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Huge help in the fight against food insecurity when it matters most

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF), in partnership with Crosser Family Foundation and the Shelly & Cheryl Friedman Family Fund, has announced a \$100,000 grant to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCHFB) to provide immediate relief to residents affected by the recent interruption of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

The stall in SNAP benefit disbursements has placed additional strain on local families and food pantries. The emergency grant will help the food bank purchase and distribute essential food items to meet increased demand and ensure that families in need have access to nutritious meals.

"This is exactly why community foundations exist: to respond swiftly when our neighbors face unexpected hardship," HCCF President Danielle Stiles-Polk said. "This grant represents the power of community partnerships in action, and we are deeply grateful to the Crosser Family Foundation and the Friedman Family

Fund for their shared commitment to supporting Hamilton County families. Together, we are ensuring that our neighbors have access to the resources they need during this challenging time."

HCHFB serves as a vital partner in addressing food insecurity across the county, providing critical support to residents facing hunger and hardship.

"We are deeply grateful to the Hamilton County Community Foundation, the Crosser Family Foundation, and the Shelly & Cheryl Friedman Family Fund for this generous \$100,000 grant," HCHFB Executive Director Suzanna Hobson said. "This support comes at a pivotal time for many residents impacted by SNAP benefit interruptions and will help ensure continued access to nutritious food across our community. It's a powerful reminder of the compassion and collaboration that make Hamilton County such a caring place to call home."

While this grant responds to an immediate crisis, HCCF's support for addressing food insecurity extends far beyond



Photo provided
Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank Executive Director Suzanna Hobson (center) accepts the generous check.



moments of emergency. The foundation works year-round with community partners to strengthen long-term solutions to hunger through initiatives like the Hamilton County Food Resource Coalition, a collaborative effort to improve coordination among food providers and expand equitable access to food resources countywide. Learn more about the coalition

at tinyurl.com/HamCoFRC.

"Hunger doesn't begin or end with the loss of a benefit," Stiles-Polk said. "We're committed to ensuring that every Hamilton County resident has reliable access to healthy food, not just today, but for the future."

Anyone who wishes to help can make a direct donation at hchfoodbank.org.

Noblesville Food Drive aims to help those affected by federal shutdown

Submitted by City of Noblesville

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen announced on Friday, Nov. 7 that due to the federal government shutdown, the city will collect non-perishable food items in the lobby at City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., as a lead into the Noblesville Fire Department's 48th annual Food and Toy Drive.

Food will be collected from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Thursday, Nov. 13. The food will be donated to the White River Christian Church Food Pantry.



Jensen

"In times of uncertainty with the government shutdown, the City of Noblesville will continue to give back and help our neighbors along with dedicated nonprofits and faith groups working constantly to address food insecurity," Mayor Jensen said. "Local communities do not have the luxury of shutting down and we also won't turn our back on our most vulnerable. I encourage anyone who is able to help to consider dropping off food to City Hall. Noblesville is glad to play a small part in amplifying and supplementing efforts in this critical time of need."

See *Food Drive . . . Page A2*

Tipton getting ready for first 'Tree Lighting Tradition'

Submitted by City of Tipton

The City of Tipton and Mayor Kegan Schmicker announce the first-ever Tipton Tree Lighting Tradition taking place downtown from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. The event will conclude with the official lighting of a brand new 30-foot Christmas tree at 6 p.m. in the heart of downtown.



The tree, which will feature 820 ornaments, will be installed by the Tipton Municipal Services Department in the coming days. This new holiday tradition is being introduced as a way to bring the community together and celebrate the start of the Christmas season in the heart of Tipton.

Details for the evening continue to be finalized, including live entertainment from local schools, seasonal music, and opportunities to enjoy warm hot chocolate. Family-friendly activities for children are also being planned. The city's goal is to create a welcoming and festive experience for residents of all ages.

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Carmel Fire Department touts successful Senior Safe Workshop at S.A.F.E. House

The REPORTER

The Carmel Fire Department recently held a successful Senior Safe Workshop at the department's innovative Stay Alive Family Education (S.A.F.E.) House. Residents from Sunrise Senior Living participated in an engaging session focused on essential home safety practices.

Educators covered critical topics including kitchen safety, trip hazard awareness, fall prevention, and the proper use of fire extinguishers and fire blankets. Attendees gained practical tools and knowledge to enhance safety in their daily lives.

The S.A.F.E. House, a unique two-story educational facility built inside Carmel Fire Headquarters, offers free programming to the public. Originally designed for school-aged children to learn about home, wheel, weather, and water safety, the program has expanded to include senior workshops, first-



Photo provided

time homeowner education, and fall prevention training in addition to other classes.

"Safety education is for everyone," S.A.F.E. House Educator John Mehling said.

"We're proud to bring life-saving knowledge to seniors and new homeowners in our community."

Groups interested in scheduling a program are encouraged

to call S.A.F.E. House Coordinator Captain Renee Butts at (317) 571-4245.

For more information about Carmel Fire Department safety initiatives, visit carmel.in.gov.

Surfing secret agents among those who get married on stage in Carmel in 4 Weddings and an Elvis

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Carmel Community Players (CCP) is staging *4 Weddings and an Elvis* from Nov. 14 to 21 at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel. Since it involves an Elvis, and the play takes place in Las Vegas, we trust the social media puns will fly!

The Reporter suggests not getting "all shook up" when you leave behind your "suspicious minds" so you can "viva Las Vegas" for a couple hours. "Don't be cruel," sometimes you "can't help falling in love" with a good show.

The Reporter spoke with Director Nicole Amsler about four couples who are "crying in the chapel" on stage.

While this is Amsler's first time directing with CCP, she has directed many other shows, some of which you have read about in the pages of The Reporter.

"*4 Weddings and an Elvis* is about a bridal shop owner in Vegas," Amsler said. "There are four vignettes. It's fun. It's silly. But it's about second chances, believing love exists and wanting to have that. It is leaning into the idea that love is what matters. Not every of the four vignettes does actually anybody actually get married."

There is a revenge wedding where two people have been left by their spouses and are getting married out of spite.



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This play will be "everything Vegas you could imagine," according to Director Nicole Amsler.

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Noblesville Lions welcome Alicia Klingerman of Family Promise

By Lisa Dick
Noblesville Lions Club

At their Oct. 22 meeting, the Noblesville Lions welcomed Alicia Klingerman, Executive Director of Family Promise of Hamilton County. She highlighted the three programs that Family Promise is focused on: prevention, diversion, and stabilization.

- 1. Prevention** includes assisting families with rental assistance, budgeting classes, and connection to other community resources to avoid homelessness.
- 2. Diversion** supports those families experiencing homelessness and seeking shelter to either restore housing or secure attainable housing.
- 3. Stabilization** empowers families to succeed now and remain stable in housing, financial capability and



Photo provided by Family Promise Executive Director Alicia Klingerman and Noblesville Lions Club President Walt Scheid.

careers for up to two years. Family Promise works with the local Youth Assistance Programs, township trustees, and public schools to help Hamilton County families with unstable housing situations. The organization served 223 families in 2024. You can learn more at Facebook.com/FamilyPromiseofHamiltonCounty or FamilyPromiseHamiltonCountyIN.org.

