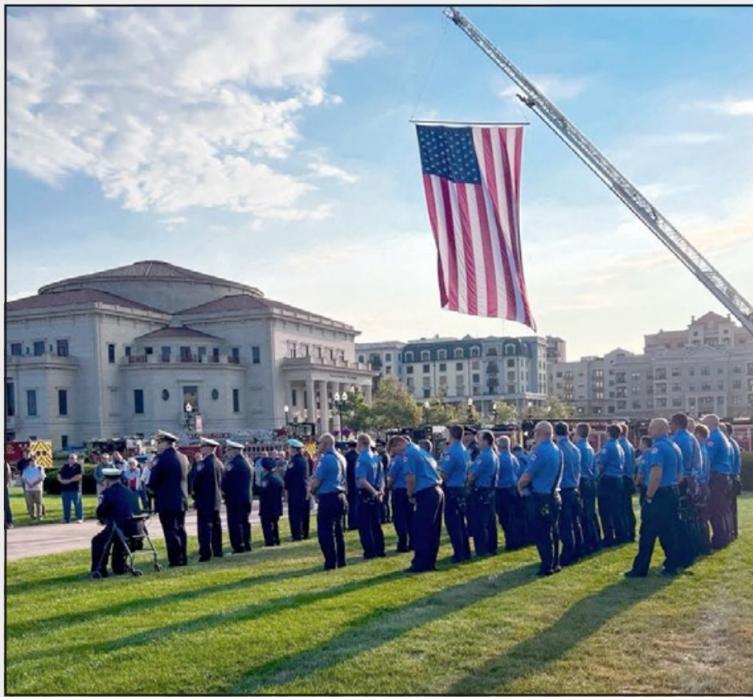


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24 years ago the towers fell. Fire & police will not forget



Photos provided by Renee Butts, Carmel Fire Department

Last week, on September 11, the Carmel fire and police departments welcomed the public both to mourn and honor the lives lost on that tragic day 24 years ago. The ceremony celebrated the bravery of all the first responders who ran into the buildings that day instead of away from them. Every year, we gather to remember because the attacks and what they meant for this country, can never be forgotten. Thank you to everyone who attended. See more great photos online at ReadTheReporter.com.

Enough!



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

When my kids were little and they would argue, I would tell them ENOUGH! I had had enough of their arguing.

This is precisely how I felt last Thursday afternoon when I found out about the shooting of Charlie Kirk. I also felt extreme sorrow. My sorrow was not just for his family but also for our nation.

I've had my fill of hatred and meanness and yelling and blaming and all of the political rhetoric. What are we teaching our kids and grandkids?

Did I agree with everything Charlie Kirk said? No. If you think I am a Republican or a Democrat, you are wrong. I'm this 70-year-old woman standing in the aisle.

Remember what the aisle looked like? It's where people used to come together to have a conversation. People could have rational discussions and, at worst, agree to disagree. They could even remain friends.

An evil has entered our nation, not from foreign countries but from within our own borders. I am appalled at the capacity for hate. Anyone who thinks any violence is okay, stay away from my table.

Charlie Kirk invited people to have conversations. He listened. Like I said, I didn't always agree with him, but he cared about the people of the United States. He wanted young people to have a voice ... to be heard. Many disagreed with him, but he listened.

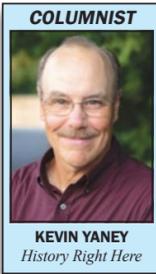
The day before the shooting, I saw a social media post by my friend, Kurt Meyer, that showed a sticker that had been placed on a light pole in downtown Noblesville. Four words that spewed hate. I won't tell you what the words were, but they were evil and have no place in my community.

You will often find me around town having coffee and conversations with people who look nothing like me, who do not worship like I do or love like I do. They are my friends. We have wonderful conversations. We appreciate and respect our differences.

See *Enough!* ... Page A4

A look back at our Civil War past: Noblesville's Riverside Cemetery

There is a lot of Civil War history that many of us drive past every day. Over 2,000 men from Hamilton County were soldiers during the war. The vast majority of them are buried in the 90 cemeteries scattered across the county.



KEVIN YANEY
History Right Here

One of the most prominent is Riverside Cemetery in downtown Noblesville. Positioned just south of the Conner Street bridge, behind the East Bank Apartments, Riverside is the final resting place for 75 Civil War veterans.

Riverside Cemetery was established in 1820 along the White River. That was three years before Noblesville was founded. The grounds are a

monument to the very beginnings of Hamilton County and the city that became the county seat. It has been beautifully restored by the city. If you take a stroll through the cemetery, you cannot help but notice the old gravestones and the veterans' markers that dot the landscape. The majority of the veterans laid to rest in Riverside were Civil War soldiers.

Some of these stones are quite elaborate. One such stone marks the grave of William Garver, the highest-ranking officer from Hamilton County during the war.

See *Cemetery* ... Page A4



(LEFT) The grave of Colonel William Garver of the 101st Indiana Regiment. Garver was a lawyer, judge, and state representative from Noblesville. (RIGHT) Barney Stone was a slave in Kentucky before he ran away and joined the Union Army in 1864. He later became a Christian minister, serving at the First Baptist Church in Noblesville.



Photos provided by Kevin Yaney

Prevail's free family-friendly Autumn Fest celebrates community & connection

The REPORTER

Prevail, Inc. invites the community to its third annual Autumn Fest presented by the Hamilton County Health Department.

Autumn Fest is a free, family-friendly celebration of fall, community, and connection taking place from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at Prevail, 1100 S. 9th St., Suite 100, Noblesville.

open to the public and packed with activities for all ages, including seasonal crafts, fun games, delicious food, music, door prizes, and more. The event is designed to bring people together while introducing the community to Prevail's mission of supporting survivors of crime and abuse, and promoting safe, healthy relationships.



ways be a free, family-friendly celebration where people can come together," said Baleigh Tolsdorf, Supervisor of Prevention Programming at Prevail. "We are deeply grateful to our local partners, whose support makes it possible to create an event that unites and uplifts everyone who attends."

See *Prevail* ... Page A4

Think you make THE best chili? Prove it, then.

By Rev. Dr. Eric Lohe
Lead Pastor,
CrossRoads Church at Westfield

Do you make the best chili in Hamilton County? Then enter Wild, Wild Westfield's Premier Chili Cook-Off, set for 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Local judges will determine the top three chili entrees. Cash prizes will be awarded of \$250 for first, \$150 for second, \$100 for third, plus there will be a "People's Choice" award determined by those in attendance.

To enter the premier Chili Cook-Off, register your chili at bit.ly/3Rc7TQY, scan the QR code, or at go to ForOurNeighbor.Life. Once you have registered, bring

a crockpot of chili to CrossRoads Church at Westfield, 19201 Grassy Branch Road, at 4 p.m. Sept. 27.

The Premier Chili Cook-Off is part of CrossRoads Church at Westfield's family-friendly Wild, Wild Westfield Fall Fest, taking place from 4 to 7 p.m. Sept. 27. This free family-friendly event is for all who want to enjoy a fun and relaxing afternoon of games, food, and music. Attendees will be able to taste the chilis that are entered in the contest.

In addition, enjoy face-painting, inflatables, pony rides, food, kid's games, bounce houses, live music, adult fun, petting zoo, and silent auction. And of course, what would Wild, Wild Westfield be without Manny the Mechan-



ical Bull? Find out more about the event at bit.ly/3Tja2O4 or by scanning the QR code.

This big event is part of CrossRoads Church at Westfield's four-part strategic plan to meet, enjoy, know, and serve our local neighbors.

You can find out more about CrossRoads Church at Westfield online at ForOurNeighbor.Life or email them at ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com.



Photo provided

Wild, Wild Westfield offers lots of fun beyond the bowl.



Hamilton Heights names August Coffee Bean awardees

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of August. They include Jesse Bishop, Lillie Hooper, Aliyah Hurley, Rees Knapp, Kaydence Mannix, Lana Ottinger, and Sophia Renfro.

The name and award were inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, which delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five to seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

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



Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation August Coffee Bean Award recipients include (top row, from left) Kaydence Mannix, Lillie Hooper, Lana Ottinger, (bottom row, from left) Rees Knapp, Jesse Bishop, Sophia Renfro, and Aliyah Hurley.

Local Lions screen elementary students for vision impairment



Photos provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club Noblesville, Zionsville, and Carmel Lions have been busy visiting elementary schools in Noblesville and Fishers to screen students for vision impairments. Using a high-tech screening device, the Lions check the children for visual disturbances. Children who are found to have a vision issue are then referred to an eye doctor for further evaluation. (TOP) Noblesville and Zionsville Lions screened eyes at Promise Road Elementary in Noblesville. (CENTER) Noblesville and Zionsville Lions screened eyes at Promise Road Elementary and Deer Creek Elementary in Noblesville and Brooks School Elementary in Fishers. (RIGHT) Noblesville and Zionsville Lions screened eyes at Hinkle Creek Elementary in Noblesville.



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IU Health North & Fishers volunteers take mission beyond hospital walls

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IU Health North and Fishers team members took part in the 17th annual Days of Service volunteer project Friday, Sept. 5 with Hamilton County Parks and Recreation at Cool Creek Park in Carmel.

Team members volunteered their time to work on several projects, including improvements to the Nature Play Area.

Days of Service is an IU Health volunteer effort each year for all team members across the state to come together and make a difference in the communities IU Health serves.

Caitlin Vendely, a Community Outreach consultant for IU Health's Metro Region, helped organize the event.

"Our annual Days of Service give IU Health team members a chance to truly invest in the community beyond our facilities," Vendely said. "By revitalizing local parks, we're creating inviting spaces that promote active lifestyles and contribute to a



Photo provided by IU Health
Volunteers worked to clean up the Nature Play Area at Cool Creek Park.

healthier Hamilton County." This is one of multiple Days of Service projects team members are completing this year. Some of the

other volunteer opportunities include a Habitat for Humanity build, community blood pressure screenings, and assembling meal kits.

Tipton packs pathways with pork patrons

The 56th annual Tipton County Pork Festival was another massive success. More than 80,000 people flooded the town of just over 5,000 Sept. 4 to 6. Made even better by great weather, the three-day festival featured plenty of vendors, three pageants, two parades, a baby contest, a carnival with rides provided by Huesman Amusement Company, entertainment from Sam Quigley, The Mulligans, John King, Jeremy & Kerry, The Time Travelers, and JUMP – America’s Van Halen Experience ... and, of course, as much pork and fair food as you could handle. All of this was brought to you by dozens of sponsors, which you can see listed at TiptonCountyPorkFestival.com. (Reporter photos by Bill Miller)



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See Dr. Atha's first State of the Schools address

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the annual State of the Schools Luncheon.

Westfield Washington Schools Superintendent Dr. John Atha will give his first address at this year's luncheon, set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St. Hear directly from Dr.



Atha

Atha as he provides an update on the Destination Westfield initiatives, shares the district's core priorities, and outlines plans for the upcoming school rebalancing process. He will also highlight recent success stories in the school system. This event typically sells out due to high interest, so register to reserve your seat right away at tinyurl.com/WestfieldStateOfTheSchools2025.

Community First Bank of Indiana welcomes Pooja Thakkar to the team

The REPORTER

Community First Bank announces the addition of Pooja Thakkar as Mortgage Loan Originator. With over 10 years of experience in banking, she brings a well-rounded background in lending, credit analysis, and customer service.

Thakkar holds a Master's degree in Business Management and a Master's degree in Finance and Accounting. She is a member of the 2025 class of Hamilton County Leadership Academy.

The REPORTER

Thakkar is known for her thoughtful approach and commitment to helping people feel confident and supported throughout the home buying process.

"I'm here to make the mortgage experience clear and comfortable," Thakkar said. "Buying a home is a significant milestone, and I want ev-



Thakkar



ery client to feel heard, respected, and empowered throughout the process. I'm deeply committed to making lending more accessible to all demographic communities, ensuring that homeownership is within reach for everyone."

In addition to her professional expertise,

Thakkar is a passionate community advocate. She serves on several local boards, including the Noblesville Diversity Coalition, Keep Noblesville Beautiful, and serves as an Ambassador for the Noblesville Chamber. Her dedication to service and inclusion reflects the heart of Community First Bank's culture, making her a great addition to the team.

Mundy to deliver Sheridan State of the Schools address

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy will



Mundy

deliver the State of the Schools address on Wednesday, Sept. 24. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Sheridan Elementary School cafeteria. The Sheridan community is invited to attend and get your questions answered. This is the perfect opportunity to ask questions and hear about the success and progress within the district. Other items that will be discussed include:

- Changes in curriculum
- Facilities update
- Impact of Senate Bill 1
- Student demographic changes & enrollment
- Plans for long range success
- Potential growth focus

"I always look forward to the opportunity to share what we are currently working on and the direction of the district with our community," Mundy said.

Please plan to attend this exciting event to learn all about the awesome things happening at SCS.

CEMETERY

Garver was a Noblesville attorney who had married the daughter of the former governor of Indiana. He was a descendant from German immigrants who opposed slavery. In 1854, he became a Republican due to the party's anti-slavery stance.

During the war, he used his influence to help raise the 101st Indiana Volunteer Regiment and became their colonel. Many Hamilton County men volunteered to fill the rolls of the 101st

Regiment. Sent to the western theater, the 101st Indiana saw action in some of the bloodiest battles of the war, including the Tullahoma Campaign, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, the battles around Atlanta, Sherman's March to the Sea, and the Carolinas Campaign.

When you walk through Riverside Cemetery, you will also notice many ordinary looking stones. One such stone marks the grave of Barney Stone.

Stone was born a slave in Kentucky. When he was 16 years old, he escaped to Louisville, where he joined the Federal Army in the 108th U.S. Colored Troops in June 1864. The U.S. Colored Troops were formed after the Emancipation Proclamation made it possible for African Americans to join the Union Army as soldiers. Many slaves sought refuge with Federal Troops, and many of them enlisted as soldiers. In total, 180,000 African American

men joined the Union Army between 1863 and 1865.

Besides Barney Stone, at least 13 other African American veterans who served in the Civil War are laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery.

If you would like more information on the Civil War veterans from Hamilton County, Kevin Yaney is leading a Civil War Veterans Walking Tour at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. The event is free, but you need to register at CivilWarVeteransWalkingTour.com.

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Tipton Co. Commissioner Tracey Powell running for Indiana State District 21 seat

Submitted

Tipton County Commissioner Tracey Powell has announced his candidacy for the Indiana State Senate in District 21. A lifelong Hoosier, chiropractor, farmer, and small business owner, Powell brings both private sector insight and proven government experience to the race.



Powell

Since 2020, Powell has served as Tipton County Commissioner, advocating for responsible growth and representing counties at the Statehouse through the Indiana County Commissioners Association, where he now serves as Treasurer. He also

serves as Vice President of the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council, championing infrastructure improvements that strengthen the region.

"State government needs leaders who understand the challenges of local communities," Powell said. "I will fight to support families, strengthen schools, and preserve the values that make Indiana strong."

Powell's campaign will focus on cutting taxes, improving education, and delivering affordable health care. Learn more at PowellForIndiana.com.

PREVAIL

Event highlights

- Free food provided by the Noblesville Lions Club – Enjoy hot dogs, chips, and drinks while supplies last.
- A special appearance by Boomer, the Indiana Pacers' beloved mascot, for photos and autographs
- Touch-a-Truck experience with the Noblesville Fire Department – Kids can get up close and personal with a real fire truck.
- Nearly 20 community partners onsite, sharing resources and activities
- Games, crafts, and music for children of all ages

Exciting door prizes, including signed merchandise from the Indiana Pacers and Indiana Fever (must be present to win)

Autumn Fest is more than just a fun day out – it's a celebration of community, connection, and the important work happening across Hamilton County to support and empower families.

"Autumn Fest is one of our favorite ways to bring the community together," said Tami Wanninger, Executive Director of Prevail.

"This free, family-friendly event offers a chance to connect, have fun, and celebrate the season in a safe and welcoming environment. At Prevail, we believe in the strength of community, and Autumn Fest is a powerful reminder of what can happen when we come together."

Please plan to attend on Sept. 27 for an afternoon of fun, creativity, and community spirit. Together, everyone can celebrate the power of connection and the positive impact that can be made

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on each other's lives. For more information, please visit prevailinc.org/events/autumn-festival or call at (317) 773-6942.

About Prevail

Prevail is a non-profit organization based in Noblesville dedicated to offering crisis intervention and restorative support services for those who have experienced crime and abuse, free of charge, in a confidential, supportive, non-judgmental environment that is meant to empower those the organization serves.

ENOUGH!

Don't you dare speak ill of them in my presence.

