-000460 )  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF )  
GARRETT LEE HARBON, )  
Deceased. )  
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED )  
ADMINISTRATION )  
Notice is hereby given that Jennifer L. Rue, on the 3rd day of February, 2025 , was appointed as the personal representative of the estate of Garrett Lee Harbron, who died on the 14th day of September, 2024, leaving a will. The estate will be administered without court supervision.  
As an heir, a devisee, or a legatee of the estate (a “distributee”), you are advised of the following information:  
(1) The personal representative has the authority to take actions concerning the estate without first consulting you.  
(2) The personal representative may be serving without posting a bond with the court. You have the right to petition the court to set a bond for your protection. You also have the right to petition the court to remove a corporate personal representative not later than thirty (30) days after this notice if the ownership or control of the corporate personal representative has changed since the execution of the decedent’s will.  
(3) The personal representative will not obtain court approval of any action, including the amount of attorney’s or personal representative’s fees.  
(4) Within two (2) months after the appointment of the personal representative, the personal representative must prepare an inventory of the estate’s assets. You have the right to request and receive a copy of this inventory from the personal representative. However, if you do not participate in the residue of the estate and receive only a specific bequest in money or personal property that will be paid, you are entitled only to the information concerning your specific bequest and not to the assets of the estate as a whole.  
(5) The personal representative is required to furnish you with a copy of the closing statement that will be filed with the court, and, if your interests are affected, with a full account in writing of the administration of the estate.  
(6) You must file an objection to the closing statement within three (3) months after the closing statement is filed with the court if you want the court to consider your objection.  
(7) If an objection to the closing statement is not filed with the court within three (3) months after the filing of the closing statement, the estate is closed and the court does not have a duty to audit or make an inquiry.  
IF, AT ANYTIME BEFORE THE ESTATE IS CLOSED, YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE SHOULD BE SUPERVISED BY THE COURT, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PETITION THE COURT FOR SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION.  
IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS NOTICE, YOU SHOULD ASK YOUR ATTORNEY TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.  
The personal representative’s address is 13914 Pinto Dr., and telephone number is (317) 809-8994.  
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 3rd day of February, 2025.  
*Kathy Kream Williams*  
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court II  
R5904 3/17/25, 3/24/25

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON )  
COUNTY COURT )  
Cause No. 29C01-2502-MI 1763 )  
INRE: NAME CHANGE OF )  
NAME OF MINOR: )  
MARY QUINN KRYDER )  
NOTICE OF HEARING )  
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, IKECA BETZNER , Next Friend of minor child, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of MARY QUINN KRYDER to MARY QUINN HULL. .  
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 Kream Williams*  
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court  
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29D01-2503-EU-000121  
GORDON D. BYERS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
298 South 10th Street, Suite 300  
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA 46060  
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED )  
ADMINISTRATION )  
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR )  
COURT NO. 1 )  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE )  
OF: )  
SHERRIE N. SLODERBECK, )  
DECEASED, )  
ESTATE DOCKET )  
29D01-2503-EU-000121 )  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN )  
that SHERRIE A. COLLINS was )  
on the 7th day of March, 2025, )  
appointed Personal Representative )  
of the ESTATE OF SHERRIE N. )  
SLODERBECK, deceased, and 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 this Court within three )  
(3) months from the date of the first )  
publication of this notice, or the )  
claims will be forever barred. )  
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this )  
7th day of March, 2025. )  
*Kathy Kream Williams*  
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court  
R5902 3/17/25, 3/24/25

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON )  
CIRCUIT COURT )  
Cause No. 29C01-2402-MI-1554 )  
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF: )  
SUSAN MEYERS BRADY )  
NOTICE OF HEARING )  
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, SUSAN MEYERS BRADY, through counsel, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from SUSAN MEYERS BRADY to SUSAN MEYERS STRIEBEL.  
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on June 9, 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: March 10, 2025  
*Kathy Kream Williams*  
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court  
R5910 3/17/25, 3/24/25, 3/31/25