FOOD DRIVE

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In addition to the food drive, the Noblesville Fire Department is accepting canned goods, non-perishable food items, and new, unwrapped toys from

Monday, Nov. 10 through Friday, Dec. 5. Donations may be dropped off at any of the city's fire stations or at City Hall. Deliveries to the families will take place

Saturday, Dec. 13. Learn more about Noblesville Department's Food and Toy Drive at tinyurl.com/NFDtoy-drive2025.

TREE LIGHTING

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This inaugural event is being generously supported by The Farmers Bank. Established in 1876, The Farmers Bank will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2026 and has a long history of supporting community traditions and local celebrations. The City of Tipton is grateful for the bank's partnership and leadership in helping launch this new holiday celebration.

Coloring Contest
To help engage young residents in the new tradition, The Farmers Bank will sponsor a special tree lighting coloring contest. Coloring sheets will be distributed to local schools and available for pick up at Tipton City Hall beginning Monday, Nov. 10. Children who return their completed coloring sheet to City Hall by Wednesday, Nov. 26 will be entered for a chance to be selected as one of two young residents – a boy and a girl – who will join

Mayor Schmicker on stage to officially light the Christmas tree on Dec. 1.

"We purchased the Christmas tree earlier this year as part of our ongoing investment in downtown Tipton and based on community feedback," Mayor Schmicker said. "Then, when The Farmers Bank approached us about partnering on this new holiday tradition, we were thrilled. Their support has gone beyond sponsorship. They have contributed time, resources, and creative leadership, including helping design the official event logo. We are grateful for their commitment to our community and to bringing this new event to life for Tipton



Schmicker



residents." No registration is required to attend. Event details and updates will be posted at Facebook.com/CityofTipton under the Events tab and at Tipton-Gov.com/city. A full schedule of activities will be shared one week prior to the event.

"We truly hope everyone in the community will join us downtown and help make this new tradition something special for years to come," Mayor Schmicker said.

Learn more about the City of Tipton at Tipton-Gov.com/city. To learn more about The Farmers Bank and its continued commitment to the community, visit TheFarmers-Bank.com.



Photo provided by Carmel Fire Department

Carmel Fire Department and VFW Post 10003 have teamed up for Movember, and they kicked off the month at the famed "Everyone Deserves Their Morning Sun" roundabout sculpture.

Growing support for CFD's Movember men's health push

Submitted by Carmel Fire Department

Thank you to everyone who joined the Carmel Fire Department and VFW Post 10003 for the third annual "Everyone Deserves Their Morning Sun" Movember Kick-Off held Saturday morning, Nov. 1.

It was a beautiful morning, a powerful message ... and yes, there's truly no more iconic spot in Carmel to have these conversations than this roundabout.

The speakers brought courage, hope, humor, and true vulnerability to this conversation about men's

health. Pastor Dave Choutka grounded attendees with reflection, Dr. Stephanie Gardner brought important medical insight, Callagher Chaffin shared the heart and support of the veteran community, and a special thank you to City Councilor Rich Taylor for opening up and sharing his personal story. Moments like that are what make this event matter.

This month is about checking in, getting screened, paying attention to changes, and taking care of your mental wellbeing, not just in November, but

all year long. Every \$5 donated will be represented by a blue flag placed at the Morning Sun roundabout at the intersection of North Range Line Road, Lowes Way, and Clay Terrace Blvd.

You are encouraged to join in raising funds and awareness. You can support the cause by donating in someone's name or helping to spread the message.

"Everyone Deserves Their Morning Sun." Donate at tinyurl.com/CFDAuxiliaryDonation and put Movember in the memo.

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Noblesville getting ready for annual Holiday in Lights Parade on Dec. 6

Submitted by City of Noblesville

The City of Noblesville announced the third annual Holiday in Lights Parade, presented by Gaylor Electric, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

"Last year's Holiday in Lights parade lit up our historic downtown and we can't wait to make this year even brighter," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "I look forward to seeing our community along the route to spread holiday cheer and show support to our downtown businesses."

The parade route will start at 16th and Harrison streets and travel south on 16th Street to Logan Street, turn right on 9th Street, and turn right on Harrison Street to end at Ivy Tech's parking lot.

Public safety and Hamilton County Emergency Management are working together to provide an illuminated and safe parade route. Any non-motorized entry needs to have reflective material or glow sticks/bracelets on any walkers to ensure their safety during the parade. The parade route will have a sensory-friendly zone



Graphic provided by City of Noblesville

located along Harrison Street between 10th and 12th Streets.

To encourage holiday spirit, the Holiday in Lights Parade will present participants with the Merry & Bright Award, Holiday Spirit Award, and Jingle Bell Rockstar. City departments will also compete for the Most Spirited City Department Award. Santa Claus will be the last entry in the parade and participants should not include him in their float.

Registration is \$25 per entry and will be accept-

ed until Monday, Dec. 1. Parade forms can be completed at tinyurl.com/HolidayinLights2025. Like other city parades, entry fees will be waived for all nonprofit and youth organizations that want to participate. Payment is accepted online at tinyurl.com/mrp9564f or by check made payable to the City of Noblesville. Completed forms may be mailed with payment to Holiday in Lights Parade, Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

Check-in will take place

starting at 5:15 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Hamilton County – Ivy Tech Community College campus. Participants should enter the parking lot from North 17th Street or Harrison Street. Volunteers will be onsite to help stage vehicles to exit the parking lot's North Entrance. The Ivy Tech Community College parking lot will also serve as the de-staging area and meeting point for participants and families after the parade.

For parade information, visit tinyurl.com/HolidayinLights2025.

Community News

HCVC & Life Church team up to collect winter coats for homeless veterans

The Hamilton County Veterans Corporation (HCVC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is once again teaming up with Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road, Noblesville.

The two organizations are collecting children's, women's, and men's winter coats for homeless veterans and families. Both new and clean used coats will be accepted.

All church groups, veteran organizations, and service clubs are welcome to drop the coats off at the church. Coats will be delivered on Dec. 1.

Please call the church at (317) 219-7373 before bringing your donation to make sure someone is there to receive delivery.

From HCVC and Life Church ... Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Register now for WYAP's Gratitude Gathering

The REPORTER

It's not too late to RSVP to join the Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) for a morning of purpose, connection, and celebration at the Gratitude Gathering.

The event is set for 7:30 to 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14 at Westfield Washington Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd. Doors open at 7:15 a.m.

The event will include:

- Free coffee and breakfast
- The opportunity to network and connect with community members who believe in this mission
- A brief program highlighting how WYAP impacted a local family
- A celebration of our wonderful volunteers and community partners

Because of your support and partnership, more youth in the community



facing challenging circumstances are now thriving: excelling in school, forming strong relationships, participating in sports and camps, and staying on positive paths.

WYAP invites you to celebrate the incredible difference supporters have made: 214 youth impacted in 2024 and over 1,500 youth since 2009.

Join to connect, celebrate, and recognize the impact made because every success for a WYAP youth began with someone like you.

RSVP at westfieldyap.org/gratitude-gathering-registration.

Kroger honors Veterans with special discount

The REPORTER

In appreciation of those who have served our country, Kroger announced a 10 percent discount to honor former military members.

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, veterans can shop with their discount in-store and at Kroger Pickup with a valid military ID. This special offer is one way the grocer expresses gratitude for the sacrifices veterans have made in service to our country.