I love inviting people to sit at my table and chat. If you sit down with me and start raising your voice or start finger-pointing or try to entice me into an argument ... I will ask you to leave. Evil will never find a seat at my table.

And while I'm on my soapbox, I will say we have too many pots calling the kettles, black.

There is no excuse for violence. NONE. We have people brandishing evil words that entice others to brandish their guns. Don't get me started on the gun laws. Some who may be reading this would not like my opinions. I had grandkids in school the day there was a shooting at one of the Noblesville schools. Kids should not have to have safety drills in case of an active shooter. Kids should never fear going to school or church.

If you are at my table and you excuse ANY violence, I will ask you to leave.

Charlie Kirk defended freedom of speech. For the third time in this, I will again say, I did not agree with all of Charlie Kirk's views, BUT I do agree with his willingness to have conversations. He lived his Faith.

While I am here in this

quagmire of opinion, I will take a risk and call out to our elected officials who use words to stir the manure as well as the hate ... you were not elected to push the great divide even wider. While I am here in the aisle, I look to my left and to my right. Yes, I'm speaking to both sides.

It was 24 years ago this week that I sat in my living room, wiping tears, as I watched the airplane hit the second tower. Evil had invaded the United States. On Thursday, there were more tears as evil appeared from within. Twenty-four years ago, "We, the People" came together. Today, "We, the People" have never been more divided.

Charlie Kirk was an outspoken conservative. This could have happened to someone who is an outspoken liberal. Speaking his beliefs cost Charlie his life. It should never happen. I'm just here in the aisle trying to make sense of all this. Sadly, there is nothing about this that makes sense.

As a woman of Faith, I

look to the scriptures when life doesn't make sense. I read Genesis 50:20 NLT, which says, *You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.* This is the promise of Redemption.

My prayer is that someday, "We the People" can meet in the aisle...I'll be waiting.

So here I am, a woman standing in the aisle. I've been given a voice, and at 70



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

years old, I'm not afraid to use it. I do not take it lightly that I can use my words in the Hamilton County Reporter to try to make a difference. Today it is just one word...ENOUGH!

Like I said at the beginning of this column...I've had ENOUGH!

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State Road 47 to close on Sheridan's southwest side

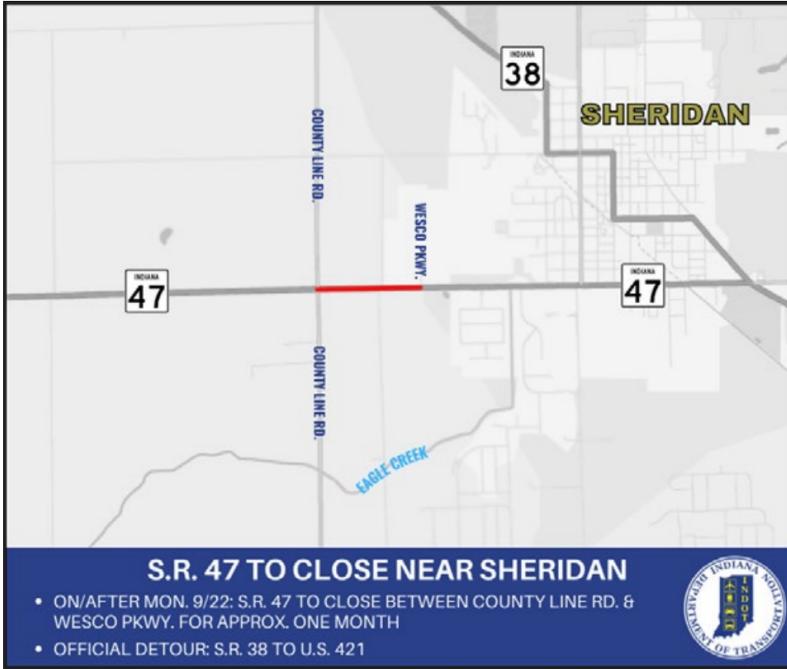
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The Indiana Department of Transportation has announced the closure of State Road 47 for road reconstruction near Sheridan.

Beginning on or after Monday, Sept. 22, SR 47 will close between County Line Road and Wesco Parkway for approximately one month. During this closure, the official detour will follow State Road 38 to U.S. 421.

This is the first phase of work on the SR 47 Roadway Improvement Project, which aims to reconstruct SR 47 from County Line Road east to SR 38 and build a roundabout at the intersection of SR 47 and SR 38 on the southeast side of town. You can learn more about the project at bit.ly/SR47Sheridan.

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, avoid



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distractions, and use extra caution while traveling in and around work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

Dog rescued from Noblesville house fire

Submitted by Noblesville Fire Dept.

Shortly after 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Hamilton County Public Safety Communications received multiple 911 calls reporting a house fire in the 400 block of James Avenue in Noblesville.

Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) and Noblesville Police Department (NPD) units were immediately dispatched to the scene.

The first crews to arrive found smoke coming from the home. During a primary search, firefighters from Ladder 73 located and safely rescued one dog from the

home. At the same time, a second crew located the fire and quickly brought it under control.

The homeowner was not home during the incident. Fortunately, civilians, firefighters, and pets were not injured. NFD was assisted on the scene by NPD. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

NFD reminds residents that working smoke detectors save lives. If you need assistance changing your smoke detectors or replacing batteries, NFD firefighters can help. Please email thash@noblesville.in.gov to schedule an appointment.

Understanding property tax changes due to SB1

Submitted by Hamilton County Auditor's Office

Recent changes in state law have updated several property tax deductions, converting them into credits. For those who are already receiving a deduction that has been transitioned to a credit, no action is required. Our office will handle that transition automatically.

However, if you did not qualify for a deduction before but now meet the new credit requirements, you will need to submit an application.

The most notable change involves the Over-65 Deduction, which has been converted to the Over-65 Credit. Unlike the former deduction, which reduced your tax bill by up to \$150 each year. To qualify, applicants must be at least 65 by Dec. 31 of the prior year, hold an ownership interest in the property, and meet income requirements of \$60,000 or less for individuals or \$70,000 or less for married couples. Proof of age and income is required, and applications must be submitted by Jan. 15 of the year before taxes are due.

The Blind/Disabled Deduction has also been converted into a credit. The new Blind/Disabled Credit provides a \$125 reduction in tax liability and no longer has an income limitation. Applicants must have an ownership interest in the property and provide proof of blindness or disability, most commonly through Social Security Disability paperwork. As with the Over-65 Credit, applications must be filed by Jan. 15 of the year before taxes are due.

A new Supplemental Homestead Credit has also been introduced. This credit, which does not replace but is in addition to the Standard Homestead Deduction, equals 10 percent of your tax liability up to a maximum of \$300 each year. For example, if your annual tax bill is \$2,757, the credit

would reduce your liability by \$275.70. If your liability is \$6,632, the maximum \$300 credit would apply. This credit will be applied automatically to qualifying parcels for those already approved for the Standard Homestead Deduction.

The Standard Homestead Deduction itself will gradually decrease over the next several years, while the supplemental percentage increases. In 2025 (payable in 2026) the deduction will be \$48,000 with a supplemental percentage of 40 percent. By 2030 (payable in 2031) the deduction will be eliminated entirely, but the supplemental percentage will increase to 66.7 percent. Combined with the new Supplemental Homestead Credit, this gradual shift is designed to ease tax liability over time.

It is important to note that Disabled Veterans Deductions remain unchanged. Veterans may continue to apply for these deductions with proof of service and disability, such as a DD-214 and a VA Award Letter or Certificate of Eligibility.

All applications must be filed with the Auditor's Office by Jan. 15 of the year before taxes are due. For example, to receive a credit or deduction for taxes payable in 2026, an application must be submitted by Jan. 15, 2026. Applications may be filed in person at the Hamilton County Auditor's Real Property Department, located on the first floor of the Historic Courthouse in Noblesville. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and no appointment is necessary. Most applications can be filed in person, and some are also available online.

For questions about applying or eligibility, taxpayers may contact the Real Property Team at (317) 770-4412. For help understanding the impact of these changes and how they affect tax calculations, the Adjustments Team is available at (317) 770-8861.

Bragg Insurance Agency welcomes Nick Zachery

Submitted

Bragg Insurance Agency announces the addition of Nick Zachery to the team as a licensed Insurance Advisor. He will specialize in helping clients with Home, Auto, and Commercial Insurance needs.

A lifelong resident of Hamilton County, Zachery currently resides in Sheridan with his wife Annaka. He brings with him a strong background in community involvement, having previously worked in Westfield Washington Schools and Noblesville Schools. He has also been actively involved in coaching, running, and supporting the Special Olympics.

"I'm excited to join Bragg Insurance Agency and help families and businesses in our community find the right protection for their needs," Zachery said. "Being able to serve my neighbors here in Hamilton County is truly an honor."

Bragg Insurance Agency owner Brian Bragg added, "We're thrilled to welcome Nick to our team. His strong ties to the community and his dedication to helping others make him a great fit for Bragg Insurance. We're confident he'll be an asset to our clients as we continue to grow."

Learn more at braggi-insurance.com.



Zachery

Finkam releases 2026 budget

Carmel mayor's proposal keeps taxes flat while increasing public safety & infrastructure funding

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam presented her 2026 municipal budget on Tuesday, Sept. 8 to the Carmel City Council and outlined her vision for the city, while acknowledging the new financial reality all communities in Indiana face following the passage of Senate Enrolled Act 1.

The mayor's budget proposal increases funding for public safety, provides historic investment in Carmel's roads and streets, promotes fiscal transparency, and invests in pillars of quality of life such as parks and the arts ecosystem, all while maintaining a flat tax rate for 2026.

"We expect to lose about \$10 million from what we expected to receive this year," Mayor Finkam said. "I applaud the state legislature for lowering property taxes for Hoosiers, but cities like ours must account for a substantial loss in revenue in the years to come, and my staff has been hard at work trying to find savings to deal with this new reality."

The proposed budget is structurally balanced, with

Department	2025 Budget	2026 Budget Estimates	Compared to 2025
1120 Fire	\$ 42,346,952.00	\$ 46,666,379.00	10.2%
1115 Technology	\$ 6,666,941.00	\$ 7,275,993.00	9.1%
1110 Police	\$ 36,646,473.00	\$ 39,551,906.00	7.9%
1401 City Council	\$ 665,503.00	\$ 713,916.00	7.3%
1125 Parks	\$ 6,679,719.00	\$ 7,078,223.00	6.0%
1201 Human Resources	\$ 2,935,368.00	\$ 2,999,367.00	2.2%
1301 City Court	\$ 955,350.00	\$ 962,168.00	0.7%
1180 Corporation Counsel	\$ 3,096,840.00	\$ 3,113,044.00	0.5%
1702 City Clerk	\$ 921,062.00	\$ 923,078.00	0.2%
1208 Arts Support and Operations	\$ 9,031,284.00	\$ 9,032,100.00	0.0%
1801 Redevelopment	\$ 1,044,743.00	\$ 1,029,443.00	-1.5%
1207 Brookshire Golf Course	\$ 1,955,888.00	\$ 1,801,612.00	-7.9%
1150 Public Works and Safety	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 9,000.00	-10.9%
1160 Mayor	\$ 1,305,752.00	\$ 1,158,149.00	-11.3%
1192 Community Services	\$ 3,898,159.00	\$ 3,381,043.00	-13.3%
1701 Finance	\$ 17,546,938.00	\$ 15,158,022.00	-13.6%
1206 City Property Maintenance	\$ 2,182,500.00	\$ 1,643,500.00	-24.7%
1205 Facilities Management	\$ 1,132,802.00	\$ 748,726.00	-33.9%
1501 Economic Development	\$ 654,284.00	\$ 245,000.00	-62.6%
1203 Marketing & Community Relations	\$ 4,243,720.00	\$ 773,671.00	-81.8%
Total	\$ 143,920,378.00	\$ 144,264,340.00	0.2%

Graphic provided by City of Carmel

Here is a side-by-side comparison of the 2025 budget and the proposed 2026 budget.

General Fund revenue estimates of \$144,265,651 for 2026 and expenditures totaling \$144,264,340 for the coming year.

Of note, Mayor Finkam's proposal includes a 10.2 percent increase in the Carmel Fire Department's

and parks remain top priorities," Finkam said. "We've focused our investments on essential services while being good stewards of taxpayer dollars." Where appropriate, the mayor's plan uses existing appropriations to lower ongoing operating costs, including reallocating current year savings towards paying off capital leases to save on future payments.



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Collective Beauty offers evening with Gerry Turner & chance to give back

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This September, during Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month, the community is invited to gather for a very special evening of hope, connection, and giving back. Collective Beauty Salon & Med Spa will play host to "An Evening of Light and Hope" to benefit The Lymphoma Research Foundation.

The event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 at Collective Beauty Salon & Med Spa, 380 E. Main St., Westfield.

The event will feature a guest appearance by reality TV personality and author Gerry Turner, who was diagnosed in 2024 with Waldenström's macroglobulinemia, a slow-growing but incurable form of bone marrow cancer. He will share his personal journey during a live Q&A session, followed by opportunities

for attendees to meet him, take photos, and hear about his upcoming book.

"We wanted to create an uplifting event where the community could come together, raise funds for life-saving cancer research, and celebrate beauty, wellness, and resilience," said Sheri Ikerd, owner of Collective Beauty Salon & Med Spa.

Highlights of the evening include:

- Q&A and photo opportunities with Gerry Turner
- Light bites and drinks provided by local restaurants
- Swag bags, giveaways, and exclusive beauty vendor experiences
- Sponsorship support from: Center for Advanced Wound Healing of Westfield, Merz Aesthetics, Revance, Prolenium, Alma Lasers, L'Oréal Kérastase, Redken, and Westfield



Photo provided

Collective Beauty Owner Sheri Ikerd, author Gerry Turner, and Collective Beauty Business Manager Tina Plantenga.

businesses. Giveaway prizes, including dinner with Turner and his girlfriend Lana and an autographed copy of his upcoming book

Tickets are available at CollectiveBeautySalon-Spa.com, with proceeds

benefitting The Lymphoma Research Foundation.

This is more than an evening out – it's a chance to unite as a community, support cancer research, and share in an inspiring night of beauty, wellness, and hope.

When weather is unpredictable, you can trust Your Hometown Weatherman!



Don't look away

If you were unlucky enough to see the video of Charlie Kirk's assassination, I feel for you. It's the worst thing I've seen in a long time – because it was real.

Seeing a man's life end in a single, extremely violent moment ...

Don't look away.

Millions of people saw one of the many faces of Evil Wednesday afternoon. We think we know what Evil looks like. Sometimes it's big and ugly, but often it's small and seemingly harmless.

Regardless, don't look away.

Faith enables us to overcome fear. Honestly, it demands it. One cannot be fearful and faithful. Fear is the natural response to Evil. Evil wants you to cower in fear and hide your face.

But don't look away.

Only someone who is choosing not to understand what's going on would say Evil isn't real or it's not a serious problem.

I'm finished arguing with fools. Evil exists, and it's here.

We've put up with it for too long, and we're reaping the results of our inaction.

Our complacency.

Our inadequacy.

Our fear.

You can't look away.

I mourn all the innocent people murdered because we've allowed Evil people to live free.

It's time to call it what it is. I'm not afraid anymore. There is no "middle ground" here. It's a visceral feeling, and you know what Evil is when you see it. Stop acting like you can't call it out.

Stop looking away.

It's already written that Evil will be eliminated in the end, but that doesn't mean we have to let it run wild now. Stand up and look at it. Expose it for how powerless it really is. Then destroy it with love and truth.

Cultivate your righteous anger. Refuse to be weak.

Whatever you do, don't look away.

Isaac Taylor is one of the owners of the Hamilton County Reporter, as well as the circulation director and page designer. You won't find him anywhere online, so don't bother looking.

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ISAAC TAYLOR
Things That Matter

Publisher's note

The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper has great respect for the media outlets that chose to pause the video playback during the shooting of Charlie Kirk. In some instances, they let the audio play, then resumed video playback after the camera turned to the crowd.

That shows a level of respect for the family and an awareness that young people everywhere are often watching the same things as the rest of us.

We applaud every news outlet that did not turn a man's death into clickbait.

Thank you for that.

To everyone who shared, without warning, the gruesome scenes in their raw and unedited form: you should be ashamed.

What's the worst that can happen?

Last Monday morning, I had a client meeting that had hovered over me a bit the weekend before. I work as a fundraising consultant, mostly to find and apply for grants. Due to several factors (thank you, federal government chaos) it's been a challenging year for grant professionals like me.

However, I'm working alongside my clients to stay on top, along with others in my field. Most of them understand what's happening in the world and how it's affected fundraising.