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
IN THE HAMILTON )  
CIRCUIT COURT )  
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-014175 )  
IN RE THE MATTER OF: )  
Abdullah Mohamed Ahmed Amin )  
Petitioner )  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR )  
CHANGE OF NAME )  
Abdullah Mohamed Ahmed Amin, )  
whose mailing address is: 5913 )  
Sandalwood Dr., Carmel, Indiana )  
46033 in the HAMILTON County, )  
Indiana, hereby gives notice that )  
Abdullah Mohamed Ahmed Amin has )  
filed a petition in the Hamilton County )  
Circuit Court requesting that name )  
be changed to Abdallah Mohamed )  
Ahmed Elkammar. )  
Notice is further given that the )  
hearing will be held on said Petition )  
on: June 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. )  
*Abdullah Mohamed Ahmed Amin*  
Petitioner  
February 12, 2025  
*Kathy Kream Williams*  
Hamilton County Clerk  
R5912 3/17/25, 3/24/25, 3/31/25

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— WESTFIELD —

Notice

Duke Energy Indiana (1000 East Main Street, Plainfield, IN 46168) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with Westfield 156th Street Substation located at 15506 Spring Mill Road, Westfield, IN 46074. Run-off from the project site will discharge to Little Eagle Creek. Please direct questions to Duke Energy at 800-521-2232 or by email at [brian.catt@duke-energy.com](mailto:brian.catt@duke-energy.com).

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— NOBLESVILLE —

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:  
By/At: City of Noblesville, Indiana  
Office of the Clerk  
16 S. 10th Street  
Noblesville, Indiana 46060  
Project: Noblesville CSO 004 Stormwater Separation Project  
Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, April 15, 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: Noblesville CSO 004 Stormwater Separation Project  
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, April 15, 2025.  
Pre-Bid Meeting: A mandatory Pre-Bid meeting for interested parties will be held on April 7, 2025 at 11:00 A.M., local time at Noblesville Utilities Control Building Conference Room, 197 Washington Street, Noblesville, IN 46060). For special accommodations for individuals planning to attend the Pre-Bid meeting or public bid opening, please call or notify Kristyn Parker, Utilities Coordinator, (317) 776-6353, ext. 3009 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.  
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" 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 the Noblesville CSO 004 Stormwater Separation Project consisting of the installation of new storm sewer systems including pipes and structures and associated work, and a modification to the existing combined sewer Diversion Structure for CSO 004. Project will also include the replacement of curbs, sidewalks, curb ramps and roadway pavements associated with the installation of the new systems.  
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 any 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 from Repro Graphix Inc. in their ePlanroom, 467 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Phone 317-637-3377. Plans and specifications may be purchased from Repro Graphix Inc. for a non-refundable fee equal to the cost of printing estimated at \$108. Contractors that obtain Contract Documents from a source other than the Issuing Office must notify the Issuing Office in order to be placed on the official Plan Holders List, receive Addenda and other Bid correspondence. Bids received from Contractors other than those on the official Plan Holders List will not be accepted.  
Submit all bid questions in writing to Lance Langer, PE, CHA Consulting, Inc., 201 N. Illinois Street, Suite 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204 prior to 12:00PM, local time on Tuesday, April 8th, 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:  
Lance Langer, PE  
CHA Consulting, Inc.  
Email: [LLanger@chasolutions.com](mailto:LLanger@chasolutions.com)  
Carbon Copy Question To:  
Kristyn Parker  
Utilities Project Coordinator  
[kparker@noblesville.in.gov](mailto:kparker@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  
Evelyn L. Lees, Clerk  
R5909 3/17/25, 3/24/25

— COUNTY —

PUBLIC NOTICE FROM

THE HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT FOR SEWER SERVICE

At the March 10, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Hamilton County Regional Utility District ("District"), the Board introduced proposed Ordinance No. 2025-2 which would establish the District's monthly user rates for sewer service for those served in Hamilton County, Indiana. The Board will hold a public hearing at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 N. 8th St., Noblesville, Indiana 46060, on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 11:00 am Eastern Standard Time in order to receive public input on the proposed Ordinance. For further information regarding the proposed Ordinance, including to obtain a complete copy of the Ordinance, please contact CJ Taylor at (317) 315-4850. The specific schedule of rates and charges that is more fully set forth in the proposed Ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT

Schedule of Sewer Rates and Charges for Hamilton County Regional Utility District

A. MONTHLY CHARGES FOR USERS

Base Charge:

All users are subject to a monthly base charge based on the size of the water meter as follows:

Meter Size	Service Charge
5/8-inch Meter	\$45.23
1-inch Meter	\$113.06
1-1/2-inch Meter	\$262.31
2-inch Meter	\$452.26
3-inch Meter	\$1,040.19
4-inch Meter	\$1,854.25
6-inch Meter	\$4,160.76
8-inch Meter	\$7,417.01
10-inch Meter	\$11,577.75

Flow Charge (based on monthly water usage):  
Additionally, each user is charged a monthly charge based on the metered water usage per 1,000 gallons as follows:  
Monthly charge per 1,000 gallons \$4.95  
Flat Rate Charge:  
Each user connected to the system that does not have water service will be charged a fixed monthly fee per EDU as follows: \$74.93

B. ONE TIME/NON- RECURRING CHARGES:

Tap/Connection Charge:  
Each user connected to the system shall pay a connection fee to repay the cost of the customer's connection. \$2,000 Per EDU  
For services larger than 1" the fee shall be based on actual time and materials Application Fee:  
Each user connected to the system shall pay a connection fee. \$250.00 Per connection, non-refundable fee to be paid at the time of application  
Any additional engineering review fees shall be reimbursed by the customer at cost.

New Account Fee:  
Each customer shall pay a one-time account set up fee at connection. \$20.00 Payable at time of connection.

Bad Check/NSF Fee:  
Each customer shall pay a fee for each payment that is rejected/returned as being insufficient. \$25.00 Per occurrence

Late Fee:  
10% fee calculated based on the delinquent charges will be added if the bill is not paid by the due date.

System Development Charge:  
Each user upon connection to the system is to pay a one-time system development charge of \$5,200.00 per equivalent dwelling unit.  
R5894 3/17/25, 3/24/25

Public Notice

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Merit Board has scheduled an executive session for March 26, 2025, at 4:30pm (1) to discuss a personnel matter, and (2) to receive information about and interview prospective employees pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5). The regular meeting will immediately follow the conclusion of the executive session (approximately 9:00pm). The sessions will take place in the main conference room of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office at 18100 Cumberland Rd, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Agenda

I. Executive Session, 4:30pm.

a. To discuss a personnel matter, and

b. To receive information about and interview prospective employees pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).

II. Regular Meeting, immediately following the executive session (approximately 9:00pm).

a. Approval of minutes from the February 2025 meeting.

b. Determination of Benefit Award.

c. Creation of Hiring List.

d. Sheriff Update.

R5906 3/17/25

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana will meet Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at their regular meeting place of One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Purpose of this meeting if for consideration of transfer of funds, 144 amendments, reduction of funds and to consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year. The Council will hold a public hearing for the additional appropriations. Any person having concerns or questions on said appropriations shall be heard at the public hearing.

1000 General Fund	3000 Other Services & Charges	25,000
1023 Airport Authority	3000 Other Services & Charges	296,562
1219 Clerk	8000 Refunds	15,000
1234 Prosecutor Forfeiture Fund	3000 Other Services & Charges	26,000
	4000 Capital Outlays	5,000

R5908 3/17/25

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING

Board of Zoning Appeals

City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 7th day of April, 2025. This hearing to discuss applications BZNA-000009-2025, BZNA-000027-2025, BZNA-000028-2025, and BZNA-000042-2025 will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The applications submitted by Andy Wert, Church Church Hittle & Antrim, on behalf of property owner Alaa Shobaki, requests approval of a conditional use permit application pursuant to UDO §8 C.4.D. and Appendix C to allow for automobile sales including service and storage in the Planned Business zoning district and approval of development standards applications pursuant to UDO §12.0 C.1. to allow a reduction in shrubs and trees in landscaped parking islands, UDO §12.0 F. to allow a reduction in building base landscaping, and §12.0 F.7.E. to allow a reduction in the landscape buffer yards at property located at 3355 E Conner Street, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.

This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website [www.noblesville.in.gov](http://www.noblesville.in.gov) at least 5 days prior to the hearing.

Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals  
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary  
R5903 3/17/25

— JACKSON TOWNSHIP —

Legal Notice

Plan Commission

The Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission will meet on April 9th 2025, at the Red Bridge Community Building located at 697 West Jackson Street or 50 Red Bridge, Cicero Indiana, 46034, in order to hear the following petition:

Docket No. PC-0425-05-PI Public Hearing of Hamilton County Recreational Impact Fee

Petitioner: Hamilton County Parks and Recreation

A Public Hearing is scheduled: To consider an ordinance to establish a Recreational Impact Fee to be assessed on new residential construction upon issuance of the building permit. The Recreational Impact Fee will be used for the planning and financing of Hamilton County Parks infrastructure to serve residential development in the Hamilton County Planning Commission Jurisdictional Area that is located in Jackson Township.

Project Address: All portions of the Cicero / Jackson Township Plan Commission’s jurisdiction outside the corporate boundaries of the Town of Cicero

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 also mailed to Cicero/Jackson Plan Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to [fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov](mailto:fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov) Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Petitioner’s Name: Hamilton County Parks and Recreation. Date: 3/10/2025  
R5905 3/17/25

— CICERO —

NOTICE

On March 18, 2025, Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) to receive information about and interview prospective employees.  
R5907 3/15/25, 3/17/25

— ARCADIA —

NOTICE

The Arcadia Town Council will met in a Special Meeting to discuss a Water PER on Thursday, March 20th at 3:45 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main St Arcadia, IN 46030.  
R5885 3/17/25



# Three county athletes among HCC winter Athletes of the Year

## The REPORTER

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference announced its Athletes of the Year for the winter sports season last Friday. Three Hamilton County athletes were among those who received the award in their respective sports.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL Maya Makalusky, Hamilton Southeastern

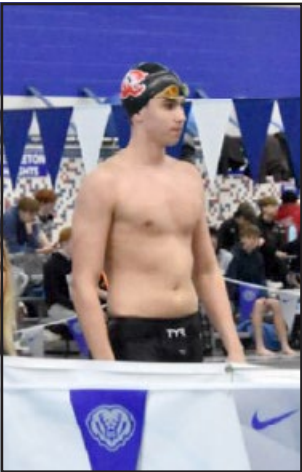
Senior Maya Makalusky has been named the HCC Athlete of the Year for Girls Basketball by a vote of the conference coaches.

Makalusky was a four-year starter who led the Royals to three consecutive HCC titles. During that three-year span, HSE went 20-1 in the extremely competitive Hoosier Crossroads Conference. Maya's Royals went a remarkable 83-16 during her career.

Maya led Hamilton Southeastern to sectional and regional titles this year while averaging 22.1 points per game, 6.8 rebounds per game, shot 40 percent from 3-point range and 80 percent from the free-throw line. She finished her career as the all-time leading scorer at Hamilton Southeastern with 1,933 points. That point total places her second on the all-time HCC scoring list.

Makalusky was named 1st team All HCC three consecutive years. In addition, Maya was recently named the Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year.

Coach Brian Satterfield states, "to watch her overall game grow this past year was tremendous as she led us in nine statistical categories. Opposing teams threw every defense designed to try to slow her down, but



Photos provided

(From left) Maya Makalusky of Hamilton Southeastern, Emily Wolf of Fishers, and Jonny Hines of Fishers have been named Hoosier Crossroads Conference Athletes of the Year. Congratulations!

she still played within the system and competed to help our team win. Her leadership and willingness to sacrifice for the team is what makes her truly special. She has left a legacy that many future Royals will try to replicate." Maya will continue her education and basketball career at Indiana University.

### GIRLS SWIMMING Emily Wolf, Fishers

Sophomore Emily Wolf has been selected by the HCC Swim/Dive coaches as the Athlete of the Year.

At the HCC meet, Wolf was the individual champion in both the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly. Emily also earned All HCC honors as a freshman.

At the IHSAA State Championship Meet at the IU Natatorium, Emily won the 500 free, finished second in the 100 butterfly and was a member of the third-place 400 free relay team and the seventh-place 200 medley relay team.

Coach Joe Keller says, "last year Emily laid a foundation of meeting

high expectations in being State Runner-up in the 100 Fly behind an Olympian. This year, her preparation and training elevated her potential to the next level. Being State Runner-up in the 100 Fly and then earning a State Title in the 500 Free is a double with the event list that can only happen if preparation has occurred. She is developing an approach and mindset that will lead herself and others to being great... not just good. This is the type of leadership that will push other female athletes within the HCC to grow our conference to greater heights in the future!"