"Veterans Day is a time to reflect on the bravery and dedication of those who have served our nation," Kroger spokesman Eric Halvorson said. "We are deeply grateful for their pa-

triotism and devotion to the country and offer the extra discount as an expression of appreciation."

Eligibility
Discount is available to eligible Veterans, active military personnel and their dependents presenting a valid military ID or Form DD214 and presenting a Loyalty/Rewards Card or Shoppers Card at checkout.

Excludes alcohol, tobacco products, fuel, money orders, taxes, postage stamps, Gift Cards/Certificates, lottery, promotional tickets, CRV, prescriptions and guest or customer services/fees. Must use Rewards Card or Shopper's Card to earn reward.

Hamilton County celebrates Drug Treatment Court graduate Kristi Kennedy

Local mom finds confidence, community & fresh start through recovery

The REPORTER

Hamilton County's Drug Treatment Court celebrated the graduation of Kristi Kennedy during a special ceremony Thursday, Nov. 6 in Superior Court 5 at the Judicial Center. The program offers a treatment-focused solution to help nonviolent offenders overcome substance use disorder.

Kennedy, a lifelong Carmel resident, entered Drug Court in February 2024 after she was arrested for her fourth count of driving under the influence which led to the placement of her young son in foster care. Kennedy says that's when she knew she had to make a lasting change.

"When I first entered the program, I was angry. I didn't want to be there," she said. "But over time, I started really connecting with people instead of faking my way through."

Kennedy has been sober since then, marking

over a year of continuous sobriety.

"Drug Court gave me confidence, accountability, and a family within the recovery community," she said. "Sobriety gave me my life back, and my son gets his mom back."

Kennedy's son is expected to return home permanently in December, a milestone she describes as the greatest reward of her journey. Following graduation, Kennedy plans to become a certified recovery coach, helping others in Drug Court along their recovery paths.

Superior Court Judge David Najjar, who oversees the program, says Kennedy's story embodies the mission of Drug Court.

"Kristi transformed her pain into purpose," Najjar said. "She faced her challenges head-on, rebuilt her family, and now she's preparing to help others do the same. That's what recovery is all about."



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Superior Court Judge David Najjar and Drug Treatment Court Graduate Kristi Kennedy of Carmel.

ELVIS

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There is a publicity stunt wedding where two aging actors are trying to get news coverage to revive their 1970s TV show "Surfing Secret Agents," which Amsler called a kind of discount bin Baywatch.

There is a wedding between a female ex-con and a mild-mannered postal employee.

"Her ex-boyfriend breaks out of prison to come break up the wedding," Amsler said. "It's a really funny bit where we do find out what true love is."

Another wedding is between a couple who have been married to one another and divorced four times before. It's like that old saying, "The fifth time's the charm."

Not only will the story be a fun and farcical romp, but the set itself deserves some credit for making this a show audiences will remember.

"It is everything Vegas you could imagine," Amsler said. "We have Elvis. We have slot machines. We have poker chips. We have an abundance of Elvis memorabilia to build the entire set."

Get Your Tickets
When: Nov. 14-23. Thursday and Friday shows at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 and both Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m.
Where: The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel
Cost: \$20 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday shows. \$15 on Thursday, Nov. 14.
Where to buy: Go to tinyurl.com/CCP4Weddings or call (317) 815-9387 for tickets.

Amsler continued, "Again this is my first time directing for Carmel, and I have a fantastic cast who are just hilarious. Imagine has been *Baywatch* people, an ex-con with a Brooklyn accent marrying a mild-mannered postal worker, and Sandy, who owns the chapel, is very quirky and weird and doesn't believe in love."

A fun evening awaits if you "Shake, Rattle and Roll" your way to The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel, when CCP stages *4 Weddings and an Elvis* this month. Get tickets online at tinyurl.com/CCP4Weddings or call (317) 815-9387.

As a special bonus item, this show also includes a bonus Elvis.

Where you can find Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County. For more information, go to FeedingTeam.org.

ARCADIA

Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St.
Hamilton Heights School Administration Building, 410 W. Main St.

ATLANTA

Wesleyan Church, 330 S. Walnut St.

CARMEL

Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St.
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road

CICERO

Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike
Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St.
Koteewi Park – Taylor Center, 12308 Strawtown Ave.
Laura Hayden's School of Dance, 7830 E. 236th St.
Roundabout at SR 37 & Strawtown Ave. (23297 Lafayette St.)
The Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19
The Pizza House, 11 N. Main St.

FISHERS

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.
Christ's Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road
Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road
G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road
Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

SHERIDAN

Issachar Church, 501 E. Main St.
Sheridan Church of God, 705 W. 2nd St.
Sheridan Elementary School, 24795 N. Hinesley Road

WESTFIELD

CrossRoads Church, 19201 Grassy Branch Road
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St.
Radiant Life Church, 16162 Carey Road
The Playhouse, 1836 State Road 32 (Eagletown)
Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.

NOBLESVILLE

American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road
Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.
Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.
Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St.
Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road
Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road
Family Promise of Hamilton County, 1051 N. 10th St.
Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.
First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.
First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St.
Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.
Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.
Hamilton County Health Department, 18030 Foundation Drive
Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road
IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 355 Park 32 West Drive
Ignite Transform, 698 N. 10th St.
Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive
Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive
Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.
Mystic Images Tattoo, 164 N. 10th St.
Noblesville Schools Admin Building, 18025 River Road
Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.
Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road
Suburban Estates, 3288 Cicero Road
Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.
Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road
White Rock Fellowship Church, 21070 Schullery Road

Noblesville Lions taking steps for diabetes awareness

Submitted

November is Diabetes Awareness Month, and the Noblesville Lions Club is taking small steps to create a big impact in their community.



On Saturday, Nov. 15, the Lions will host a Diabetes Awareness Walk from 10 a.m. to noon at Forest Park Shelter 1.

The walk is free and open to the public, and everyone is invited to join in support of diabetes awareness and healthy living.

Riverview Health will provide free health screenings at the event, along with a diabetes educator and a registered dietitian available to answer questions and share tips for managing

and preventing diabetes. The Noblesville Lions will also offer healthy snacks for participants.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 8.7 million adults in the U.S. have undiagnosed diabetes, about 22.8 percent of all adults living with the disease. Events like this walk help raise awareness about the importance of early detection, education, and lifestyle choices that can make a lasting difference.

The Diabetes Awareness Walk is part of the Lions Clubs International global focus on diabetes education, prevention, and support.

Grace Care Center re-opens dignity-driven Choice Christmas Store

Submitted

The Grace Care Center is preparing to open its annual Choice Christmas Store in December that offers local families the opportunity to select gifts for their children at no cost in a welcoming, dignity-first environment.

This season, Grace is calling the broader community to help stock the shelves, fund gifts, and volunteer, ensuring that every parent who walks through the doors can experience the joy of choosing presents that truly fit their family.

Shopping reservations for families in need will open Dec. 1.

A dignity-first approach to giving

Unlike traditional toy drives, families don't receive prebagged gifts. Parents are able to look through shelves of toys, clothing, and household items to choose what fits their family best. The model preserves dignity, strengthens family connection, and turns generosity into a personal, joyful experience.