My meeting was scheduled for 11:15 a.m., and I would be talking to several board members from this nonprofit on Zoom. I had gotten a not-so-pleasant email from one of them wondering why they hadn't received a

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AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

grant yet. Our working arrangement began last spring. Most nonprofits understand that getting grants takes time – an average now of six months or more.

Thankfully I viewed an excellent webinar two weeks ago about how to survive in these challenging times. I shared the webinar's tips with the organization's executive director. I also talked to a friend of mine who is involved in a similar nonprofit to hear what's been happening in their world. It was the same story.

As I thought ahead to last Monday's meeting, I decided to take one of my favorite tools out of my worry toolkit to deal with my stress. It's this simple phrase, "What's the worst that can happen?"

If this client wasn't happy

with my best efforts and decided to end our arrangement in October, would my company and I be okay? I gathered the facts, reviewed multiple factors, and saw that, yes, we'd all be fine. In fact, I have two potential clients I've met with that look promising. Both organizations have missions near and dear to my heart. Chances are strong that I'll be working with one or both this fall.

Once I accepted this potential outcome, relief washed over me. I still didn't look forward to the meeting Monday, but I knew that no matter what, I'd survive. And I'm happy to say that, despite this board member's intense grilling, I did just that.

As of this writing, I don't know what this client will do, as my follow up meeting with their staff is taking place after my column deadline. But since I've already looked ahead if the worst

happens, I'm feeling calm and at peace.

We're in a strange, uncertain time. When are we not in this imperfect world? When we dread a situation, we have many tools at our fingertips. Prayer is one of my favorites.

Even with prayer, sometimes we may have to accept that, yes, the worst outcome may happen. Once we do this and switch to plan B (or C... or D...) things aren't quite as scary. In fact, maybe the worst outcome is exactly what God wants us to experience so we can move on to something better. It's hard for us to see at the time, but His plans are always greater than ours.

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Day in the life of a student-athlete

Editor's note: The following column does not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Reporter, its staff, or its owners. As a column, it is an opinion piece and should not be taken as news.

Being a student-athlete is not for the weak. Being a student-athlete means early mornings, long nights, and a whole lot of bumps and bruises.

I am a part of the 57 percent of students who participate in a sport. I play soccer for my high school, Sheridan, as well as being a player on the Indy Eleven ECNL 2010 team. This means that year-round, I play soccer and attend high school.

I'm here to tell you what a typical game day looks like for me while playing high school soccer.

My morning starts bright and early at 6:00. Waking up this early gives me enough time to get ready, and hit snooze. By

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AVERY HILLS
Sheridan High School Student

6:15 I'm out of bed and heading to the bathroom to brush my teeth and wash my face. If the game is home, I have to dress up for school, and if it's an away game, I have to wear Sheridan gear. I usually lay out my clothes the night before to eliminate

stress; however, I still tweak a few things about my outfit the morning of.

Next, I do my hair and put on mascara. If my hair is clean, I'll curl or braid it, and if it's dirty, a slick back to hold until the game. After that, I pack all my things for the game. My gameday necessities include gel, brush, deodorant, perfume, lip balm, and lots of hair ties and hair spray. I also check to make sure all my jerseys are in my bag, along with cleats and shin guards.

By 7:15, everything is packed and ready for the day, so I dig through my sock bin to find matching socks, and put on my

shoes. At 7:20, I grab my lunch, eat a quick protein bar, and head out the door by 7:30.

I arrive at school by 7:40 and head inside at 7:45, chatting with my friends. My first period is weights, which is easier on game days. Next, I head to math, then Spanish, SRT (homeroom), chemistry, and language arts. This part of my day takes forever, but it helps that I am with a lot of my friends this year. After language arts, I have lunch, where I get to sit with almost all of my friends. After lunch, I only have two class periods, AP US History and study hall. I spend study hall working on any homework or talking to teachers about events coming up.

After school ends, I head to one of my friends' cars. Together, along with some freshmen, we go to her grandparent's house to eat, hang out, and get ready before the game. Then it's back to the school to meet in the locker room or get on the bus for an away game. The bus rides to games are filled with music,

talking, and braiding hair.

Home games mean a locker room full of energy and music. Once warm-ups begin, the focus shifts to the game, and soon enough, it is kickoff. Games last around an hour and 45 minutes, and after that I either head home with my parents or take the bus back from away games.

At home, I eat a snack, shower, and lay out whatever clothes and other items that I need for the next day before starting on homework. By the time I crawl into bed, it's usually around 11:00.

The days are long, but I'm grateful for the opportunity.

Being a student athlete is tough, but it has helped me become the person I am. I have learned how to manage my time, work well under pressure, and be resilient. Without soccer, my life would be completely different, and I am so grateful for the opportunities it provides me.

My days may be long, but time has flown by, and I couldn't be more grateful for them.

A toast to September: apple cider, my fall lemonade

Apple cider is my lemonade of fall – refreshing, flavorful, and the perfect sip for crisp September days.

Here's something about apple cider that makes fall feel complete. Sweet, crisp, and comforting, it carries the flavor of September with every sip. And this year, I found that cider tasted even better when shared during a night filled with laugh-

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POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

ter and friendship.

Our ladies' talk-out evening at Urban Apples in Westfield was one for the books. It was a night of laughter echoing across the tables, of building connections, and of cheering each other on – wherever life's path is leading us right now. We reminded one another that no journey has to be walked alone, and sometimes the best way to keep

moving forward is with encouragement from those who understand.

Of course, no gathering is complete without food and drinks, and the cider at Urban Apples was the star of the table. Each glass felt like fall in liquid form – crisp like the air outside, sweet like shared stories, and warm like the support we poured into one another. Paired with bites of good food, it was more than just a meal; it was nourishment for the soul.

That's the magic of a place

like Urban Apples. It gives you more than cider – it gives you a space to slow down, connect, and celebrate the little joys of life. For me, September already feels special as my birthday month, but evenings like this remind me that the true gift of fall is the laughter, love, and friendships that make the season shine.

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

On the run

Many of you may know that my husband and I run marathons together. For those who are not familiar, my husband pushes me in a duo bike, also known as a running chair. His generosity allows me, as someone one who has never had the chance to run, an opportunity to feel the wind in my hair and cross a few finish lines in my lifetime. Together we have run five marathons, including Chicago, New York, Indianapolis, Boston, and Berlin.

With such a busy summer getting our youngest ready to go off to college, we did not feel we had time to train for a full marathon this year. A compromise is that we will do the Indy Monumental half marathon with both of our boys in November. This will be a first, crossing a finish line together as a family of four.

We ran the New York City marathon with our oldest son a few years ago, but we have yet to run a race with both boys. Running New York together was an incredibly meaningful experience to all of us. We are excited to have them both with us this time.

Normally, we run to raise money for The Muscular Dystrophy Association. Over the years, we have raised thousands of dollars to support research and care for the MDA, all thanks to our many followers, faithful family, and friends.

This time, we are just running for fun – running to raise awareness for Muscular Dystrophy.

Since it is a "hometown" marathon, we wanted to recreate the experience that we had a couple of years ago when we ran the Indy Monumental marathon.

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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Carmel's own Connor Claymon is proof of Leadership Connection's impact on young people

Submitted

More than 500 juniors and seniors from participating schools in Carmel and Indianapolis have come together in Leadership Connection since its inception in 2021.

The program has grown over the past five years. During the inaugural year, students who were invited to participate were also encouraged to apply for one of the five scholarships that were then offered. Five students were selected to be recipients of the monetary scholarship, along with a laptop computer.

These select students have had the opportunity to go on and reach the goals they set out to accomplish. It is a joy and honor to share their success stories. One of these students is Connor Claymon.

Claymon is currently attending Indiana University and is enrolled in the Kelley School of Business working to attain a double major in Finance and Entrepreneurship & Corporate Innovation.

At the time he attended Carmel Leadership Day in 2021, he was already showing leadership skills as he

was on the executive board of Carmel High School's DECA Club.

Claymon shared why Carmel Leadership Day was memorable for him.

"Carmel Leadership Day was memorable because

it fundamentally shifted how I think about success and where it happens," he said. "Growing up, it's easy to assume that the most impactful entrepreneurs and business leaders are in places like New York or California because that's what the media constantly highlights. But hearing from local leaders at this event made me realize that innovation, leadership and meaningful impact are happening right here in Carmel, Indiana, too."

He went on to explain how the speakers – people who had built real businesses, served in government or led major institutions – were proof for him that you don't need to leave your hometown to build something meaningful.

He also expressed how he came to understand the



Claymon

importance of networking through his interactions at Leadership Connection Day.

"Getting to interact with these leaders in a professional setting – and realizing they were open, approachable,

and genuinely interested in helping students – boosted my confidence," he said. "I left feeling more comfortable speaking with high-level professionals and more motivated than ever to build my own network."

Claymon left the day with a powerful takeaway.

"Leadership is about using your voice to create momentum, whether in your school, job or community," he said. "During the 'New Generation of Leaders' panel, I realized that leadership isn't just about being older or more experienced; it's about stepping into opportunities, asking tough questions and finding ways to lift up those around you."

He went on to share a message that is still affecting how he makes decisions in his life.

"That day challenged me to start thinking bigger about how I can make a difference, even right now as a student," he said."

Claymon said he is looking forward to graduating in 2026 with an honors degree in business from IU.

About Leadership Connection

Leadership Connection was formed and continues to share the goal of providing a forum for local high school students to engage with distinguished professionals from both the private and public sectors, allowing students to build professional and personal leadership skills while providing members of the community an opportunity to positively impact the next generation.

Leadership Connection is currently working with students at Carmel- and Indianapolis-based high schools and planning the Leadership Day for 2025 which will take place in November. For more information on how you can partner, volunteer for upcoming events, or support Leadership Connection, visit carmelrotary.com/leadership-connection.php.

Stuff that annoys me, part 2

The long wait has paid off! My loyal readers are in for a real treat. On a glorious morning in April 2024, I unleashed an award-winning piece titled, "Stuff that annoys me, part 1." At the end of the column, I teased a part 2, so of course, ever since then I've been bombarded with millions of emails asking me what else annoys me.



TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

look at the wait staff as if to say, "Aren't you impressed with my broken Spanish skills?" The answer is no, no they aren't. My eye roll nearly knocks my table over every time.

Well, now is that time to share my wisdom. Okay, so the column wasn't exactly award-winning, unless you count the cookie I treated myself to after writing it. And I guess I didn't really get millions of emails, but I think my wife might have mentioned something to me once. I guess what I should actually start with is how annoying it is to have a part 1, tease a part 2, and then not write it for a year and a half. But, whatever. I have some more stuff that annoys me, so here we go!

Have you ever been at a Mexican restaurant and someone at a table next to you, who is clearly not Hispanic, orders in Spanish? They will then proceed to

This next one is in the same general category, but a bit different. This can go down as things that used to annoy me, but don't anymore because I find myself doing it now, so therefore it's okay. I used to be annoyed at people who use chopsticks. Everyone has seen the fork and are aware they are far superior to chopsticks. However, now I find myself using them when I eat sushi. So, it's cool now! Although, when I use them, the food rarely ends up in my mouth. I'm still trying to master the skill of chopsticks now that I've officially deemed it ok for all to use them.

Switching gears a bit, there is a phrase that has bugged me for a long time. I think it is finally phasing out, but I still hear it from time to time. It always made me wonder why at any time in history, was the correct report to a statement, "I know, right?" Once that took off

and was immediately over-used, it drove me crazy. Why are we bringing back the "Valley Girl?" Eventually it was shortened to just, "Right?" which annoys me even more, because now we're just being lazy.

Sticking with phrases, here's one for you ... "to make a long story short." Have you ever in your life heard this phrase, and then the story was in fact short? I think not. If you hear someone say this, there are only two possible outcomes. Either the story was already running long, and this phrase was used to wrap things up, or the story still has at least 10 minutes to go before finishing. There is no other scenario. So, if you ever say, "to make a long story short," I already know it's a lie and I am doneskiies.

This one is typically social media-related. Someone will post a picture of something and attach the phrase, "So, I did a thing today." Just typing those words, I puked in my mouth a little. This kind of goes along with the "I know, right?" crowd. No one cares about your *Live Laugh Love* ankle tattoo, Becky.

I would like to continue with the social media theme here. I'm not a fan when

people title themselves on social media as an "influencer." I understand that this term has, I guess, become an actual job title for some who run their own social media page as their main source of income. And yes, I'm aware some people have been quite successful with this. But what annoys me is regular everyday people who call themselves influencers. They will typically list this title just above their pronouns.

I can't believe that anyone at any point in time has been "influenced" by influencers, but I'm guessing I would be frighteningly incorrect about that.

Well, I think I have successfully p'd off enough people for this round of annoying things. Don't worry, I have plenty left in my bag of tricks (teaser!). I will try my best to do part 3 sometime before the end of the 2020s. Until then, I'll try not to do anything annoying.

The moral of the story is ... it's annoying when people complain, like I just did for an entire column. To be continued ... sometime in the next few years.

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Community News

Sheridan Phi Beta Psi's annual Lasagna Dinner

Friday, Sept. 19, 5 to 7 p.m.
Sheridan High School cafeteria
Lasagna, breadsticks, salad, dessert & drink
Advance Adult Tickets: \$12 (\$15 at the door)
Children 12 and under: \$7
Gluten-free & carry-out available
Proceeds benefit a scholarship toward medical studies for a Sheridan High School senior

All-you-can eat Fish Fry at Wayne Fall Lions Club

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club invites the community to an all-you-can-eat fish fry from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Wayne-Fall Lions Club, 11940 E. 191st St., located at the intersection of De-shane Road and Victory Chapel Road, Noblesville. The meal will include the Lions Club's famous fried cod, fries, baked beans, coleslaw, and a drink. The meal will cost \$15 for adults and \$8 for kids aged 10 and under. Desserts and Coney dogs will be available for \$3.

Pickleball Extravaganza returning to Forest Park

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The Noblesville Noon Kiwanis will hold their third annual Pickleball Extravaganza on Saturday, Sept. 20. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. with the first round of play starting at 8:30 a.m. at Forest Park, 701 Cicero Road. This year's event is generously sponsored by Haggard Realty Group.

Teams of two can register for \$60. Each year, the funds raised will benefit a different local children's charity. This year, funds will be used to support the critical work done by Prevail.

Teams will start in a pool based on skill level

with a round robin format. Teams can be mixed-doubles or single-sex. Winners of each pool will advance to a single-elimination tournament to determine an overall winner.

Please bring your own chairs and beverages/snacks to enjoy during the event. Refreshments will be available for a free will donation.

Come out to play, have fun, and make some new friends. Register your team today online at [this link](#).

For more information, contact TJ Houghtalen at (317) 373-1191 or email tj_houghtalen@greenvistalandscape.com.

Aspire 5K Fun Run set for Sept. 27 at Conner Prairie

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Aspire Indiana Health will hold its annual 5K Fun Run on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Conner Prairie to benefit its InSHAPE program for Hoosiers with mental illness. Participants can enjoy either the 5K or one-mile course through the historic park's beautiful grounds.

Sign up today at run.signup.com/aspire5k.

There will also be family-friendly activities including a bounce house, face painting, caricature artists and food by the Latin Griller. Children age 5 and under are free to attend.

InSHAPE is Aspire's fitness and wellness program

designed to improve health, wellbeing, and longevity for individuals experiencing serious mental illness (SMI). It pairs them with health mentors who use education, exercise, fitness, nutrition, and community engagement to help individuals address issues such as losing weight, improving cognitive functions, decreasing depression and anxiety, improving self-esteem, and decreasing social isolation.

Funds raised from the Fun Run will go toward gym memberships, clothing, race registrations, and exercise equipment for InSHAPE clients.

Learn more at aspireindiana.org.

Mission Hills Charity Jam will benefit Heart and Soul Free Clinic of Westfield

Submitted

The Mission Hills Charity Jam returns from 2 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, bringing a full day of live music and community spirit to The Local Eatery and Pub, 14655 Gray Road, Westfield. Proceeds from the event will benefit Heart and Soul Free Clinic, which provides free healthcare services to uninsured and underinsured individuals in Hamilton County and surrounding areas.

Admission is free, but a \$25 donation is suggested. For more info about the

clinic, visit heartandsoulclinic.org.

- Live Music Schedule**
- 2 p.m. – Fishers Bach2Rock
 - 4 p.m. – Mission Hills Band
 - 6 p.m. – Foxy
 - 7 p.m. – Groovesmash
 - 8 p.m. – Enigma Fig

Guests can enjoy live performances and a silent auction while supporting a vital community resource. Food and drink are available for purchase.