### BOYS SWIMMING Jonny Hines, Fishers

Senior Jonny Hines of Fishers has been selected as the Athlete of the Year by the HCC Swim/Dive coaches.

At the HCC Meet, Hines won the 200 free and the 500 free, setting a new HCC record in the latter (4:31.20).

Jonny was also a part of the 200 free and 400 free championship relay teams. In his

career, Hines earned All HCC honors twice.

At the IHSAA State meet, Hines finished second in the 200 free and third in the 500 free while anchoring both the 200 free relay (second) and the 400 free relay (seventh) teams.

Coach Joe Keller says, "this is a great honor for Jonny and representative of so many athletes that work hard to develop their craft. This sport, along with the support of the HCC and IH-SAA, provided Jonny with a pathway to achieve more each year while he grew his potential through his efforts. He has developed as a student-athlete, as a person, and has a skill and mindset that will only create more opportunities as he finishes high school this year and moves on to Purdue this fall where he will continue his achievements as a collegiate student-athlete."

### OTHER WINNERS Boys basketball: Ma- guire Mitchell, Zionsville.

Boys wrestling: Jake Hockaday, Brownsburg.

## Girls Basketball



Joshua Herd / File photo

Hamilton Southeastern senior Maya Makalusky was named the Gatorade Indiana Basketball Player of the Year. Makalusky led the Royals to a 27-1 record this season and an appearance in the IHSAA semi-state championship game.

# Southeastern's Makalusky named Gatorade Indiana Player of the Year

## The REPORTER

In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade announced Maya Makalusky of Hamilton Southeastern High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Indiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year last Thursday.

Makalusky is the second Gatorade Indiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Hamilton Southeastern High School, joining Sydney Parrish, who won the award in 2018-19.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Makalusky as Indiana's best high school girls basketball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Ill.), Paige Bueckers (2019-20, Hopkins High School, Minn.) and Joyce Edwards (2023-24, Camden High School, S.C.).

The 6-foot-4 senior shooting guard averaged 22.1 points and 6.8 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Royals (27-1) to the Class 4A semi-state championship game. Makalusky also contributed 1.8 steals and 1.3 assists per game while shooting 40.1 percent from 3-point range and 80.3 percent from the free throw line. A two-time First Team All-State selection by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association, she's ranked as the nation's No. 35 recruit in the Class of 2025 by ESPN. She concluded her prep basketball career with 1,933 points.

Makalusky has volun-

teered locally supporting intellectually and physically challenged youth with Best Buddies as well as her school's Unified basketball and track teams. She has also donated her time as an assistant with HSE's exceptional learners program. "Maya is an incredible shooter," said Kelsey Steele, head coach of Westfield High School. "She has expanded her game to being able to finish through contact this season. She has impacted her team's success tremendously."

Makalusky has maintained a 3.72 grade-point average in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of intent to play basketball at Indiana University this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field – and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Makalusky joins recent Gatorade Indiana Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jaylah Lampley (2023-24, Lawrence Central High School), Laila Hull (2022-23, Zionsville Community High School), Ashlynn Shade (2021-22, Noblesville High School) and Jessica Carrothers (2020-21, Crown Point High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

## ALL-STARS

Stacy Mitchell of Warren Central has been named head coach of the 2025 girls' All-Stars. He will be assisted by Brian Satterfield of Hamilton Southeastern and Kristi Sigler of Jennings County. Mitchell has compiled a 145-84 record in 10 seasons at Warren Central, including the 2018 Class 4A state title. Satterfield is

83-16 in four seasons as the HSE girls coach after posting a 322-151 mark in 20 seasons as the HSE boys' coach. Sigler has a 132-86 ledger in nine seasons at Jennings County.

The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 4 at Greenfield-Central High School. The first game against Kentucky will be

June 6 at Lexington Catholic High School. 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, whose roster will be announced later. The roster for the Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars were announced

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March 9. The roster for the Indiana 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 Charlestown and June 4 against the Indiana seniors at Greenfield-Central.

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