Last year, the store provided more than 10,000 gifts to more than 1,000 families. This year's goal is to fully fund and stock the store so every parent can hand pick gifts they're proud to give.

Here's how to help

- **Give through the Online Store.** Select specific items to "place on the shelves" for parents to choose. Go to gracechurch.us/christmasstore.

- **Choose "Shop for Me."** Prefer simplicity? We'll purchase most-needed items with your dona-

tion. Go to gracechurch.us/christmasstore.

- **Volunteer.** Help with guest hospitality, stocking, or checkout. Go to gracechurch.us/christmasstore#volunteer.

Donate by Dec. 10 to ensure on-time stocking before doors open.

Why it matters

Many local households are working hard yet are still stretched by rising costs. In 2025, federal SNAP benefit reductions have placed added pressure on working families, while a recent United Way study found that nearly one in three Hamilton County households now live below the ALICE threshold (earning above the poverty line but still unable to afford basic needs).

The model that Grace Care Center uses turns community generosity into a tangible expression of dignity, privacy, and hope.

When it will happen

The Choice Christmas Store will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 21 and 22 at Grace Care Center, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville.

Families may reserve shopping appointments beginning Dec. 1

About the Grace Care Center

The Grace Care Center is a ministry of Grace Church, walking alongside individuals and families through weekly food support, community resources, and seasonal initiatives like the Choice Christmas Store. In 2024 alone, the Care Center distributed more than one million meals and served thousands of local households.

Sheridan Community Schools approves new teacher contract

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) has officially passed and approved a new two-year contract with the Sheridan Education Association (SEA) and Sheridan School Board as of Monday, Oct. 27.

This agreement marks a significant step forward for both teachers and school personnel. It was ratified with a 96.3 percent approval from members. It includes salary increases for both years of the contract and raises the minimum teacher salary to \$45,000.

SEA President Mathew Hewitt said he was grateful for the collaboration be-

tween the association and Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy. He emphasized the shared commitment to teachers and students.

"SEA is proud to continue our strong, collaborative partnership with Dr. Mundy and the SCS School Board to bargain contracts that help to retain and recruit high quality teachers while maintaining fiscal stability," Hewitt said.

Hewitt also said the complex process of negotiating the new contract was made so much easier because there is a mutual trust and respect between both parties.

"The process of negotiating a contract is never easy," he said, "but SEA

values the strong partnership that we enjoy with SCS leadership to allow us to work together for the continued success of Sheridan Community Schools in the present and the future."

Hewitt expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support from teachers during the process.

"As president of the Sheridan Education Association, I am thankful for the strong support of our members, who ratified the new contract with over 96 percent approval," he said. "I feel strongly that we created an agreement that supports our certified staff and helps to maintain the long-term health of Sheridan Community Schools."

The new two-year contract reflects ongoing efforts by the district to ensure teacher compensation remains competitive and sustainable, while also recognizing that teachers and staff play a vital role in student achievement and growth. Superintendent Mundy noted, "Sheridan is beyond fortunate to have a tremendous teaching staff. Mathew and his team are fantastic to work with and we have always worked towards the same shared goals, which are to make SCS a great place to work. I appreciate all the SEA and our teachers do on a daily basis. It is a great time to be a Blackhawk!"

Fishers awards four new Educator Innovation Grants to support classroom innovation

Submitted by City of Fishers

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness surprised four local teachers Wednesday, Nov. 5 with more than \$31,000 in funding as part of the city's Educator Innovation Grant program, bringing the funding total to almost \$385,000 since the program launched in 2024.

The program strives to empower educators within HSE Schools with the financial resources to bring innovation to the classroom and inspire students to rethink learning. Since the program launched last year, 24 grants have been awarded across 13 schools in the HSE Schools system. Grants have been awarded at every grade level, helping to launch innovative makerspaces; supporting programming in STEM, virtual reality, film, media, and English as a New Language (ENL); and funding professional development opportunities for teachers.

The new round of grant recipients include:

- **Melanie Mullins (2nd Grade, Harrison Parkway Elementary):** \$8,590 to fund a K-4 STEM Lab Starter at the elementary school, including purchasing hardware for the lab and supporting "in district" professional development opportunities and collaboration among educators.
- **Shannon Foster (4th Grade, Lantern Road Elementary):** \$5,445.69 for



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(Left to right, top to bottom) This year's grant recipients are Melanie Mullins, Shannon Foster, Nicolle Symons, and Erin Gastineau.

the implementation of a LEGO Learning System to introduce students to foundational STEAM concepts related to creativity and problem solving.

- **Nicolle Symons (5-6th Grade, Fall Creek Intermediate):** \$10,548 to support the creation of a makerspace at the intermediate school where students can design, build, and explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, while providing meaningful career exploration.

- **Erin Gastineau (10th grade, Hamilton Southeastern High School):** \$11,700 for the purchase of Manikens® for the course, Human Body Systems, the second year of a four-year Project Lead the Way Biomedical Pathway. This course helps students prepare for a career in health care and challenges them to solve real-world problems.

Grants are awarded by a selection committee comprised of former educators from HSE Schools, commu-

nity entrepreneurs, and HSE alumni.

The city has allocated \$50,000 from the 2026 budget for continued support of the Educator Innovation Grant program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and there is no funding cap for project requests. The next round of grants will be awarded in spring 2026.

Learn more about the grant program and apply at [FishersIN.gov/InnovationGrant](https://fishersin.gov/innovationgrant).

Murder suspect wanted in Hamilton County shot during arrest on Indy's northeast side

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Nov. 6 at approximately 1 p.m., officers with the Fishers Police Department served an arrest warrant on Caleb Weis 26, Indianapolis, for five felony charges related to the shooting death of Cameron Doaks, 24.

Weis is the suspect in the fatal shooting that occurred on March 16, 2024, in the 10000 block of Apple Blossom Circle. When officers arrived on that date, they found Doaks with multiple gunshot wounds. Doaks was later pronounced dead at an area hospital.

In the time since the shooting, Fishers police detectives gathered every piece of evidence, inter-

viewed witnesses, reviewed camera footage from neighboring houses, and completed forensic analyses.

A coordinated plan was put in place to take Weis into custody. Here are the details:

Fishers police officers located Weis inside a maroon Ford Mustang in the area of 91st Street and Masters Road, just south of the Marion County/Hamilton County line in Indianapolis.

A Fishers police vehicle pulled in behind the Ford Mustang and deployed an immobilization device referred to as a grappler. The device, deployed from a police vehicle, attached to the vehicle, which then went off the road into a ditch.

Weis was allegedly armed with a handgun and fired shots toward officers.

Fishers police officers discharged their firearms, striking Weis. He fell to the ground, at which time officers moved in and provided lifesaving emergency aid. Weis was then transported by ambulance to a local hospital in critical condition.

Fishers Police Chief Ed Gebhart requested that the Indiana State Police be the lead investigator in this officer-involved shooting. No officer or uninvolved bystanders were injured in this incident.