For details, donations, or tickets, go to tinyurl.com/auja23mk.

Altrusa Club & the Food Florist of Fishers team up for fundraiser

The REPORTER

The Altrusa Club of Hamilton County is combining a membership drive, fundraiser, and donation drive from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the Carmel Christian Church parking lot, 463 E. Main St.

Please stop by and purchase frozen food from the Food Florist of Fishers for your future dinners or for gift giving. The money raised by this event will be used by Altrusa of Hamilton County to help serve local agencies that the Club sup-

ports, which include Tools for Schools, Prevail, Head Start, Hamilton County Libraries and Veterans.

Please bring donations of new personal care items or gift certificates (with receipt to show the amount of the certificates) in any amount from gas stations, grocery stores, or superstores like Target or Walmart. These will be given to Prevail to enhance the items offered at the annual Christmas Boutique, where clients get to select items that will help them through the holiday season.

Understanding the difference: no contact orders vs. protective orders

When facing situations involving harassment, domestic violence, or threats, Indiana residents often seek legal protection through court orders. However, many people are confused about the differences between no contact orders and protective orders. Understanding these distinctions is crucial for anyone considering legal action to ensure their safety or that of their loved ones.



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Ask an Attorney

or other specified locations.

The key characteristic of no contact orders is that they are tied to criminal proceedings. They exist to ensure victim safety during the legal process and to prevent witness intimidation. Violating a no contact order is itself a criminal offense that can result in additional charges and potential jail time.

No contact orders: criminal court protection

A no contact order is typically issued in criminal cases by the Court as a condition of pre-trial release, bail, probation, or sentencing. When someone is arrested and charged with a crime involving another person – such as domestic battery, stalking, or harassment – the court may issue a no contact order to protect the alleged victim while the criminal case is pending.

These orders are automatic in many domestic violence cases and prohibit the defendant from having any contact with the victim, either directly or through third parties. This includes phone calls, text messages, emails, social media contact, and physical proximity to the victim's home, workplace,

Protective orders: civil court protection

Protective orders, on the other hand, are civil remedies available to individuals who need protection from harassment, domestic violence, or stalking, regardless of whether criminal charges have been filed. In Indiana, these are formally called "protective orders" under IC 34-26-5, though they're sometimes referred to as restraining orders in other states.

To obtain a protective order, the petitioner must demonstrate that they have been the victim of domestic or family violence, stalking, or harassment. The court will consider evidence of threats, physical violence, or patterns of behavior that cause reasonable fear of harm.

Protective orders can provide broader relief than

no contact orders. They may include provisions for temporary custody of children, temporary support, exclusive use of a residence, and other remedies tailored to the specific situation. These orders can last for up to two years and may be renewed.

Key differences in practice

The most significant difference lies in how these orders are obtained and their scope. No contact orders are imposed by criminal courts as part of criminal proceedings, while protective orders are requested by individuals through civil court proceedings.

Additionally, protective orders allow for more comprehensive relief. While a no contact order simply prohibits contact, a protective order can address custody, support, and living arrangements – making it particularly valuable in domestic violence situations where the parties share children or property.

The burden of proof also differs. Criminal no contact orders are based on probable cause that a crime occurred, while protective orders require a preponderance of evidence showing the need for protection.

When to seek each type of protection

If you're a victim of a crime and the perpetrator has been arrested, a no contact

order will likely be issued automatically. However, if no criminal charges have been filed, or if you need broader protection beyond simple no contact, a protective order may be more appropriate.

Many situations benefit from both types of orders working in tandem – criminal prosecution with a no contact order alongside a civil protective order providing comprehensive protection.

Seeking legal guidance

Navigating these legal protections can be complex, and the stakes are often high. Whether you need a protective order or are facing a no contact order violation, consulting with an experienced attorney can help ensure your rights are protected and your safety prioritized. If you have any questions on getting a protective order, please do not hesitate to contact me at mario@mjcattorneys.com.

Remember, both types of orders are serious legal instruments designed to protect victims and maintain public safety. Understanding their differences empowers you to seek the most appropriate protection for your specific situation.

Mario Massillamany is a partner in the Massillamany Jeter & Carson law firm and serves as the Chairman of the Hamilton County Republican Party.

RUN

At that time, we had a group of almost 50 friends and family who joined us in our efforts that day. Some ran the 5K, half-marathon, and a few did the full marathon with us. We had shirts made for Team Humbly Courageous and had a large group photo taken that day before the different races began.

We were both so touched by the many who came out to support us and our cause. This time, we are doing the same by gathering a team of runners. Family, friends, and even some people we have not yet met.

We are excited to see this all come together, as we are two weeks into our weekly training runs together for the half-marathon.

If you are running one of those races during the Indy Monumental race weekend, let us know and we would love to include you in Team Humbly Courageous!

We want as many friends, family, and community members as possible to join us.

My husband and I also have our first speaking engagement together in October. We were asked to speak to a large professional group about what it is like to run in such a unique way, and what our life has looked like throughout the years as an interabled couple. I have done many speaking engagements over the years telling my story, but joining forces with the one who helps me live life to the fullest is an opportunity that I am so excited about.

When I served as the National Ambassador for the MDA, we adopted the motto, "together we fight." We continue to find motivation by joining forces with others to help fight against Muscular Dystrophy in many ways. This is one of the ways that we are most passionate



Photo provided

You, too, can join Amy and Jamie Shinneman on Team Humbly Courageous.

about. Our dream is to someday gift someone with a duo bike, just like someone did for us at the beginning of this journey.

I will share an update after the race in November.

Until next time ...
Amy Shinneman is a for-

mer National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on [Instagram @ashinneman](https://www.instagram.com/ashinneman).

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Dudes & dudettes have, like, totally bodacious fundraiser

The REPORTER

The Carmel Fire Auxiliary recently held its annual BINGO tournament, this year featuring a fun and nostalgic 1980s theme.

Raising more than \$42,000, this totally “rad” event serves as a fundraiser for the Auxiliary’s long-standing Community Assistance Program (CAP), which provides essential support to local families in need. Since its founding in 1967, CAP has been a cornerstone initiative of both the Auxiliary and the Carmel Fire Department. The program delivers holiday meals, gifts for children, and staple pantry items to families experiencing hardship.

In 2024, CAP supported 175 families, and this year, CAP is aiming even higher, with a goal of helping 200 families in the Carmel community.

Want to help? Here’s how:

1. Make a Tax-deductible donation. Checks can be made payable to CFD Auxiliary, with CAP written in the memo line. Mail to:

Carmel Fire
Department Auxiliary
210 Veterans Way, Floor 2
Carmel, IN 46032

2. Sponsor a family. Want to be matched with a family to sponsor this holiday season? Email CAP@carmel.in.gov to get involved.

3. Volunteer as a delivery driver. Help deliver



Photos provided by Carmel Fire Department

Unconfirmed reports indicate Bingo fundraiser attendees thought it was totally gnarly that they could, like, raise \$42,000, you know. Not one single thing was bogus all night.

holiday cheer! Volunteer to deliver meals and gifts on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Together, everyone can make a meaningful difference for families in their

community this holiday season. Thank you for your continued support!



Photo provided

Hey! Hey, you! Come to Secret Families’ Boutique Fair and you’ll hear The Doo! Band live.

Secret Families Boutique Fair expands to Carmel’s Carter Green this year

The REPORTER

This year’s Secret Families Boutique Fair & Festival promises to be the largest and most exciting yet. It will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

The event will expand to Carter Green – the same space that hosts the Carmel Farmers Market and Christkindlmarkt – and added live music from The Doo! Band, family-friendly kids’ activities, and food options alongside an incredible lineup of over 90 artisan and food vendors.

The Boutique Fair & Festival is also supported by two great local businesses as sponsors: Christian Brothers Automotive of

Westfield and Intrepid Financial Planning Group of Carmel.

Beyond being a fun (and free) community festival, this is Secret Families’ signature fundraiser. Every dollar raised from vendor booth fees goes directly to helping families in need across the Carmel, Westfield, Hamilton Heights, Sheridan, Noblesville, and HSE school districts. Since 2014, Secret Families has worked with local schools and Hamilton County Youth Assistance to support families facing hardship due to job loss, illness, natural disaster, or other life challenges.

For more information, visit SecretFamiliesHC.org.



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Elbert E. Elliott "Dr. E"

June 18, 1937 – September 9, 2025

Elbert E. Elliott "Dr. E", 88, Carmel, passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at his home at Independence Village of Carmel. He was born June 18, 1937, to Monous and Antha Lou (Jackson) Elliott in Jonesboro, Ark.

Elbert met Barbara Wallace when they were high school freshmen. He tripped her on the stairs to get her attention. In 1956, they married and began their 64 1/2 year journey together. For over 50 years, they invested their lives in a calling from God Almighty to proclaim the Good News and help people through ministry in churches, colleges, and universities. They made many good friends all over the world. Dr. E looked for the good in others, gave encouragement, and helped those who needed it.

Elbert graduated high school in Mt. Carmel, Ill., earned his BS from Oklahoma Baptist University, a M.Div. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, a M.S. from Southern Illinois University, and a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. From 1987 to 2005, Elbert was the Senior Minister at First Baptist Church in Mattoon, Ill., and from 2006 to 2020 he was the Provost and Professor of Pulpit Communications, Biblical Studies, and Pastoral Ministries at Trinity College. Elbert was an artist and enjoyed painting landscapes, stills, and portraits.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, and his brother David. Elbert is survived by his daughters, Debbie (Steve) Keyes and Tami (Dennon) McMillan, and son, Dave (Krisie) Elliott. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren: Missy (Brian), Rachelle (Kevin), Dennon II (Melissa), Marcie (Joe), Josh (Myra), Megan (Mark), Karmen (Bethany), and Emily (CJ). Great PaPa's family tree continues to blossom with 16 great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly and were the apple of his eye. A good day for Elbert was spending time with his family, especially all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved playing games, taking them places and making root beer floats. Every day was "Super Duper" to him!

Visitation and services were held Friday, September 12, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Dr. Scott Shepard officiating. Burial took place on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Highland Cemetery in Mt Carmel, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 1804 S. 9th St., Mattoon, IL 61938; or Trinity College, 20 NW 3rd St., Evansville, IN 47708.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Robert "Bob" Davis

July 8, 1955 – September 7, 2025

Robert "Bob" Davis, 70, Noblesville, passed on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at home. He was born July 8, 1955, in Rolla, Mo., to Everett and Kathryn (Spegal) Davis. He lived a life guided by his Christian faith, a passion for innovation, and an immense love for his family.

Bob, previous co-owner of Modern Die Systems in Elwood, was a master tool and die craftsman, whose precision and ingenuity extended beyond his career into every facet of his life. Born into a family of musicians (Davis Brothers Band), he was a gifted musician who played the French horn and Trumpet. Bob's interest in technology was boundless – he was an early adopter and avid enthusiast of computers, 3D printing, and, most notably, Tesla and SpaceX, which he admired for their groundbreaking engineering and vision for the future. Through the years his garage was a testament to his love for speed and craftsmanship, housing his cherished Aprilia motorcycles and in more recent years his Teslas, a symbol of his forward-thinking spirit. A proud patriot and firearms enthusiast, Bob also stood firm in his values and love for his country.

At the heart of Bob's life was his deep devotion to his family. His love for his wife, Ruthann, was a cornerstone of his life for 50 years, and together they built a legacy of warmth and togetherness. Bob's pride in his children, Rachael (Ryan) McCracken and Daniel (Andraya) Davis, and his adoration for his grandchildren – Nathan, Chloe, and Naomi McCracken, and Charlie, Corrie, and Everett Davis – shone brightly in every story he shared and every moment spent with them. His loyal companion, Teddy the dog, was never far from his side, a furry friend who brought him endless joy.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Ruthann; brother, Bruce Davis; sister, Mary (Jim) Arbuckle; brother-in-law, Gary (Vicki) Glover; sister-in-law, JoAnne Davis; his children, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces; and his dog, Teddy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Kathryn Davis; brother, Mike Davis; father-in-law, Benjamin Glover; mother-in-law, Alma Glover; and grandchild, Baby Davis.

A visitation and service officiated by friend and Reverend Jim Brandyberry was held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial followed at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. After the burial, a celebration of Bob's life took place at Wolfies, 20999 Hague Road #9015, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a contribution to the charity of your choice.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Noblesville Schools dedicates Courtney Cox Cole Golf Center

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools has announced the dedication of the Courtney Cox Cole Golf Center with a ribbon cutting and unveiling of new signage.

Cole was a 1989 Noblesville High School graduate, distinguished high school and college athlete, and local business leader prior to her death in 2019.

The new dedication plaque hanging in the golf center highlights the following about Cole:

In Memory of Courtney Cox Cole
March 15, 1971 – September 22, 2019

"Every day is a gift, and it is up to us to make the most of it."

This room is dedicated to the life and legacy of Courtney Cox Cole, a beloved daughter, sister, mother, friend, athlete and community leader.

A highly accomplished student athlete, Courtney earned multiple state championships in golf and basketball during her time at Noblesville High School and later continued to excel in both sports at Indiana University.

- NHS State Championship Team in Golf (1986, 1987)
- NHS State Championship Team in Basketball (1987)
- Dial Corporation National Scholar Athlete of the Year (1989)
- NHS USA Today All-American in Basketball (1989)
- Indiana All-Star Basketball (1989)
- National Gatorade Player of the Year Basketball (1989)
- First team All-Big Ten in Golf (1991-1993)
- NCAA Individual Golf Qualifier (1992, 1993)
- High School All-American Basketball
- IU Four-Time Academic All-American

Courtney also achieved great success in her professional life, co-owning Noblesville's Hare Chevrolet with her sister Monica Peck. The dealership flourished under the leadership of the "Sisters of Savings", becoming the top volume General Motors dealership in Indiana.

Courtney's greatest joy and achievement was found in her role as mother to her children, Cayla and Blake. Courtney's commit-

ment, courage, optimism and hard work inspired all who knew her. She will always be remembered for her sunny spirit, unshakable resilience, and the love she gave to her family, friends, schools and community.



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

(From left) Golf coaches Justin Werkley and Gary Deakyne, family members David and Jackie Cox, Monica and Darren Peck, Cayla Cole, Superintendent Dan Hile, and Athletic Director Leah Wooldridge.

ment, courage, optimism and hard work inspired all who knew her. She will always be remembered for her sunny spirit, unshakable resilience, and the love she gave to her family, friends, schools and community.

The golf center is an enclosed area in the high school's auxiliary gym and features a golf simulator and putting green for year-round student practice.

The district built the area as part of their recent athletic expansion project and was able to create the golf center thanks in part to generous contributions from both the Courtney Cox Cole family and the Miller

Backers athletic booster organization.

"Our family has a long history with Noblesville Schools, including Courtney's outstanding achievements with Millers golf and basketball," Courtney's sister Monica Peck said. "I know she would be proud today that we're honoring her by helping foster a love of Miller golf in future generations. Thank you to the Miller Backers for partnering with us on this initiative in celebration of Courtney's memory."

"We're thankful to the Cox family and the Miller Backers for their ongoing support of our student athletes," added Marnie

Cooke, Noblesville Schools executive director of marketing and communications. "Courtney was a significant contributor to NHS athletics and to the Noblesville community overall, and we're proud to be able to honor her legacy."

Noblesville Schools offers several philanthropic and promotional opportunities across a variety of price points in support of athletics, academics, performing arts, and more. Organizations interested in partnering with Noblesville Schools can contact Adriann Young at adriann_young@nobl.k12.in.us or call (317) 773-3171 for additional information.

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Joe Billy Mize

March 4, 1966 – September 2, 2025

Joe Billy Mize, 59, Westfield, passed away September 2, 2025. He was born March 4, 1966, in Detroit, Mich., son of Joe and Virginia (Herdend) Mize.

Joe attended the Marion Military Institute in Alabama, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State and finally his Master of Mathematics from the University of Central Florida. While at the University of Central Florida, Joe was an instructor in the mathematics department.

Along with a good friend and colleague, Charlie Harp, together they founded Clinical Architecture. While in his tenure at CA, Joe progressed from being the entire engineering team to the position of Chief Technology Officer. Oftentimes Joe would be referred to as the master of dark arts in software engineering. He could turn a hamster into an integer and back into a hamster.

Prior to CA, Joe was employed with Zynx Health as the VP of Engineering. Also, he worked for another Hurst Corporation of First Data Bank.

Joe was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army reserves where he served as an Artillery Officer. He loved traveling and was privileged to fulfill his bucket list by traveling around the world.

In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Paul Kanaby.

Survivors include he devoted wife, Christina (Beals) Mize, whom he married June 29, 2016; stepchildren, Terran Tull (Jess Kanalos), Caleb Fahrson (Shelby Cornish), Luke (Nicole) Mize Macdonald; sisters, Diane (Kaufman) Mize, Claudia Mize, Lisa (Doug) Pfluke, and Tina (Don) Poling; nieces and nephews, Kristy Kaufman, Jessica Faber, Tabatha Kanaby, Eon Kanaby, Ruben Pfluke, Raquel Orasoske, Mark Poling, and Wendy Poling Vecsey; former wife, Rhonda Turich-Mize; and many cousins.

A Celebration of Life took place on Saturday, September 6, 2025, in the Clinical Architecture Building, 11611 Meridian St., Suite 700, Carmel.

Also, A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date in New Baltimore, Mich.

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

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Diane (Johnson) Birge

September 23, 1945 – September 6, 2025

Diane (Johnson) Birge, born September 23, 1945, in New York to Bearnard and Mallissa (Sams) Johnson, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2025.

Diane is survived by her daughter, Michelle Swift (spouse: Robert); her grandchildren, Kylee Swisher (daughters: Myla and Ariella), Andrew Swift (daughter: Victoria), and Aaron Birge (spouse: Dustin). She is also survived by her sisters, Pamela Johnson and Lynette Hobbs (spouse: James); her niece, Shelby Hobbs; and many extended family members and friends who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bearnard and Mallissa (Sams) Johnson, and her son, Phillip Birge.

Born and raised in New York, Diane later moved to Detroit, then eventually settled in Fishers, as she began seventh grade. She graduated from Fishers High School in 1963 and was a proud member of Job's Daughters, a leadership organization for young women. She had a career in sales for many years, along with an award-winning job with Home Interior, which she was very passionate about.

Diane enjoyed spending time outdoors, decorating her home, and most of all, making memories with her family. Later, she discovered her love and talent for ceramics. Diane's family was her greatest joy, and she loved them deeply. Her kindness, creativity, and love will continue to live on through all who were blessed to know her.

Visitation and services were held Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



Fishers American Legion Post 470 going smoke-free

Submitted

Fishers American Legion Post 470, 9091 E. 126th St., will officially become a smoke-free facility beginning Monday, Sept. 29.

The decision to go non-smoking is part of an ongoing effort to create a more welcoming and healthier environment for all members and guests. Leaders at the Post say the change aligns with broader community health goals and will help ensure a more family-friendly space for events and gatherings.

Post 470 is a hub of ac-

tivity in the Fishers community, offering a wide variety of weekly events open to the public. Popular activities include bingo on Sundays and Tuesdays, poker games, and raffle drawings every Friday night. The facility also features pool tables, dart games, and video games, providing entertainment for all ages.

With the transition to a smoke-free environment, the Post hopes to encourage even more local residents to stop by, get involved, and enjoy the camaraderie and fun.



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Everett Ford

June 23, 1935 – August 19, 2025

Everett R. Ford, 90, Noblesville, just renewed his driver's license and turned 90. He was feeling good and happy. Tuesday, August 19, he spent the afternoon with his friends telling jokes at Pebble Brook Grill. Upon leaving he fell in the parking lot and passed.

Everett was born on June 23, 1935, to Hester and Clarence Ford in St. Louis, Mo. He had two older brothers, Russel and Marvin Ford, who preceded him in death. Everett married Suzanne Haynes on May 17, 1958. They enjoyed 62 years together before her passing in December 2020.

Everett graduated from Roosevelt High School in St. Louis in 1955. He was in the Army from 1955 to 1957 and stationed in Germany. He worked for Hostess. Everett started as an extra route driver and later became the Sales Manager and was transferred to Indianapolis in 1974.

Everett is creative, smart, and positive. He never met a stranger. Everett loved people and let them know it. Everett went on an annual fishing trip for 40 years to Ontario, Canada, with his buddies the first week of June.

Everett is survived by his daughter, Janet Ford Tarr Moore; granddaughter, Reva Tarr Mobley (Brandon); his nieces, Sherri Ford Smith, Smitty, Sandy Ford Jenkins, Karen, and Deanna; and great-nieces and great-nephews Heather, Rodger, Niko, Tiffany, Steve, Ashley, Blake, Christine, Jenna, Parker, Rachel, Ethan, Devin, Jonna, Ellie, and Adam.

A celebration of Life for Everett will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, September 28, 2025, at Pebble Brook Grill, 3110 Westfield Road, Noblesville. We will spend an hour (6 to 7 p.m.) passing the microphone around so everyone can tell their favorite Everett story.

Cherita Ann Kittinger

December 6, 1940 – September 6, 2025

Cherita Ann Kittinger, passed away on September 6, 2025. Born on December 6, 1940, in Noblesville, Cherita lived a spirited life filled with compassion and thoughtfulness. She was always reliable, a trait that endeared her to many. She was a devoted mother, a trusted sister, and a beloved grandmother.

Cherita found her calling in the restaurant industry, where she worked diligently as a cook until her retirement. She brought the same level of dedication and warmth to her work as she did to her family life. She was a member of The Noblesville Moose Lodge and was always a fun presence to be around. Her love for life was evident in her hobbies. Cherita loved jewelry, attending festivals, and going for joyrides. She took delight in playing Bingo, basking in the sun, and enjoyed her memorable trip to Brown County. Her compassionate nature extended towards animals, which she greatly adored.

Cherita is survived by her sons, John, Ronald, Donald, and Bob Kittinger; her daughter, Pam Schafer; her sister, Dorcas Crider; her brother, Joe Trout; and several caring grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Kittinger; parents, Bob and Sarah Trout; her son, Tim Junior Jester; and her sisters, Beth Yearly and Norma Fletcher.

Visitation and funeral services for Cherita were held Friday, September 12, 2025, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastor JR Moffatt officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

We encourage everyone who knew and loved Cherita to leave memories and upload photos to her memorial page. Your shared remembrances will serve as a comforting tribute to the wonderful woman Cherita was, and the lasting impact she had on all who knew her.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Norman Dale Riley

November 8, 1946 – September 7, 2025

Norman Dale Riley was born on November 8, 1946, in Indianapolis, and passed away on September 7, 2025. A loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Norman was known for his funny, compassionate, courageous, and loving personality.

Norman dedicated 20 years of his life as a firefighter to the City of Carmel, retiring in 2000. His bravery and dedication were recognized by his colleagues and community, earning him the title of Fireman of the Year three times and multiple merit awards.

Aside from his professional life, Norman was passionate about his hobbies. He was a tinkerer who loved to work on his yard, a history buff with a particular interest in aviation, and an avid *Star Wars* and Sci-Fi enthusiast. He was known as "Dadquest" to his daughters due to his excellent navigational skills. One of his favorite pastimes was to go hiking with his wife, Candy. Above all, Norman was a man of faith and a devoted family man. He served as a Deacon and sang in the choir at Cicero United Methodist Church, demonstrating his commitment to his faith.

He is survived by his daughters, Jessica (Jason) Kindig, Jacqueline (Andy) Strange, and Jennifer Newby; his grandchildren, Lucas Strange, James Newby, Katelyn Wilson, Elizabeth Newby, Riley Kindig, Sadie Kindig, Jacob Kindig, Madison Kindig, Michella Kindig, and Vivian (Nick) Grafe; and four great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his sisters, Mary Gingerich, Linda (Yvonne) Cook-Riley, Helen Riley, and Sheila (Tron) Hardy; and several nieces and nephews.

Norman was widowed from his wife, Earlene Riley, and was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Elizabeth Riley, and brother, David Riley.

Visitation and funeral services for Norman were held Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the Cicero United Methodist Church, 100 E. Jackson St., with Pastor Ben Biggs at the same venue.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you please make memorial contributions to Hoosier Burn Camp, 109 North St., Battle Ground, IN 47920 (hoosierburncamp.org/donate).

In commemoration of Norman's life, we encourage you to share your memories and upload photos of him to the memorial page. Your contributions will serve as a comforting keepsake for all who loved and cherished Norman.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Gale A. Kibbe

July 27, 1946 – September 2, 2025

Gale A. Kibbe, 79, Noblesville, passed away unexpectedly on September 2, 2025, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born July 27, 1946, to Merle and Ethel (Srite) Kibbe in Noblesville. He graduated from Noblesville High school in 1964. He was an insurance inspector and retired from RAL.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sandra (Ford) Kibbe; his sister Mary (Michael) Brooks, of Atlanta, Ind.; as well as many nieces and nephews. Gale was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother Jerry L. Kibbe of Noblesville.

A private viewing for family was held at Randall and Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, September 10, 2025, and interment followed at Crownland Cemetery.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Teresa B. Alexiou

December 23, 1955 – September 9, 2025

Teresa B. Alexiou, 69, Indianapolis, passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at Community Heart & Vascular Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on December 23, 1955, to Domingo and Florenca (Bayani) Sampang in the Philippines.

Teresa was a homemaker who loved cooking, gardening, and looking after her grandchildren. She enjoyed playing bingo and looking for bargains. Teresa attended Holy Spirit Catholic Church of Indianapolis. Teresa will be remembered for her love. She had a way of making everyone around her feel special. Her love is the legacy she is leaving behind.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Taso Alexiou; daughter, Allison (Chris) Inman; sons, Chris Alexiou and Alex (Mackenzie) Alexiou; four grandchildren, Taylor, Lucas, Wyatt, and Emma; six sisters, Priscilla, Nerissa, Susan, Thess, Dolly, and Cris; and one brother, Joselito.

In addition to her parents, Teresa was preceded in death by her brother, Carling.

Visitation took place Sunday, September 14, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Private graveside services were held at Memorial Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Robert Stephen Stewart, Jr. "Steve"

June 9, 1950 – September 4, 2025

Surrounded by family on September 4, 2025, Steve Stewart's battle with cancer ended in his home in Noblesville. But his life of passion for family, deep rooted friendships, commitment to community, and boisterous sense of humor will remain treasured legacies.

Growing up with one younger brother, one older sister, a minister father and a schoolteacher mother, Steve always knew a loving family's support (preceded in death by Rev. Bob and Doris Stewart, survived by John Stewart and Marcia Breckenridge).

As an adult, unselfish devotion and joy in being a husband, dad, and grandfather defined him. He and Pam Wilhelm Stewart were married for 49 years and parented two children, Nick (wife Sarah) and Molly (husband Jimmy). In recent years, twins Piper and Tagg, Nick and Sarah's children, and James and Nora Murray, Molly and Jimmy's children, filled his life with laughter and adventure. Photos of shared family vacations, grandparent babysitting, holiday celebrations, and swimming in the family pool are the priceless ornaments of his home.

In addition to family bonds, Steve was a valued contributing member of varied communities. After graduation from McArthur High School in Decatur, Ill., Steve enrolled in Butler University where he joined Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Multiple stories of his lifelong singing of the Butler war song always bring a smile. After college, he went on to a career defined by entrepreneurship owning several businesses, most notably owning and operating Iris Rubber for 40 years, which he eventually had the honor to run with his son. In the Noblesville community where he lived, Steve belonged to the First United Methodist Church, 50/50 Club, Elks Club, and the Table of Knowledge. His devotion to community came in many forms, through his volunteer work at the Humane Society, where he was very proud to move his way through the dog-walking ranks, to the art scholarships he created that also brought joy to downtown Cicero, displaying murals on the exterior for all to enjoy. However, most notably for many he fostered community through his generous spirit that knew no stranger and had a way of making everyone feel seen.

Steve had many gifts which epitomized his love of life. One of his best known was humor. He had a rare ability to make others laugh, gently poking fun at himself and often them as well. He was a man who loved his friends and loved laughing with them. When his children were growing up, every day before school he would repeat the mantra, "You have to be a friend to have a friend." He lived his life with this mantra, as evidenced by the many deep friendships he treasured; some new, some lifelong, he never stopped making friends.

No remembrance of Steve is complete without his love for dogs. All his Labs were family characters, not mere dogs. One learned to turn on the kitchen gas stove, and another puppy loved riding on the dashboard. Steve will be greatly mourned and remembered by Frank, the current guardian of the home. Fittingly the family asks that instead of flowers, contributions to the Hamilton County Humane Society to honor Steve's devotion to dogs (hamiltonhumane.com).

Come celebrate a man who knew what mattered and had it in abundance.

Visitation and funeral services took place Sunday, September 14, 2025, at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. Condolences: randallroberts.com



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— Hamilton County High School Football, Week 4 —
Local rivalries take center stage



Photo by Joshua Herd



Photo by Dwight Casler



Photo by Joshua Herd

(TOP LEFT) Fishers senior football players accept the Mudsock trophy from members of the Robert "Dub" Clark family after winning the Mudsock game over Hamilton Southeastern 28-16 Friday, Sept. 12 at the Tigers stadium. Players pictured are Camden Funk (51), Tyler Maynard (44), Gage Sturgill (10) and Ryan Thembulembu (3). (LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Carter Reed led the Royals' rushing with 62 yards during the Mudsock game, also scoring a second-quarter touchdown. (ABOVE) Sheridan's Hayden Alexander rushed for 157 yards and three touchdowns during the Blackhawks' win over Clinton Central Friday, Sept. 12.



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(ABOVE) Noblesville's Caleb Johnson (75), Praise Oladipupo (0), Windsor Hutchins (14) and Alex Hamm (47) line up and prepare to take the field before the game. (RIGHT) Westfield's Broc Parker (4) celebrates with Baylor Conner (87) and Cooper Melvin (12) after Melvin and Parker connected on a touchdown throw during the Shamrocks' game with Noblesville Friday, Sept. 12. Westfield won the game 41-7.

Hamilton County High School Football, Week 4

Fishers 28, Hamilton Southeastern 16
 Guerin Catholic 36, Brebeuf Jesuit 25
 Sheridan 40, Clinton Central 0
 Westfield 41, Noblesville 7
 Danville 27, Hamilton Heights 24
 Louisville Trinity 41, Carmel 28

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Girls Soccer

Royals roll through second half for Mudsock win

By **RICHIE HALL**
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A Mudsock soccer game is never easy, even if your team winds up scoring six goals.

Hamilton Southeastern did score six goals in its 6-1 win over Fishers Wednesday, Sept. 10 to win the annual traveling trophy at the Tigers' field. But the Royals had to do it all in the second half: the score was tied 0-0 at halftime.

Southeastern broke through 57 seconds into the second half. Lauren Kuto-loski sent a corner kick into the box, and Blair Satterfield booted it into the net for that first goal.

"We were playing some really good balls and we had some really good opportunities in the first half and we didn't capitalize," said Royals coach Greg Davidson. "Finally, we made the right runs and we made the right shot to capitalize on one of our opportunities."



Reporter photo by **Richie Hall**
The Hamilton Southeastern girls soccer team put together a strong second half to beat Fishers 6-1 Wednesday, Sept. 10 winning the Mudsock trophy.

Southeastern eventually went up 3-0; Sydney May scored HSE's second goal, then Riley Boyd put in the Royals' third goal. Fishers got on the board with 22 minutes left in the game after Elise May put in a goal.

But Southeastern bounced right back and put

in three more goals during the last 15 minutes of the game. Kherrington Patton scored the Royals' fourth and fifth goals, then Blair Satterfield completed with three minutes left, putting in her second goal of the game.

"She can get up into

the attack," Davidson said of Satterfield. "That's why IU is loving her because not only is she one of the states' best 1v1 defenders and she's an incredible athlete, but she gets up into the attack and she can score."

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Unstoppable team: Shamrocks maintain their undefeated streak

By **QUINN MATTHEWS**
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WESTFIELD – The Westfield Shamrocks added another win to their undefeated season against the Noblesville Millers Wednesday, Sept. 10 by the score of 3-0.

The Shamrocks began the match with a determined mindset, knowing they were up against a tough opponent. Westfield's energy was evident from the opening whistle, setting the tone with an aggressive offensive start that quickly paid off.

"They were excited to play somebody that has always been a tough challenge for us, and to come out early and score within the first minute was a big thing for us to take control from the beginning," said Westfield's head coach, Rachel Fulkerson.

The Shamrocks' early energy, fueled by the excitement of Tatum Hauser's goal shortly after kickoff, ignited the entire team. As the first half wore on, their dominance only intensified. Midway through, Avery Van Den Berg found the back of



Reporter photos by **Quinn Matthews**
(LEFT) Westfield's Tatum Hauser scored a goal within the first 30 seconds of the game, helping the Shamrocks to a 3-0 victory over Noblesville. (RIGHT) Noblesville's Addy Dye (17) and Westfield's Ella Carson (35) stay ready to make a play.

the net, and just minutes later, Hailey McDaniel added another, giving Westfield a commanding 3-0 lead heading into halftime.