Assisting in this investigation are the Fishers Police Department, ATF, Marion

County Prosecutor's Office, Indianapolis EMS, Indianapolis Fire Department, and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

According to police, the information collected during the original investigation supports the following charges:

- Murder (Felony 1)
- Attempted Murder (Felony 2)
- Voluntary Manslaughter (Felony 2)
- Aggravated Battery (Felony 3)
- Criminal Recklessness (Felony 6)

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Students help ‘Launch’ Royals Innovation Lab



Photos provided by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

The Royals Innovation Lab at Launch Fishers opened its doors Tuesday, Nov. 4 with a student showcase hosted by the Software Development Capstone class. Funded through the Career Readiness Grant from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE) and TechPoint, the Royals Innovation Lab will serve as a public workspace where students collaborate with industry mentors and community partners on real-world software projects. The lab supports the Software Development Capstone Course, the culminating experience in the state’s Next Level Programs of Study (NLPS) for software development. Students must first complete courses in Principles of Computing, Website and Database Development, and Software Development before enrolling in the capstone. The class, taught by Julie Alano, currently includes 14 students in grades 10 through 12, with several returning for a second year.

Fishers educator wins Teachers of Tomorrow scholarship

The REPORTER

Teachers of Tomorrow (ToT), the nation’s leading Educator Preparation Program (EPP), announced last month the winners for its annual New Teacher Scholarship. Two aspiring teachers in Indiana, with unique and inspiring backgrounds, were among the winners. One of those winners was Fishers’ very own Ashley Searcy.



Searcy

“I want to be my students’ ‘coach’ if they have emotions or problems that they can’t figure out on their own,” Searcy. “I want to be a cheerleader to help instill their confidence with academics or with their after-school activities.”

Proudly celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year, ToT has certified over 85,000 teachers nationwide. The 20 aspiring teachers will be awarded up to \$6,000 in scholar-

ships to cover the entire cost of ToT’s program fee.

“All of us have been positively impacted by caring, talented teachers who made a genuine difference in our lives,” ToT CEO Dr. Heath Morrison said. “At Teachers of Tomorrow, we strive to encourage and support teaching candidates who will enrich classrooms with their real-world experiences and perspectives. High-quality teachers create an environment where students thrive.”

While Indiana has made significant gains in recent years on the Nation’s Report Card, the state continues to struggle with a significant teacher shortage. ToT is working to fill teacher vacancies and ensure every student has a high-quality teacher in their classroom.

See a full list of winners at teachersoftomorrow.org/new_teacher_scholarship.

Five county nonprofits get \$350K in grants

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana on Tuesday, Nov. 4 announced it is awarding \$350,000 in grants to five Hamilton County nonprofits to help meet residents’ basic needs and improve the education, financial stability, and well-being of families.

The grants come from United Way’s Basic Needs and Family Opportunity Funds.

Thursday, Oct. 30, United Way announced a separate, \$1 million Central Indiana Food Relief Fund in emergency response to cuts to federal SNAP benefits. The \$350,000 announcement is separate from that fund: United Way awards Basic Needs and Family Opportunity funding twice a year – once for organizations accredited with United Way and once for nonprofits outside its accredited network. This funding is part of United Way’s ongoing commitment to meeting the essential needs of all people – a priority of the nonprofit’s work.

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

family.

The Hamilton County nonprofits receiving Basic Needs grants are:

- Alternatives Inc: \$50,000
- Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville: \$75,000
- Children’s TherAplay: \$50,000
- PrimeLife Enrichment: \$50,000
- Shepherd’s Center of Hamilton County: \$125,000

“Children’s TherAplay is thrilled and honored to receive a grant from United Way’s 2026 Impact Funds,” Executive Director Kathy Pelletier said. “The funds from this grant will be vital in supporting our efforts to expand programming to provide caregiver mental health support and access to after-school therapy sessions to low-income families raising a child with a disability. We are extremely grateful for the support and look forward to impacting the lives of countless families together.”

Hamilton County has been part of United Way of Central Indiana since 1966. Over the last six years, United Way has invested over \$5 million in Hamilton County and partnered with 47 nonprofits and schools.

United Way works to tackle generational poverty, with a focus on basic needs, early care and learning, economic mobility, and safe and affordable housing.

Hamilton Heights names October Coffee Bean Award recipients

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of October. They include Drake Biddle, Lillie Champion, DeAndre Chandler, Elise Christy, Victor Hernandez Sanchez, Jayda Morris, and Abigail Morrow.

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



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights

Hamilton Heights High School Coffee Bean Award recipients for October include (from left) DeAndre Chandler, Lillie Champion, Abigail Morrow, Victor Hernandez Sanchez, and Elise Christy. Not pictured: Jayda Morris and Drake Biddle.

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 a nomination by visiting the Student Services page at hs.hschuskies.org.

Hamilton County breaks ground on new Public Safety Training Center

Facility to enhance training for police, fire & EMS personnel

The REPORTER

Hamilton County officials broke ground Monday morning, Nov. 3, on a new Public Safety Training Center. The new center will provide training opportunities for multiple agencies county-wide, reducing the need for first responders to travel outside Hamilton County for specialized instruction.

“I challenge every firefighter, police officer, and public safety person in this county to make the best of this state-of-the-art facility,” Chad Knecht, Executive Director of Hamilton County Emergency Operations, said during the ceremony. “Never rest on your laurels. The more you sweat in training, the less you bleed in the combat of public safety.”

Hundreds of local leaders and public safety officials from every Hamilton County city and town took part in the groundbreaking. The 60-acre campus, located near 161st Street and River Road in Noblesville, will feature more than 20,000 square feet of classroom and tactical space, a five-story fire training tower, an outdoor firing range, and a SWAT and defensive tactics area.



“The training they’ll get out here will have long lasting effects on Hamilton County,” said Steve Dillinger, president of the Hamilton County Commissioners. “We are so excited because we’ve been working on this project for 15 years. Government works slow, but we’re here now and we’re very happy about it.”

Once complete, the \$32 million project will serve as a regional hub for joint exercises, advanced certifications, and interagency collaboration. The training facility is being funded through county-issued bonds and is expected to take 18 months to complete.



Photos provided

In his remarks to the crowd, Hamilton County Emergency Operations Executive Director Chad Knecht (above) issued a challenge to the county’s public safety personnel: to make the Public Safety Training Center the finest example for all other counties to follow.

Racers, prepare to give back on Thanksgiving at YMCA 5K in Fishers

The REPORTER

This Thanksgiving, thousands of runners will lace up to support their neighbors’ health and well-being at a 5K in Fishers hosted by YMCA of Greater Indianapolis.

From runners in turkey costumes to families jogging together before the big feast, the 5K offers a festive atmosphere and a great way to give back in gratitude.

The Wishbone 5K will take place at Fishers YMCA, 9012 E. 126th St. There is an 8 a.m. start and registration is \$40. Register at tinyurl.com/Wishbone5K2025.

The race offers a festive and family-friendly atmosphere, complete with camaraderie, custom event swag and awards for top finishers. A virtual option is also

available for participants who prefer to log their miles at their own pace and place.

“Exercise not only boosts energy and releases endorphins, it strengthens our mental focus and overall well-being,” said Michael Farris, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis. “By joining a YMCA Thanksgiving 5K, participants are fueling their own health while helping others in our community do the same.”

Whether you run, walk, or trot, every step supports stronger bodies, brighter minds, and a more connected community.

So before you gather around the Thanksgiving table, gather at the Y and move with purpose, gratitude, and joy.