"This was a team win, we used everybody on our bench which was exciting. Things are starting to click and come together," said Fulkerson.

Coming out of halftime, the Millers regrouped and

showed promising focus. With improved passing, they began to generate momentum, bringing a noticeable energy to the field as they hoped to shift the tone of the game.

"I would like us to give a little more effort to start a soccer game," said Noblesville's head coach, Mitch Holden. "I'm happy with the second half, we gave a

little more effort."

The Millers worked the ball up the field and fired many strong shots on goal, but nothing could get past the Shamrocks goalie, Leah Hunsucker. Despite their strong effort throughout the game, the Millers were ultimately unable to find the back of the net.

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Sheridan hires Fernung as interim athletic director

Submitted by **Sheridan Community Schools**

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) announces that Mr. Kory Fernung has been hired as the interim Athletic Director for the Blackhawks.

Fernung is an accomplished athletic director with almost 30 years of experience. He started his athletic administration career at Taylor High School in 1997, before moving to Tipton High School in 2004, which is where he remained until his retirement in the Spring of 2025. He graduated from Tri-Central High School and received his post-secondary degree from Anderson University.

According to SCS officials it is his experience and leadership which will be a tremendous support to coaches, both in the day-to-day operations and in long-range planning.

"Sheridan High School is fortunate to welcome an interim athletic director with such a wealth of experience," Sheridan High School Principal Rick Davis said. "Mr. Fernung is not only a

proven and successful AD, but his background in leading a small successful school program with a passionate community aligns closely with the Sheridan experience. We believe he will be an excellent fit as we take the necessary time to thoughtfully select the next Blackhawk Athletic Director."

Fernung began in the position Monday, Sept. 15, and he said he is looking forward to working alongside SCS coaching staff and the rest of the team.

"We are fortunate to have this opportunity to work with him and look forward to continued success within our athletic program," Sheridan Superintendent Dave Mundy said.

Fernung will be the full-time interim Athletic Director as SCS starts the application and interview process. Applications will be accepted Oct. 1. After that date, committees will assemble to review applications and begin the interview process. The goal is to have a new athletic director in place after the start of the new year.



Reporter photo by **Richie Hall**
KruFit owner Jamie Bradley (left) happily presented one of her students as a champion fighter Sept. 6 at the gym's Community Kick-Off event. Liana Mungovan competed at the IKF Midwest Regional tournament February in Fort Wayne and won the 142-147 pound welterweight female novice division.

KruFit celebrates expansions & champion

By **RICHIE HALL**
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KruFit in Fishers is growing, and owner Jamie Bradley invited everyone to celebrate on Sept. 6.

The combat sports and fitness gym conducted a Community Kick-Off that afternoon to show off its expanded facility, which is located at 9824 North by Northeast Blvd., near 96th Street and Interstate 69. The facility now totals 6,000 square feet and with that is offering a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu program to go along with its popular Muay Thai and strength & conditioning programs.

The Community Kick-Off featured facility tours, food, games, face painting and an obstacle course for children that saw quite a bit of use during the afternoon. Bradley said she was "really excited" to see a solid turnout at the event.

"A lot of these people are our members, but there's a lot of people I've never seen before and I'm meeting for the first time," said Bradley. She said there were families, friends and people that followed KruFit online or saw social media posts there to check out the gym.

"It's very intimidating to schedule a class, but I think this is not intimidating," said Bradley. "I'm coming and I'm eating ice cream and I'm meeting people and my kids get to run around. We get a feel for what it is that we do there. That was really my goal, is just to take out the fear factor for people

and let them see who we are and what we do and come into our space. And hopefully they want to return."

One of the people at the Community Kick-Off was Liana Mungovan, who showed off her champion's belt after competing at the IKF Midwest Regional tournament February in Fort Wayne. Mungovan, from Indianapolis, won the 142-147 pound welterweight female novice division, taking the championship with a TKO 41 seconds into the third round.

"I actually didn't know I won," said Mungovan. "I was confused at what we were doing. I was sitting in the corner and they brought in a medic to check on (my opponent). Then I looked over at Coach Jamie and she had this giant smile on her face, and I knew I had just won the belt, and it was amazing."

KruFit is already well known for Muay Thai and MMA fighting, and is expanding its offerings with the start of its jiu jitsu program. Bradley said KruFit has "really, really high-level jiu jitsu practitioners in the gym and one of them is already a Muay Thai coach for me, so I decided that he was going to be my head jiu jitsu coach. He's already our head MMA coach, so it made the most sense for him to take over the program and then develop that."

Families are also finding a home at KruFit. There are

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Volleyball



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The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team swept Fishers on Thursday, Sept. 11 to win the Mudsock match.

Southeastern wins Mudsock trophy with tight sweep of Fishers

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS – The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team hosted the Mudsock match with Fishers on Thursday, Sept. 11 and won in a tight straight-set match, 25-18, 25-21, 25-19.

After the Royals prevailed in the first set, both teams settled in for a very competitive second set. Neither team led by more than two points until the end, when Southeastern won four straight points from 21-21. Madi Miles started the run with a kill, followed by a kill from Bre Morgan. Miles stepped up again with a net tip to

bring HSE to set point, then put down another kill to give the Royals the set.

“She’s been our go-to,” said Southeastern coach Jason Young. “She’s come up with crucial kills at big times for us. She’s getting it done every single night. She’s going to Illinois for a reason.”

Several players stepped up for both teams during the second set. Miles and Morgan teamed up for a block, while Merritt Sliwa hit a couple kills. Meanwhile, Fishers’ Milana Mays also hit a couple kills, with Ella Drago adding a pair of kills as well.

“Milana is a steady force for us, both blocking

and attacking,” said Tigers coach Kim Baker, who is now the Fishers varsity head coach after two years as an assistant. “As long as we can get her the ball and we can keep feeding her, we’re going to score points with her.”

The third set was close early, with the score tied at 6-6. Miles and Fishers’ Mya Woodley both hit aces, with HSE’s Mia Zabel making a block for the first point. The Royals took off on a 10-1 run that gave the home team a 16-7 lead. Sliwa, Miles and Ava Gould all hit kills, while Jasmie Daniels served an ace.

Fishers went on it own 6-0 run to get back with-

in 16-12; Mays hit a kill and teamed with Brynn Baker for a block after making a solo block. Ava Tester served two aces. But Sliwa ended the run with a kill, then Brooklyn Sigler’s spike pushed Southeastern ahead 20-13. The Tigers kept battling to the end, but Sliwa hit a kill on match point to finish things up.

Miles finished with 16 kills, while Sliwa hit nine. Morgan made eight blocks. As for Fishers, Mays put down nine kills and made three blocks, while Tester dished out 14 assists and served two aces. Caitlyn Gutt had three aces, with Kate Brinkruff collecting nine digs.



Reporter photo by Quinn Matthews

Westfield’s Laynie Holman goes up to make a spike during the Shamrocks’ volleyball match with Noblesville on Thursday, Sept. 11. Pictured for the Millers is Kennedy Lutz.

Clean sweep: Westfield stays undefeated with a 3-0 win

By **QUINN MATTHEWS**
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WESTFIELD – The Westfield Shamrocks took a quick three-set win against the Noblesville Millers on Thursday, Sept. 11, 25-12, 25-17, 25-16.

The first set started with intense rallies as both teams fought for the early lead. The Shamrocks soon took command with a series of striking hits from Carsyn Comer that sent the ball right through the Millers. They maintained their lead despite solid blocks from Reese Resmer and Ella Coppock. Paige Rudolph added to the score with well-placed spikes that kept the pressure high. The Shamrocks ended the set in their favor 25-12.

The Millers brought renewed energy into the second set and took the lead to gain some momentum. They had multiple powerful attacks from Kennedy Lutz that made it a hard fight for the Shamrocks, but it was the Shamrocks’ stami-

na during long volleys that made the difference. The Shamrocks took the lead again with hits from Laynie Holman, which consistently found holes in the Millers’ defense. They finished strong and ended the set in their favor 25-17.

Tension filled the gym as both teams entered the third set, knowing this was the make-or-break moment. The Millers put up a fight with Resmer and Coppock continuing to maintain their powerful blocks at the net. But the Shamrocks found ways around it, finding different clever ways to gather points. Kenna Robinson scored multiple aces and firmly put points on the board. After a hard-fought match, the Shamrocks’ consistency led to a final set win of 25-16, and a 3-0 win overall to carry on their undefeated streak. Westfield is 11-0.

“Our serving has continued to dominate, I felt that gave us the opportunity to defend better,” said Westfield head coach Sean Keeve.

Southeastern Media Network capturing the moments that count

By **QUINN MATTHEWS**
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Teams aren’t just built on plays, practices, or wins and losses. They are about the players who wear the jersey. Behind every team statistic, there’s a deeper story. Hamilton Southeastern High School understands that it’s the shared culture that makes a true team, and their media programming is here to capture it.

HSE offers many media programs including Yearbook, Newspaper, News Broadcast, Sports Broadcast, General Public Relations, Sports Media, and Film Studio. There are hundreds of students in these programs, but one in particular was recently flooded with interested students. The sports media program, known as Southeastern Sports Network, includes 70 students that initially started as a Public Relations class.

“Public Relations started in 2023 with only 12 students,” said Carson Trotter, a fall executive director of sports media and a student at HSE. “It was a combined class of spring athletics teams and some out-of-building and in-building PR work like graphics for teacher parent night and other events. Suddenly, we had like 70 students wanting to join for sports PR, so we had to separate them. Now we have General Public Relations and Sports Media.”

The Southeastern Sports Network is split into teams to guarantee equal and thorough coverage. Each sport has a coverage team of students that range from five to eight people.



Photo illustration provided

The dedicated work of the students involved has made Southeastern Sports Network successful in providing coverage of athletics at Hamilton Southeastern.

The teams help manage the Instagram account for their assigned sport, along with gathering pictures and bonding with players. They cover every home game and post scores at halftime and after games throughout the entire season. Their main Instagram that houses all current sports is @southeasternsn. It has over 5,000 followers, and is packed with content all year round.

“A staple of our program is live event coverage. Timely photo coverage is the biggest thing you see. An expectation we are set to have is to attend every home event. If a student is not able to go to a home game, they should have a lot of trust in the Southeastern Sports Network to see scores,” said Omar Elsayed, the winter executive director of sports media, social media

manager, creative professional, and student at HSE. Along with updated sports coverage that you can always rely on, the Sports Media and Sports Broadcast classes are collaborating to create a series of episodes every week to document the 2025 football season. These episodes include footage of practices, games, pep talks from the coach, and many other unique elements that make the teams more personable.

“I’m really glad we started with a bang this year. The whole point of it [the football series] is to wrap in all kinds of media and types of storytelling,” said Elsayed. “A lot of people liked it a lot. People thought it was unique and different. We are setting the bar high and dropping new things that other schools aren’t doing, and

that’s what is making us stand out.”

Even with 70 students in their program that all shine when it comes to providing top-of-the-line content, making the program feel like a family is their number one priority. Promoting shared culture to their staff is extremely important to them.

“I couldn’t be more proud to be a part of it. We preach every day, people over process, people over product. I want to make sure that the person to the right and to the left of me are okay before anything else,” said Trotter. “When we walk into our classroom there’s printed photos plastered all over the wall of our teams together covering games, out to eat after events, and getting together outside of the classroom, it’s a big culture that we really believe in.”

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“Kherrington has gotten quite a few goals for us,” said Satterfield. “She plays a reserve role of going in when our other forwards are just beating those defenders down, and then Kherrington goes in there, and she is very crafty around the goal

and she’s a good goal scorer herself.”

Fishers’ goalkeeper Sarah Maudlin made a pair of tough saves during the second half and finished with six saves overall. Hannah Dodge made two saves for the Royals.

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“We definitely have a team that can compete and play high level soccer, but again it’s the effort that matters to me right now,” said Holden.

Westfield beat North Central 2-1 on Thursday, Sept. 11. Elle Fischer scored both goals, with Arriana Cooke-Dennis assisting on both goals.

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already programs for children, and KruFit will soon start a new class that allows parents and their children to participate at the same time.

"We love families here," said Bradley. "We have so many families here." Bradley said her vision has been a place where parents can get a workout in at the same time their kids are getting a workout in.

"We can all go home sweaty, happy, healthy, and that's what we want here," said Bradley.

KruFit is growing, and Bradley is already thinking that her gym will need to grow some more soon.

"It's crazy, you would think adding 1,900 square feet, we would be set for a while," said Bradley. "But honestly, last week in class, the whole gym was packed. And I was like, 'We need more space.' We literally just got this space last month and I'm like, 'Seriously?' I guess if you build it, they will come. You get

more space, you'll fill it up. Future plans do include continuing to grow as much as we can financially justify. I'd also love to open a second location, so that is in the works as well. Hopefully someday I can make that happen."

For more information, visit kruFIT.com.