Building futures: Surveyor Ryan Swingley inspires next generation at Hamilton Heights

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

When Ryan Swingley steps onto the campus of Hamilton Heights High School (HHHS), he's not just a land surveyor, he's a mentor, a coach, and a champion for the next generation of construction professionals.

As the onsite surveying coach for students who participate in the annual Golden Shovel Competition, Swingley brings more than 28 years of geospatial expertise to a sandbox filled with possibility.

Swingley, the Geospatial Business Unit Executive for ESP Associates and a respected leader in the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ISPLS), has built a career on precision and purpose. But his passion lies in workforce development, especially when it means sparking curiosity in students who may never have considered surveying as a career.

The Golden Shovel Competition, now in its third year, is a signature event for Hamilton Heights' Construction Trades Education program that continues to draw in teams from schools around the state. Students apply classroom instruction to real-world challenges, us-

ing surveying tools to calculate elevation, measure distances, and move material with purpose among some of the skills events. Swingley's role is to guide them through the principles and practices of land surveying, helping them understand not just how to build, but how to build with accuracy.

"I really focus on teaching the kids," Swingley said. "That one math equation – the Pythagorean Theorem – can help them lay out a perfect square on the ground. Then we use optical or laser levels to grade the corners to a specific elevation. It's what they need to compete, and it's a skill they can take with them into the workforce."

"Surveying is foundational to civil construction," he continued. "If students are going into that field, they need to understand what surveyors do. And if we can spark interest and attract young talent into this great profession, that's a win for everyone."

Swingley's influence extends beyond the classroom and Heights' Sandbox. A past president of ISPLS and current board member, he started the Young Professionals Committee and has spoken to hundreds of students across Indiana – from

Kindergarten classrooms to career fairs. He's taught the Surveying Merit Badge to Boy Scouts and serves as an adjunct instructor at Vincennes University, where he teaches remote sensing for land surveyors each fall.

His connection to Hamilton Heights runs deep.

"It's good to be part of a program that started it all in the state," Swingley said. "The kids here are smart, capable, and respectful. It's a joy to work with them."

"We are fortunate to have such a talented man involved with our civil construction program," HHHS Construction Teacher Kevin Sheets said. "His knowledge of surveying is second to none and he makes a somewhat confusing subject for the students to grasp much easier to understand. I appreciate him dearly! I am proud he is part of our team!"

For Swingley, the work is personal. Raised in Selma, Ind., and raising his family in Hamilton County, he understands the value of community and the importance of investing in future generations. Whether he's overseeing technical projects across the country or coaching students in real time, his message is clear: precision matters, and so does mentorship.



Photos provided by Hamilton Heights

Ryan Swingley, Geospatial Business Unit Executive at ESP Associates and the official onsite surveyor for Hamilton Heights, guides students through real-world surveying techniques during the Golden Shovel Competition, bringing math, measurement, and mentorship to life in Indiana's first high school Construction Trades Education program.

Thanks to leaders like Ryan Swingley, Hamilton Heights students aren't just learning how to build – they're learning how to build with purpose, confidence, and a deeper understanding of the world beneath their feet.

New police therapy K9 Callie provides support for IU Health North's care team

The REPORTER

Callie, a two-year-old Labrador Retriever, was recently sworn in as IU Health North Hospital's first police therapy K9, and the second in the IU Health system. Callie will come to work with her handler, Officer Levi Hill.

Carrie Wing, IU Health North vice president and chief nursing officer, led efforts to welcome Callie to the team in hopes she will provide necessary support to those working at the hospital.

"I love being here," Wing said. "I want this to be a place where people want to come, and I want it to be unique. So, I think bringing a program like this to this facility does create a uniqueness among our team, brings us together, unites us, and creates a family."

This is IU Health's second police therapy canine,



Photo courtesy IU Health North
K9 Callie will come to work with her handler, Officer Levi Hill.

and the first to be stationed at IU Health North. K9 Elliott was sworn in earlier this year. He supports team members at IU Health Methodist.

Noblesville Schools earns national food services recognition

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools Nutrition and Food Services has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) with four Healthy Meal Incentive recognition awards, honoring outstanding efforts to improve the nutritional quality of school meals, and engage students and families in nutrition education.

A select number of Indiana school districts were honored, with Noblesville Schools receiving the second-highest number of awards in the state.

Noblesville Schools' four awards include:

1. Innovation in Nutrition Education – for connecting classroom, cafeteria, and community learning around healthy eating.

2. Innovation in the Preparation of School Meals – for introducing



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools
Shawnae Stidham is the Cafeteria Manager at Noblesville High School.

scratch-made recipes featuring local agricultural products and student input.

3. Breakfast Trailblazer – for expanding nutritious breakfast options made from scratch with local ingredients.

4. Lunch Trailblazer – for improving school lunch nutrition through sodium reduction and student engagement.

Heights Drama Department presents Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

The Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department invites the community to tumble down the rabbit hole and experience a bold adaptation of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.

This timeless tale has enchanted audiences for generations, and now it's being reimagined by the talented theatre arts students of Hamilton Heights.

This special production will transport the audience directly into Wonderland, immersing them in the madness of Alice's journey from the moment they step into the auditorium. Embrace the weirdness of Wonderland and experience it all as if you were Alice herself. This adaptation explores Alice's descent into madness as well as her journey toward finding peace within it.

Act I follows Alice's plunge into Wonderland, where she discovers she can become queen by reaching the final square on a chessboard. Along the way, she encounters bizarre creatures and lands at the infamous Mad Hatter's tea party.

Act II continues her quest through a bed of talking flowers, a chaotic courtroom trial, and a showdown with the Queen of Hearts. Will Alice find her way back to Dinah – or lose herself in the madness?

Directed by Hamilton Heights Theater Arts Teacher Brooks Myers, this student-led production transforms the high school stage and auditorium into a surreal Wonderland, where every twist and turn of Alice's journey is brought vividly to life. From set design and costuming to acting and backstage tech, students have shaped every aspect of the show, making this performance a true celebration of creativity, collaboration, and



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(TOP LEFT) Queen of Hearts (Ella Smith-Reynolds) and White Queen (Lillie Hooper). (TOP RIGHT) King of Hearts (Liam Shaffer) and Queen of Hearts (Ella Smith-Reynolds). (CENTER LEFT) Cheshire Cat (Kaylynn Miller) and Lory (Annalise Landis). (CENTER RIGHT) White Rabbit (Hannah England). (ABOVE LEFT) Card Soldier (Logan Delahr) and Fish Footman (Konnor Roberts). (ABOVE CENTER) Duchess (Zoe Wright). (ABOVE RIGHT) Knight (Charles Wedmore).

Get your tickets

When: Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in high school auditorium
Tickets: \$5. Available at the door 30 minutes before each performance (cash or card).

storytelling.

Please plan to attend for an unforgettable night of local talent, theatrical wonder, and a journey that's as curious as it is captivating. Wonderland awaits ... you won't want to miss it.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available online one week prior to the performances on the high school website. They will also be sold at the door starting 30 minutes before each perfor-

Cast and Crew

Alice	Chloe Westerfield
White Rabbit/March Hare	Hannah England
Mouse/Dormouse	Rory Craig
MockTurtle/Daisy/Cook	Mary Rogers
Rose/Dodo	Bonnie Brock
Lory/Lily	Annalise Landis
Red Queen	Millie Inman
White Queen/Tweedle Dum	Lillie Hooper
Queen of Hearts	Ella Smith-Reynolds
King of Hearts/Frog Footman	Liam Shaffer
Mad Hatter	Alexander Davis
Caterpillar/Knight	Charles Wedmore
Cheshire Cat/Sister	Kaylynn Miller
Humpty Dumpty	Maddy Pouch
Duchess/Knave	Zoe Wright
Tweedle Dee/Soldier 1/Fish Footman	Konnor Roberts
Soldier 2	Logan Delahr

Stage Managers: Maddy Pouch & Addison Webb
Lights/Sound: Adelynn Culp & Levi Stokes
Director: Brooks Myers

performance (cash or card). All proceeds benefit the High School Drama Department. Hamilton Heights High School is located at 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.

Paul Poteet... He just can't be beat!



New AED Save Station at Coxhall Gardens enhances visitor safety

The REPORTER

Visitors to Coxhall Gardens now have quick access to life-saving equipment thanks to the installation of a new AED Save Station near the Children's Garden. The project was made possible through the generosity of the Coxhall Guild, which donated the Save Station, and the Carmel Fire Department, which donated the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and Stop the Bleed Kit housed inside.

The station provides 24/7 access to critical emergency tools that can make the difference in cardiac or trauma situations, giving park guests and staff the ability to take immediate, life-saving action while waiting for first responders to arrive.

"We are so grateful to the Coxhall Guild and Carmel Fire Department for their ongoing partnership and commitment to public safety," said Chris Stice, Director of Hamilton County Parks and Recreation. "This installation reflects our shared dedication to creating safe, welcoming spaces for everyone who enjoys Coxhall Gardens."

The Coxhall Guild has long supported enhancements which include facility improvements, artwork installations such as sculptures and murals, and much more. Their



(FROM LEFT) Christopher Gullion (HCPR), Bruce Oldham (HCPR Deputy Director), Becky Cheetham (Coxhall Guild President), Chief Andrew Young (Carmel Fire Department), Chief Joel Thacker (Carmel Fire Department), Chris Stice (HCPR Director), and Erica Foreman (HCPR) celebrate the addition of an AED Save Station at Coxhall Gardens with a ribbon cutting.

Photos provided

latest contribution underscores their mission to ensure that Coxhall Gardens remains a safe and enjoyable destination for the community.

"Every minute counts in an emergency," said Chief Andrew Young of the Carmel Fire Department. "By making AEDs and trauma supplies accessible in public spaces like

Coxhall Gardens, we're empowering community members to act quickly and potentially save lives."

The new Save Station is part of Hamilton County Parks and Recreation's ongoing effort to enhance emergency readiness across its park system through community partnerships and proactive safety

initiatives. This year HCPR has installed eight AED Save Stations throughout various parks, providing the public with 24/7 access to life-saving equipment. In addition, all HCPR staff are trained in AED use, first aid, Narcan administration, Stop the Bleed response, and suicide prevention awareness.

Early bird

COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

I am a terrible sleeper. I always have been.

I was the kid at a sleepover who would lie awake for hours after everyone else had gone to sleep. Then, I would be the first to wake, lying there again, for hours, until one of my friends opened their eyes.

I had a lot of time to think.

While I do not like being a finicky sleeper, now I appreciate waking up at an early hour. The older I get, the more I appreciate it.

I live for a beautiful sunrise, often seen from my exercise therapy room.

When my kids were small, I coveted that early wake window. It was a moment of peace before the long hours of serving others. Although, as they started to get up earlier, it became harder to rise before them.

It seemed that the second my feet touched the ground, their little ears perked up, and they knew I was up. I would hear their little feet heading toward our bedroom. Oh, how I miss that sound!

We all have our reasons why waking up and facing the day may feel difficult. For me, each day I must prepare for my physical battle ahead. I cannot remember a day in my life when I did not have to do that.

Rising early gives me a little extra time to wrap my head around the physical difficulties I am going to face while doing my everyday work, chores, and everything in between.

The silence energizes me.

I am also the person who arrives early to an appointment or an event. Part of that is just my nature. The other part is that when I arrive somewhere, I need to mentally prepare and think about the place I am at.

A lot goes into just a trip into a store or an appointment. I think about any obstacles that I may face so I can try to mentally prepare. If it is a place I am familiar with, it helps to review it in my head before getting out of my car.

Some things I think about are flooring, steps, and the weight of doors to name a few. If it is raining, I need to be extra cautious. On windy days, I must decide if I can get inside without losing my balance. It takes extraordinarily little to knock me off balance.

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HEPL's LibraryCon! returns Nov. 15 with full day of fandom fun

Cosplay, comics, live music, gaming & more . . . all free for families & fans of every age

The REPORTER

The Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) invites fans of all ages to LibraryCon!, its second annual celebration of all things fandom, taking place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Fishers Library.

This free, family-friendly event will feature cosplay, fandom workshops, live performances, artist vendors, gaming, and more. Costumes are highly encouraged; guests can show off their look in the 360-degree photobooth or join a cosplay group photo op at 12:30 or 2:50 p.m.

"We're thrilled for the return of LibraryCon!," HEPL Adult Program Coordinator Danielle Acton said. "Our inaugural event last November drew an enthusiastic crowd of over 1,000 attendees of all ages, and the response from the community was incredible. Fan-favorite features like the Artist and Vendor Marketplace, 360-degree Photobooth, and live musical performances are back, and we've added some exciting new elements, too! LibraryCon! is a celebration of geeky fandoms, creativity, and community, and we can't wait to share it with everyone at HEPL."



Photos provided by Hamilton East Public Library

The first LibraryCon! was a massive success which brought more than 1,000 geeky fans to the Hamilton East Public Library.

Event highlights

- Hands-on workshops with professional cartoonist David Reddick and Maker-in-Residence Matt DeLoughery
- Miniature painting with Levi Huddleson (pre-registration required)
- Live music from *il Troubadore*, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, and Forward Motion members Eric

Salazar and Ashton Vickery performing Legend of Zelda music

- Trivia Showdown with prizes for the top teams
- Star Wars Indiana cosplayers roaming throughout the library
- Artist Alley & Marketplace featuring local artists, vendors, and creators
- Versiti Blood Drive – donors receive a gamer-themed

T-shirt and free book

All-day activities include board and video gaming, food trucks, face painting, Dungeons & Dragons sessions, a scavenger hunt with prizes, and a Random Fandom art exhibit featuring local fan artists.

LibraryCon! is free to attend. Some workshops and activities require pre-registration via the HEPL event calendar at hamiltoneastpl.org.

Sheridan volleyball's accomplishments in the past two years

COLUMNIST



ADRIA JUMP
Sheridan High School Student

Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade Accelerated English class, taught by Alicia Burnell.

Playing a sport is a privilege. An obvious end goal for the team is to keep winning and go as far as you can, but sometimes that doesn't happen. Only one team can win a game, while the other has to lose. At most, four teams can win a state title because volleyball is only 1A-4A, while other sports are 1A-6A.

Sometimes you have to focus on the little wins with your team and little accomplishments before you can celebrate the big wins.

I've played varsity volleyball at Sheridan for two years, and I have been able to create some of my most memorable moments with the girls. In the past two years alone, there have been many records broken and new milestones reached.