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Cause No. 29C01-2509-MI-10030
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
JILLIAN LABETH PRICE
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, JILLIAN LABETH PRICE, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from JILLIAN LABETH PRICE to JILLIAN LABETH MINTON.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on January 5, 2026 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.
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Until: 11:00 A.M., local time, Thursday, October 16, 2025
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PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., local time. The Meeting will be held at the Westfield Washington School Corp. Administration Building located at 19500 Tomlinson Road, Westfield, IN 46074.
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9901 Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
BID SECURITY: Bidders are required to submit a Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid or certified check in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid made payable to Hagerman, Inc.
BID DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED: Bidders are to submit one (1) hard copy of the following bid form, and other documents enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to Hagerman, Inc. C/O Westfield Washington School Corporation:
1. One (1) copy of Hagerman Bid Form.
2. One (1) copy of Bid Security in the form of an AIA A310 Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid or a certified check in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid. Note: The Bid Bond and/or Certified check made payable to Hagerman, Inc.
3. One (1) copy of the Indiana State Bond of Accounts Form 96 (revised 2013) including a signed Non-Collusion Affidavit.
4. Bid Submittal Checklist
PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Amount may be required of the successful bidder. Bidders will provide a cost for this bond on the bid form.
NOTE: The Subcontractor Material and Supplier List will be due within 24 hours after the receipt of Bid.
E-VERIFY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Contractor and subcontractors shall fully comply with all the E-Verify requirements set forth in Ind. Code 22-5-1.7. <https://www.uscis.gov/e-verify> and background checks.
SAFETY: All Contractors shall comply with OSHA and IOWSHA rules and regulations regarding Safety for this project and All contractors shall abide by the 2020 Hagerman Safety manual. The safety manual can be found accessible at www.thehagemangroup.com using password "safety."
TAXES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS: All Bids shall be submitted without inclusion in the bid price for the amounts, if any, of Indiana State Gross Retail and Use Tax (generally called the "Sales Tax") for materials and properties that are to be purchased by the Bidder that will become a permanent part of the Project. The Owner will provide a tax-exempt form.
R6787 9/15/25, 9/22/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 09-08-25-B
AN ORDINANCE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUIRING ANY REQUEST TO INSPECT AND/OR COPY HAMILTON COUNTY'S PUBLIC RECORDS TO BE MADE IN WRITING AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SUCH A REQUEST FOR A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE
WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this Ordinance to require any Person who requests to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records to make such a request in writing and to prohibit the use of information obtained from such a request for a commercial purpose; and
WHEREAS, Indiana's Access to Public Records Act, Indiana Code § 5-14-3-1, et seq., governs a Person's right to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records; and
WHEREAS, one purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure that any Person who is entitled to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records under Indiana's Access to Public Records Act may inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records under that Act; and
WHEREAS, under Indiana Code § 5-14-3-3(a)(2), Hamilton County may, at its discretion, require that any Person requesting to inspect or copy Hamilton County's Public Records submit such a request in writing on a Form provided by Hamilton County; and
WHEREAS, Hamilton County maintains several categories of Public Records in electronic data storage systems, including, without limitation, Public Records which have gathered to respond to requests to inspect or copy Hamilton County's Public Records as well as other records; and
WHEREAS, Hamilton County invests substantial time and resources into reviewing and responding to Public Records requests; and
WHEREAS, Hamilton County may save time and resources if a Person must submit Public Records requests in writing on a Form because such a Form should help Hamilton County identify and process requests in an efficient manner; and
WHEREAS, Hamilton County also should be able to communicate in an efficient manner about Public Records requests that are submitted in writing; and
WHEREAS, one purpose of this Ordinance is to allow Hamilton County to identify, process, and communicate about Public Records requests in an efficient manner; and
WHEREAS, under Indiana Code § 5-14-3-3(e), Hamilton County may prohibit any Person who obtains information from Hamilton County's Public Records from using any such information for a commercial purpose; and
WHEREAS, a Person should not profit from the time and resources that Hamilton County dedicates to reviewing and responding to Public Records requests; and
WHEREAS, one purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent any Person from profiting from the time and resources Hamilton County dedicates to responding to Public Records requests; and
WHEREAS, Hamilton County shall provide reasonable accommodation to any Person who is unable to submit a request to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records in writing; and
WHEREAS, one purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure that Hamilton County does not discriminate against any Person who is unable to submit a request to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records in writing; and
WHEREAS, this Ordinance should be interpreted, applied, and enforced in a manner that will advance the above-stated purposes of this Ordinance.
IT IS THEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County that:
SECTION I. APPLICABILITY.
This Ordinance applies to requests to inspect or copy Hamilton County's Public Records.
SECTION II. DEFINITIONS.
a. "Commercial Purpose" means any commercial purpose identified in Indiana Code § 5-14-3-3(e), including, without limitation, any act taken to sell, advertise, and/or solicit the purchase of merchandise, goods, and/or services and/or sell, loan, give away, and/or otherwise deliver the information obtained by any request to any Person.
b. "Copy" means transcribing by handwriting, photocopying, xerography, duplicating machine, duplicating electronically stored data onto a disk, tape, drum, or any other medium of electronic data storage, and reproducing by any other means.
c. "Form" means the Public Records Request Form available on Hamilton County's website and any office where Hamilton County's Employees provide services to the public.
d. "Hamilton County" means the political subdivision known as Hamilton County, Indiana, as well as any elected official and/or Person employed by that political subdivision.
e. "Information" means any word, image, and/or audio recorded on and/or in Hamilton County's Public Records.
f. "Inspect" means any activity identified in Indiana Code § 5-14-3-2(h).
g. "Office" means any office operated by Hamilton County.
h. "Ordinance" means this ordinance, Ordinance No. 09-08-25-1.
i. "Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, unincorporated association, and/or governmental entity.
j. "Public Record" means any writing, paper, report, study, map, photograph, book, card, tape recording, or other material that is created, received, retained, maintained, or filed by or with Hamilton County and which is generated on paper, paper substitutes, photographic media, chemically based media, magnetic or machine readable media, electronically stored data, or any other material, regardless of form or characteristics which is not deemed confidential, privileged, or otherwise not subject to public disclosure under local, state, and/or federal law.
k. "Required Field" means a field identified by an Asterisk and emphasized with Bold font on the Form which is provided by Hamilton County on its website and/or its Offices. Hamilton County Employees shall identify Required Fields and/or identify a Person who can identify Required Fields if a Person has questions about Required Fields under this Ordinance.
SECTION III. PROCESS FOR REQUESTING HAMILTON COUNTY'S PUBLIC RECORDS.
a. Any Person may inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records if the Person is entitled to access to such a Public Record under Indiana's Access to Public Records Act and the Person identifies with reasonable particularity the Public Record in writing on a Form provided by Hamilton County. Any Person submitting such a Form must provide all details which must be provided to complete the Required Fields on such a Form. Completed Forms may be submitted via Hamilton County's NextRequest Portal at <https://hamiltoncountyin.nextrequest.com/>, email to legal@hamiltoncountyin.gov, and/or in person at Hamilton County's Offices.
b. Any Person who desires to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records under Indiana's Access to Public Records Act may identify with reasonable particularity the Public Record the Person desires to inspect and/or copy in writing on any document which provides all details which must be provided to complete the Required Fields on a Form provided by Hamilton County. Such documents may be submitted via Hamilton County's NextRequest Portal at <https://hamiltoncountyin.nextrequest.com/>, email to legal@hamiltoncountyin.gov, and/or in person at Hamilton County's Offices.
c. Any Person who is unable to submit a completed Form or written document to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records who is entitled to a reasonable accommodation under local, state, and/or federal law may request and receive such a reasonable accommodation.
SECTION IV. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES.
Hamilton County may enforce this Ordinance as follows:
a. If Hamilton County receives any request to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records which does not comply with this Ordinance, it may deny any such request.
b. If Hamilton County receives any request to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records from any Person who has not complied with this Ordinance, Hamilton County may direct any Person to comply with this Ordinance.
c. If Hamilton County receives any request to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records from any Person who has not complied with this Ordinance, Hamilton County may provide a Form and/or direct any Person to submit a completed Form pursuant to this Ordinance.
d. If Hamilton County receives any request to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records from any Person and Hamilton County is not able to verify that the name and/or contact information which was provided with the request is complete and accurate, Hamilton County may require any Person who submitted such a request to verify the name and contact information provided is complete and accurate. Hamilton County may find that any Person who refuses to provide a name and contact information which is complete and accurate has abandoned the Person's request to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records.
e. If Hamilton County receives a request for a reasonable accommodation and the Person making this request is entitled to a reasonable accommodation under local, state, or federal law, Hamilton County shall provide such a Person with such a reasonable accommodation.
f. Any Person who uses information obtained via a request to inspect and/or copy Hamilton County's Public Records for a commercial purpose is not entitled to obtain access to Hamilton County's Public Records under this ordinance or Indiana Code § 5-14-3-3(e).
SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on November 1, 2025, which shall be more than 30 days after publication of the Notice of Adoption of this Ordinance. The Hamilton County Auditor is directed to have this Ordinance codified in the Hamilton County Code of Ordinances.
ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County this 8th day of September 2025.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, INDIANA
Steven C. Dillinger, President
Christine Altman, Vice President
Mark Heirbrandt
Attested
Todd E. Clevenger, Auditor
9/12/25, 9/15/25

WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF EXECUTION AND APPROVAL OF LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
The City of Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), as governing body of the City of Westfield Department of Redevelopment (the "Department") and the Redevelopment District of the City of Westfield, Indiana, has executed a Lease Agreement, dated September 8, 2025 (the "Lease"), with the City of Westfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority"), as lessor, and the Commission, as lessee, providing for the lease of certain existing street and road right-of-way located in, and currently owned by, the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City"), as more particularly described and identified in the Lease. The execution of the Lease will allow the Authority to issue one or more series of revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 (the "Bonds"), payable from the lease rentals received from the Commission pursuant to the terms of the Lease.
After a public hearing on the proposed Lease held by the Commission on August 18, 2025, at which all interested parties were provided the opportunity to be heard, the Commission adopted a resolution which, among other things, authorized and directed the President or Vice President and the Secretary of the Commission, on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver the Lease in substantially the form presented at the meeting and found that the rental payments to be paid by the Commission are fair and reasonable and that the use of the leased premises throughout the term of the Lease will serve the public purpose of the City and is in the best interests of its residents. The Common Council of the City adopted an ordinance approving the Lease and the issuance of the Bonds on September 8, 2025, and the Authority adopted a resolution approving the Lease and the issuance of the Bonds on August 18, 2025.
Rental under the Lease shall be payable at a rate not to exceed \$5,000,000 per year in semiannual installments. The maximum term of the Lease shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years from the date the first series of Bonds are issued. Rental under the Lease Agreement will be payable solely from legally available revenues held in any funds or accounts of the City that may be used for the purpose of making payments of rentals under the Lease, after accounting for any prior claims thereon or any other outstanding obligations payable from all or any portion of such general revenues (collectively, the "City General Revenues"), and pledged and assigned by the City, transferred to and received by the Commission on parity with the pledge thereof to certain other outstanding obligations. The Commission reserves the right and may pay any amounts due under the Lease from any other revenues legally available to the Commission; provided, however, the Commission shall be under no obligation to pay any amounts due under the Lease from any moneys or properties of the Commission, except the City General Revenues received by the Commission. The Lease further provides for terms concerning the use, maintenance, repair, indemnification and insurance, destruction of the premises, defaults, remedies, option to purchase and miscellaneous other matters.
The Lease is open to public inspection at the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the City, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.
Dated this 12th day of September, 2025.
CITY OF WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R6790 9/12/25, 9/15/25

WESTFIELD

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the school corporation known as Westfield Washington Schools (the "School Corporation") that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation will meet at the School Corporation's Administration Center Community Room, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. (Local Time) on October 14, 2025, to consider the following additional appropriation of the bonds (the "Bonds") which the Board has determined to issue. The Board considers such additional appropriation necessary to meet the need existing at this time:
An appropriation in the amount of \$10,000,000 from the proceeds of the Bonds, including all original issue premium and all investment earnings thereon, to be deposited in the School Corporation's Construction Fund (Fund #2301) on account of the renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including deferred maintenance improvements, site improvements, and the purchase of buses, equipment, and technology (collectively, the "Project") in the School Corporation, including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Project and the issuance of Bonds on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of Bonds by the School Corporation.
The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to provide necessary school facilities in the School Corporation.
Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation. The meeting will also be available to stream live from <https://www.youtube.com/@westfieldwashingtonschools/streams>.
Dated this 15th day of September, 2025.
/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Westfield Washington Schools
9/15/25

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Westfield Washington Schools has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount of \$10,000,000 to fund the proposed renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including deferred maintenance improvements, site improvements, and the purchase of buses, equipment, and technology.
Dated: September 15, 2025
/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Westfield Washington Schools
9/15/25, 9/22/25

NOTICE OF DECISION TO ENTER LEASE AGREEMENT
The taxpayers of the City of Westfield Redevelopment District (the "District"), are hereby notified that on August 18, 2025, the City of Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), did adopt a resolution determining that the Commission will take all actions necessary to enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease") with the City of Westfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority"), which in turn will allow the Authority to issue certain revenue bonds (the "Bonds"), payable from the lease rentals received from the Commission pursuant to the terms of the Lease. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series or issues, in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000), for the purpose of procuring funds to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the Projects, as defined and fully described in the respective resolution adopted by the Commission on August 18, 2025. The Authority adopted a resolution on August 18, 2025, approving the form of the Lease and authorizing the execution thereof. Following the public hearing and approval of the form of the Lease by the Commission, the Common Council of the City adopted an ordinance on September 8, 2025, approving the Lease, the issuance of the Bonds and other matters related thereto.
The Lease will have a term beginning on the date on which the Commission begins to make lease rental payments under the Lease, and ending on the day prior to a date not later than twenty-five (25) years thereafter, with a maximum annual lease rental payment not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) payable in semiannual installments commencing no earlier than December 15, 2025, and thereafter on June 15 or December 15 of each year during the remaining term of the Lease (or on such other dates as may be agreed upon by the Authority and the Commission prior to the sale of the Bonds, based upon the advice of the financial advisor to the Authority and the Commission).
Dated this 12th day of September, 2025.
CITY OF WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
9/12/25, 9/15/25, 9/19/25, 9/22/25

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Indiana
Ordinance 25-31, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Westfield Common Council on September 8, 2025. The annexation area consists of approximately 11.9 acres +/-, generally located on the south side of SR 38 and north of Chatham Ridge Court. The ordinance shall be effective in accordance with Indiana Law upon its passage by the Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance 25-31 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Westfield Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana.
Dated this 11th day of September, 2025.
R6786 9/15/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
The residents and taxpayers of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "County"), are hereby notified that the Hamilton County Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, located at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, on the matter of appropriating funds for the purchase by the County of certain real property from the Board of Trustees of Riverview Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$21,000,000.
Said appropriation is in addition to any appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy. At said public hearing, all persons shall have the right to appear and be heard on the necessity of said appropriation.
HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL
R6788 9/15/25

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, October 1, 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. The Regular Meeting will follow a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. for the first reading of the 2026 Budgets for Hamilton County, Solid Waste and Airport Authority. Purpose of this meeting is 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 2,660,312
1053 Solid Waste 3000 Other Services & Charges 80,000
1186 Rainy Day 4000 Capital Outlays 21,000,000
1150 Electronic Mapping Generation 3000 Other Services & Charges 60,000
1237 Opiod Restricted 3000 Other Services & Charges 578,000
4925 FSSA 3000 Other Services & Charges 103,554
9000 State/Local Grants 4000 Capital Outlays 8,875
R6792 9/15/25

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TATE OF INDIANA) HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 4
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CIVIL DIVISION
FORUM CREDIT UNION,) CASE NO: 29D04-2507-CC-008469
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
CHANEL S. THOMPSON,) Defendant.)
NOTICE OF COMPLAINT
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice of Complaint for Damages in the above captioned matter: the State of Indiana to the Defendant, Chanel S. Thompson, and any other person who may be concerned.
1. You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Damages has been filed on July 31, 2025, against you and any interest you may have in the subject contract and/or property outlined in the Complaint may be subject to a final determination by this Court.
2. The nature of this Determination is concerning: the afore-mentioned Complaint, said action being prosecuted to recover damages on behalf of Plaintiff resulting from your alleged breach of agreement and non-performance under the terms of the above-referenced agreement plus any and all applicable interest and attorney fees recoverable.
3. The Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the above-named Defendant whose last known address was: 14412 Mourning Dove Lane, Apt. 103, Noblesville, IN 46060, and whose whereabouts, through diligent search, remain unknown to the Plaintiff.
4. You must respond to the Notice of Complaint for Damages in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 15th day of October, 2025, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Complaint - Summons Service by Publication has been printed), and in the event you fail to do so, a default judgment and final determination may be entered against you for the relief Plaintiff has demanded including issues related to any and all claims, requests or claimants concerning this action for damages as a result of your alleged breach and non-performance.
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff submits this Notice of Complaint for Damages pursuant to all applicable Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure for complete and successful service upon the above-named Defendant.
Respectfully submitted,
Steven M. Lutz (#23660-49)
Kyle B. Blowers (#29112-48)
Church Church Hittle + Antrim
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
Telephone: 317.773.2190
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Forum Credit Union
J. Richard Campbell
Hamilton Superior 4
R6700 9/1/25, 9/8/25, 9/15/25

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) In The Hamilton County Superior
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) Court, Civil Division Room 2
CAUSE NO 29D02-2507-CT-007689
JOSE NAVARRO,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
ANTONIO BERRY and USAA)
CASUALTY INSURANCE)
COMPANY,) Defendants.)
TO DEFENDANT: ANTONIO L. BERRY
2321 Harding Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendant above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the person named as Plaintiff and in the Court indicated above. The title of the case as shown by the Complaint is Jose Navarro vs. Antonio L. Berry and USAA Casualty Insurance Company.
The nature of the suit against you is stated in the Complaint which is attached to this Summons. It also states the relief sought or the demand made against you by the Plaintiff.
This Summons by Publication and Notice of Suit is specifically directed to the Defendant, Antonio L. Berry, whose whereabouts are unknown.
You must answer or otherwise respond to the Petition in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before October 22, 2025 (the same being within thirty [30] days after the publication of the Third Notice of Suit, the last such notice of this action), and in case you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff < in the Complaint for Damages.
If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of Plaintiff's action, you must assert it in your written answer.
The name and address of the attorney representing: the Plaintiff is Michael E. Morken, Attorney at Law, 2162 North Meridian Street, Suite A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.
Michael E. Morken
Attorney for Plaintiff
2162 North Meridian Street, Suite A
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R6751 9/8/25, 9/15/25, 9/22/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2508-MI-009272
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Braxton Louis Caleb
Name of Minor
Danielle Denise Stuckey-Caleb
By Next Friend
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that, Danielle Denise Stuckey-Caleb, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on August 19, 2025 to change the name of Braxton Louis Caleb to Braxton Louis Stuckey-Caleb.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on January 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: August 20, 2025
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R6701 9/1/25, 9/8/25, 9/15/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2503-MI-003141
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
ANGELO JOSEPH TORRES
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
ANGELO JOSEPH TORRES, whose mailing address is: 19267 FOX CHASE DRIVE, NOBLESVILLE, IN 46062, in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that ANGELO JOSEPH TORRES has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed ANGELO JOSEPH WIEDEMANN.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: December 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
ANGELO JOSEPH TORRES
Petitioner
Date: Aug. 19, 2025
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R6707 9/1/25, 9/8/25, 9/15/25

STATE OF INDIANA IN
THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2508-EU-000351
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL ERIC SELPH,
Deceased
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Jimmy W. Selph was, on the 20th day of August, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Michael Eric Selph, deceased, who died on February 10, 2025, and was 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 within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 20th day of August, 2025.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
Martin Barnes
Attorney No. 18527-29
Barnes Cadwell Law PA
10475 Crosspoint Blvd
Suite 250, Room 202
Indianapolis, Indiana 46256
317 804-5058
Attorney for Estate
R6730 9/8/25, 9/15/25

29D01-2508-EU-000381
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:
DOROTHY KAY VESEY,
DECEASED,
ESTATE DOCKET
29D01-2508-EU-000381
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that MATTHEW L. VESEY was
on the 29th day of August, 2025,
appointed Personal Representative of
the ESTATE OF DOROTHY DAY
VESEY, 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
29th day of August, 2025.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R6743 9/8/25, 9/15/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2507-MI-008331
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
Arabella Lynn Straley
Name of Minor
Mary Doty
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, Mary Doty, as a self-
represented litigant, filed a Verified
Petition for Change of Name on
Arabella Lynn Straley to change the
name of Arabella Lynn Straley to
Arabella Lynn Doty.
The petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on
December 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.,
which is more than thirty (30) days
after the third notice of publication.
Any person has the right to appear
at the hearing and to file written
objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: August 1, 2025
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R6782 9/15/25, 9/22/25, 9/29/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2505-MI-005473
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Reese Donovan Revis
Name of Minor
Mandi Marie Revis
By Next Friend
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that, Mandi Marie Revis, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on November 10, 2024 to change the name of Reese Donovan Revis to Reese Donovan Revis.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on October 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: May 21, 2025
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R6749 9/8/25, 9/15/25, 9/22/25

COURT NOTICES

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2506-MF-007110
AMERIHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC)
PLAINTIFF,)
VS.)
JENNIFER L. BARLOW-KRETSCHMAR, BRIGHTON KNOLL)
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND)
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, STONEGATE MORTGAGE)
CORPORATION) Defendant(s).)
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above-named, and any other person who may be concerned:
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is: Foreclosure of mortgage and termination of your interest, if any, in the real property located at:
15340 Atkinson Drive, Noblesville, IN 46060
and to the following Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown:
Stonegate Mortgage Corporation, and all other persons claiming any right, title, or interest in the within described real estate by, through or under them or any other person or entity, the names of all whom are unknown to the Plaintiff.
In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.
You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days commencing the day after final publication of this notice, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.
ATTEST:
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Circuit Court
Respectfully submitted,
David M. Bengs, #16646-20
Email: dbengs@mlg-defaultlaw.com
Jennifer L. Snook, #30140-45
Email: jsnook@mlg-defaultlaw.com
Attorney for Plaintiff
MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C.
455 West Lincolnway, Ste. B
Valparaiso, IN 46385
Telephone: (219) 386-4700
NOTICE: MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
R6756 9/8/25, 9/15/25, 9/22/25

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) SS:
CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2509-AD-001227
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF
ADDALYNN NICOLE VERONEE, MINOR)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
The grandparents of Addalynn Nicole Veronee are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code 31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted by the adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may not be used to contest the adoption. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and grandparent visitation statutes.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1
Prepared by:
Nathan A. Leach (Attorney #25673-49)
HERRIN & LEACH, LLC
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R6757 9/8/25, 9/15/25, 9/22/25

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN re the Unsupervised Estate of
Sandra Marie Hatchett
ADLER Attorneys - Noblesville
136 South 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
Phone: 317-773-1974
Seth R. Wilson, #26647-49
seth@noblesvilleattorney.com
In the Marion Superior Court 8,
Marion County, Indiana (Case No.
49D08-2508-EU-039862)
Notice is given that April Dawn Reid, on was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named Decedent, who died on 07/21/2025. 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: August 28, 2025
Katherine SweENEy Bell
Clerk for Marion Superior Court 8,
Marion County, Indiana
R6758 9/8/25, 9/15/25,

29D03-2508-EU-000384
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
IN the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of, TAKASHI SAITO, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that RYUSUKE CLIFFORD SAITO was on Sept. 4, 2025 appointed personal representative of the estate of TAKASHI SAITO, deceased, who died on 08/12/2025.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville Indiana, on September 5, 2025.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
Probate Division
R6761 9/8/25, 9/15/25

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
ESTATE NO. 29D01-2509-
EU-000392
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF CLARENCE RICHARD
WOODBURY, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that RUTH ELLEN WOODBURY, was on the 3rd day of September, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF CLARENCE RICHARD WOODBURY, deceased.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within Three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Anderson, Indiana, this 3rd day of September, 2025.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Attorneys for Estate:
Sansberry Dickmann Buitta & Cook
By: Jonathon T. Cook, Attorney No.
28223-29
1001 Jackson Street
Anderson, Indiana 46016
Tel: (765) 643-5441
R6772 9/15/25, 9/22/25

29D02-2508-EU-000367
Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
One Indiana Square, Suite 1800
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court
In the Matter of the Estate of John E. Woodruff, Deceased.
29D02-2508-EU-000367
Notice is hereby given that David Woodruff was on August 22, 2025, appointed personal representative of the Estate of John E. Woodruff, deceased, who died on the 29th day of June, 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.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this August 22, 2025.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R6748 9/8/25, 9/15/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2507-MI-7987
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Kaitlyn Marie Myetich
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Kaitlyn Marie Myetich, whose mailing address is: 7103 Oxfordshire Boulevard, Noblesville IN 46062, in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Kaitlyn Marie Myetich has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed Kaiden Stanley Myetich.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: December 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Kaitlyn Marie Myetich
Petitioner
Date: July 22, 2025
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R6783 9/15/25, 9/22/25, 9/29/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2501-MI-761
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF NAME
OF MINOR:
GUSTAVO ALONSO CABARCAS
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, ROXINETH MELENDEZ,
Next Friend of minor child, pro se,
filed a Verified Petition for Change
of Name of Minor to change the name
of GUSTAVO ALONSO CABARCAS
to GUSTAVO ALONSO CABARCAS
MELENDEZ.
The petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on
October 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.,
which is more than thirty (30) days
after the third notice of publication.
Any person
has the right to appear at the hearing
and to file written objections on or
before the hearing date. The parties
shall report to One Hamilton County
Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN
46060.
Date: June 2, 2025
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R6784 9/15/25, 9/22/25, 9/29/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2509-MI-9969
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
SOPHIA RENEE GIGUERE
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, ANGELA MARIE RILEY,
Next Friend of minor child, pro se,
filed a Verified Petition for Change
of Name of Minor to change the name
of SOPHIA RENEE GIGUERE to
SOPHIA RENEE RILEY.
The petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on
January 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.,
which is more than thirty (30) days
after the third notice of publication.
Any person
has the right to appear at the hearing
and to file written objections on or
before the hearing date. The parties
shall report to One Hamilton County
Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN
46060.
Date: September 10, 2025
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R6793 9/15/25, 9/22/25, 9/29/25

CARMEL

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MEMBERS OF GROWERS
MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY
Growers Mutual Insurance Company hereby gives notice that it will hold a special meeting of its members at which the proposed merger of St. Celestine Mutual Fire Insurance Company with and into Growers Mutual Insurance Company will be discussed and voted on.
The special meeting will be held:
Date: October 15, 2025
Time: 1 p.m. E.S.T.
Place: Growers Mutual Insurance Company
4728 Lisborn Drive
Carmel, IN 46033
All members of Growers Mutual Insurance Company are invited to attend.
R6739 9/15/25-9/19/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF
DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS
Taxpayers of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "County") are hereby notified that the County has determined to issue general obligation bonds in accordance with Indiana Code 36-2-6 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the costs of three (3) separate and distinct real estate public improvement projects located in the County, including (i) the acquisition of real estate to store and house the County's voting machines and other non-hazardous materials for the Health Department, (ii) the acquisition of the Sheridan Airport real estate and (iii) the improvement of an urgent care facility on Aspire Indiana Health's campus, and the incidental expenses in connection with these projects, and the incidental expenses in connection therewith. This notice is provided in accordance with Indiana Code 6-1-1.20-5.
Dated this 4th day of September, 2025.
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
/s/ Todd Clevenger
Auditor, Hamilton County, Indiana
9/8/25, 9/15/25
R6750

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF
Clara Knotts Drain,
Parkwood Drive Arm/96th & College Reconstruction Arm,
Parkwood Drive Vacation
Vacate from 124G to 124F; 124F to 124E; 124E to 124B; 124B to 124; 124A to 124; 124 to 123; 123 to 122; 12 to 13; 13A to 13; 13 to 124D; 124D to 124C; 124C to 124 B; & 10 to 11.
NOTICE is hereby given that a petition to vacate has been received by the Hamilton County Surveyor for the Clara Knotts Drain, Parkwood Drive Arm/96th & College Reconstruction Arm, Parkwood Drive Vacation across Parcels 16-13-11-04-07-001.010, 16-13-11-04-07-001.006 and 99-99-99-99-999.005 (Vacate from 124G to 124F; 124F to 124E; 124E to 124B; 124B to 124; 124A to 124; 124 to 123; 123 to 122; 12 to 13; 13A to 13; 13 to 124D; 124D to 124C; 124C to 124 B; & 10 to 11) and that a hearing is scheduled for September 22, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. on that request in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Objections to the VACATION of the drain must be filed in writing not less than five (5) days before the date of the hearing.
The Board will consider whether the drain performs the function for which it was designed and constructed; whether the expense of maintenance outweighs the benefits to be derived therefrom, and whether the abandonment thereof will not be detrimental to the public welfare.
HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
ATTEST: Lynette Mosbaugh
Executive Secretary
R6759 9/12/25, 9/15/25

Notice of Public Hearing of the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County To Enter Into A Public-Private BOT Agreement Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-23
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Board of Commissioners"), will conduct a public hearing on September 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., local time, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Courthouse, located at 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, to review the proposal and agreement for the construction, equipping, operation, maintenance, and transfer to Hamilton County, Indiana (the "County"), of the Public Safety Training Facility (collectively, the "Project") pursuant to Indiana Code 5-23. The purpose of the hearing is to hear the recommendation to members of the Board of Commissioners in order to make an award of a public-private agreement for the Project submitted by Meyer Najem. The address and telephone number of the Board of Commissioners is One Hamilton County Square, Suite 157, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, telephone number 317-776-8493. This hearing is open to the public. The proposal for the Project and an explanation of the basis upon which the recommendation is being made are available for public inspection and copying at the office of the Board of Commissioners during regular business hours.
/s/ Todd Clevenger, Auditor
Hamilton County, Indiana
9/12/25, 9/15/25
R6778

NOBLESVILLE

Public Notice
The Lauder Group (743 McClintock Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of the Indiana Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP) to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the Kensington School project located at 14924 Hazel Dell Road in Noblesville, IN. Runoff from the project site will discharge to an existing storm system and pond network and eventually to Vestal Ditch. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Spacoco.
(arech@spacocoinc.com, 317.779.2194)
9/9/25
R6768

Public Notice of Construction Activity
Epon Communities (11555 North Meridian Street, Suite 120, 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 the Construction General Stormwater Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with The Courtyards of Hazel Dell, Section 2 project located on the east side of Hazel Dell Road between E 169th Street and the Midland Trace Trail in Noblesville, Indiana, and is scheduled to commence September 2025. Runoff from the project site will discharge to the east to the Russel Shugart Regulated Drain. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Josh Rodgers with Epon Communities (Email: jrodgers@eponcommunities.com or Call: 317-619-3561)
9/12/25, 9/15/25
R6773

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 6th day of October, 2025. This hearing, to discuss application BZNA 000141-2025, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville. The application submitted by owner Dustin Grim requests that approval be granted to a variance of development standards pursuant to UDO §8.B. to allow for an addition to the existing dwelling that will encroach 42 feet into the required front yard setback in the R2/FH zoning district at property located at 16288 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, 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.
A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. 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 150 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on www.noblesville.in.gov/applications by clicking on the public records search and entering the case number or address listed above.
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R6774 9/15/25

FISHERS

Notice
Revel & Underwood, 15481 Union Chapel Road, Suite 100 Noblesville, Indiana 46060 is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of their intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the proposed 3.605-acre Kid City Daycare located at 12344 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers, Indiana 46037. Runoff from the project will be discharged to the existing Pond located within Cyntheanne Park. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed at Ken Shepherd at Revel & Underwood, 15481 Union Chapel Road, Suite 100 Noblesville, Indiana 46060 and via phone number 317-714-8384.
9/15/25
R6776

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana that the Jackson Township Board will meet on Tuesday September 23rd at 506 W. Main Street, Arcadia, IN 46030 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the adoption of the Township's Capital Improvement Plan.
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have the right to comment. The Capital Improvement Plan as adopted will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).
9/12/25, 9/15/25
R6781

Image of a Stanley power drill with the text: "If it happens more than twice, it's not a coincidence." - Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1987

It keeps them runnin': athletes compete in Prairie on Fire

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

STRAWTOWN – How long can you go in the prairie?

Runners from across the country put themselves to the test the weekend of Sept. 6 and 7 as they competed in the Prairie on Fire Backyard Ultra. The event is an endurance test to see how long an athlete can keep running, navigating a 4.167-mile loop around White River Campground during the day and on the 234th Street trail at night.

The competing runners have one hour to finish 4.167 miles, which doesn't sound that bad – the place is a 14-minute mile. The test comes in the hours afterwards: in order to stay in the race, a runner has to run another loop, every hour, on the hour.

The event started in 2022 with seven runners, but has grown exponentially since then. The 2025 edition featured 172 runners. TJ Dailey, race director for Meshingomesia Track Club (the entity that hosts the race), called the growth “unbelievable,” giving credit to the weather, which was perfect for running.

“It's between 50 and 75 degrees,” said Dailey. “You could not ask for a better scenario than that. So, that's been a big thing. We've had good performances here and then a strong Indiana community and a great runner experience. We really try to focus on runner experience and that's helped us grow.”

While the majority of the runners were from Indiana, several faraway communities were represented, from Key West, Fla. to Eagle Riv-



er, Alaska. There was one runner from Ontario.

Several runners are regular ultra-marathoners, including Cameron Balsler from Kokomo. Balsler ran the perimeter of the entire continental United States, a 294-day journey that began Oct. 10, 2023 in Cleveland and finished on Aug. 3, 2024. During his run, Balsler visited 33 different states, making stops at Niagara Falls, Maine, Key West, Santa Monica, Calif. and the Cascades before returning to Cleveland.

Balsler, who ran with a cart behind his back that kept his supplies, called the experience “magical” and “freeing.”

“A lot of times, we see the world from TV,” said Balsler. “To see how kind and loving it is, is amazing.”

This year's top finisher at Prairie on Fire is Jeff Walker from Noblesville. Walker completed 38 loops for a total of 158.346 miles. There was a tie for second place: Westfield's Abram Rickenberg and Indianapolis' Angel Soto Lozada both completed 37 loops, or 154.179 miles.



Reporter photos by **Richie Hall**
(TOP) The White River Campground hosted runners from across the country as they tested their endurance at the Prairie on Fire Backyard Ultra the weekend of Sept. 6 and 7. A total of 172 runners competed in the event. **(ABOVE)** Zach Homol of Brownsburg gets some food early Sunday, Sept. 7 morning after finishing 75 miles of the Prairie on Fire Backyard Ultra.

Gracie Bell of Ingalls was the top female finisher. She completed 27 loops, or 112.509 miles. A total of 25 runners completed 24 loops,

which gave them 100 miles total.

A complete list of results can be found at tinyurl.com/3hzawmyc.

Nominations now open for Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for the 2025 class.

This year's nominations are due by Sept. 20. To receive a nomination form, email Dave Nicholson at djadv@att.net or call (317) 773-0053.

Here are the criteria for nominees. Inductees must be a positive role model, worthy of being emulated by students.

Players

1. Must have graduated from a Hamilton County high school
2. Must have graduated at least 10 years ago
3. Must have made significant contributions to Hamilton County basketball.
4. Must have proven to be a person of good charac-

ter and citizenship a

5. Must have made valuable contributions to his/her team.

Coaches

1. Must have coached at least five years in Hamilton County

2. Must be retired at least five years.

3. Must have proven to be of good character and citizenship

4. Must have made significant contributions to Hamilton County basketball.

Significant Contributor

1. Awarded to team doctors or trainers, volunteers, media personnel, etc.

2. Must have made significant contributions to Hamilton County basketball.

3. Must have proven to be of good character and citizenship.

Carmel, Center Grove rejoining the MIC in 2026

By **JOSH BODE**
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Big news in high school sports broke on Thursday, Sept. 11, as Carmel and Center Grove are rejoining the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC).

The two schools will be rejoining the conference in the 2026-27 school year, the conference announced.

Carmel and Center Grove were previously members of the conference, but were voted out in December 2021.

“Together, we can share expertise, expand leadership opportunities for students and staff, and build collaborative initiatives

that benefit every community,” Carmel administrators said in a statement.

“We believe in the power of a conference that reflects and uplifts the full range of student experiences – academic excellence, the arts, and collaboration among member schools,” Center Grove administration said in a statement.

The MIC will now be back to eight schools, including: Ben Davis, Carmel, Center Grove, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central, Pike, and Warren Central.

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/newsletter/carmel-center-grove-rejoining-mic.

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