In the 2024-2025 season, we went into sectionals not really prepared and not knowing what to expect. We believed in ourselves, but it wasn't enough to win a sectional title. We lost in four sets against Lapel in the sectional championship, and just like that, it was the end of our season. But just because we didn't win sectionals like we had hoped doesn't mean good things didn't happen during the rest of our season.

In total, seven records were broken, and by several different people. Kenzie Garner broke the season block record with 56 blocks, as well as the career block record with 139 blocks. Trinity Parkin broke the career ace record, with 148 aces for her career. I contributed as well, breaking the season assist record with 608 assists. Nova Cross added on to her previous career assist record, with 1,186 in total. As a team, we broke the season record, ending the 2024-2025 season 19-11.

If that wasn't enough, the 2025-2026 season might have been even better. This year we went into sectionals with a chip on our shoulders, wanting to beat Lapel more than ever since we had never beaten them before. We had worked hard the week leading up, watching film on both Frankton and Lapel, and preparing ourselves for the games ahead.

We beat Frankton in five sets, and we were off for a couple hours to rest and prepare for the big game ahead.

Then it happened.

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Westfield Library Foundation's first Cowboy Carnival raises more than \$25K

Guests saddled up for night of fun to support Westfield Washington Public Library

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation's (WLF) first-ever Cowboy Carnival brought a little Wild West flair to the Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) Saturday night, Nov. 1 – raising more than \$25,000 to support innovative programs and services for library patrons.

The adults-only fundraiser treated guests to line dancing, live country music, BBQ, casino tables, ax throwing, and even a mechanical bull. The evening also marked the debut of the Foundation's annual Christmas Tree Raffle, featuring six professionally designed holiday trees available for bid throughout November.

"This event was every bit as fun as we imagined," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. "We had people two-stepping, cheering on the bull rid-



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Foundation Director Erin Downey delivers welcoming remarks. (ABOVE RIGHT) Library Director Sheryl Sollars tries her hand at the mechanical bull.

ers, and bidding on phenomenal silent auction items. You really couldn't ask for a better mix of fun and philanthropy."

Funds raised through the Cowboy Carnival will help WLF continue its mission to enhance library services and

fund innovative programming at WWPL.

"We're incredibly grateful for the Foundation's creativity and dedication, and for the overwhelming support from our community," WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said.

"Events like the Cowboy Carnival remind us how much people value their library and the experiences it makes possible."

For more information about WLF or to learn how to support future events, visit WestfieldLibraryFoundation.com.

Intentional holidays

This is the time of the year that the holidays are officially here, and we are in the midst of the busy days that are a marriage of tradition and memories. This is a very easy time of year to get swept away in the commitments that the holiday season brings that are often accompanied by stress and burn out.

I don't know about everyone else, but I know when I look at the calendar and see events stacked on top of events without a free weekend in sight, I begin to feel stressed and overwhelmed. In our family, from mid-October until the end of the year, it seems like we don't have a free weekend.

Now, don't get me wrong ... these are wonderful events spent with the people we love the most. That said, even when you're doing something fun with people you actually like, a busy calendar coupled with the holidays, and you throw in a cold for every member of the house, it leaves you feeling like you're running on empty by the time the season comes to a close.

How many times have you found yourself barely able to move from your couch during the week of Christmas to New Year? You know, those days when you don't remember the last shower you took and you're in pajamas from two nights ago. You beat up Netflix and round out the year watching murder documentaries. In fact, the thought of even having to speak to another human being outside the four walls of your own home is a daunting thought. In my house, we hibernate during this week. In fact, we also hide because we are so tired and need a reprieve from the chaos that has been the weeks and months leading up to the end of the year.

My husband and I both have been very intentional about our time this year with the holidays. We have re-evaluated each event and discussed and agreed on the non-negotiables and priorities. We have also trimmed the fat on certain events that were causing more stress than adding anything to our holiday experience. We decided to put our time, money, and energy into the events that really add value to the season.

It is very easy to find yourself on the hamster wheel trying to keep up with all of the obligations that come with having children this time of year. If it isn't a party, it's an event where you pay an obscene amount of money to participate in the name of memories made for your children and tradition. The same children who would be just as happy to stay home with a Happy Meal in pajamas and watch Disney+.

I know that whatever we do this season will be intentional. It will be with thought. It will be with the end goal of peace both of our mind, but also our spirit. It will be a re-focus on the actual reason we celebrate the holidays. Starting with Thanksgiving. It will be on the people around the table and not the tablescape and decorations.

We are doing a reset in this house one event at a time and rather than keeping up with a particular tradition, we will be safeguarding our time and mental well-being. We will be making sure that these memories we make with our children are for them and not a social media post for likes and attention. If it's not something that adds value to our life this season, it's up for reconsideration.

I've had to train my brain because sometimes I go to so much trouble to plan events for our family, especially our children, that I get us into a gridlock of non-stop plans. What I need to remind myself is that my children are not concerned with individual events or the amount of money we spent on specific events and toys. They want our time. They want our attention. They want to cuddle up and watch movies or play games. They aren't going to remember every aspect of their childhood, but they will remember if their parents were always stressed around the holidays and I refuse for that to be our holiday legacy.

I want them to remember a cozy home, holiday baking, decorating our house, hosting our loved ones, enjoying events with family, and knowing that the magic of the season is never isolated to a man in a red suit, but the miracle of the season itself.

I encourage you to be selective and intentional with your time this season. And remember that while you feel stressed and short of patience this season, so is everyone else. This is a hard time of year for many people. The holidays bring about a lot of memories, and oftentimes, people you deal with every day are struggling or grieving for someone they've lost or longing for a time from years prior.

Be gentle with yourself and the people you meet because you never know what someone else is going through. And don't ever forget your kids don't care about the majority of the things that you're stressed and worried about. They just want your presence.

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



MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

If you've ever stepped inside Qahwah House in Fishers, you'll know it's more than just a coffee shop, it's a cultural bridge brewed in a cup. The aroma greets you before the door even closes, wrapping you in warmth that feels both new and timeless.

"Qahwah" means coffee in Arabic, but here, it also means community. Founded in Michigan in 2017, Qahwah House brings the deep-rooted Yemeni coffee tradition to modern tables across continents – connecting Yemen to Indiana, and uniting Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas through one universal language: a good cup of coffee.

During my visit, I had the joy of speaking with their manager and a few team members, who were so generous in answering my endless questions.



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

They walked me through the history, the flavors, and the heart behind every brew – with genuine passion shining in their voices. It was clear: this wasn't just about coffee. It was about pride, purpose, and preserving culture.

Their Adeni chai, a soothing Yemeni spiced tea infused with cardamom, ginger, and cinnamon, tells a story in every sip – a story of home, heritage, and hospitality. Pair it with one of their honey-drenched pastries or the luscious Pistachio Dream Cake, as smooth and rich as cheesecake, and you'll find yourself savoring more than flavor – you're tasting history.

At the heart of it all sits the Dallah, the traditional Arabian coffee pot, a symbol of generosity and welcome. The Yemeni coffee beans they use are treated like treasures – handpicked,



Photos provided by Pooja Thakkar

sun-dried, and roasted to perfection. Each bean, like a piece of fine jewelry, carries centuries of tradition, resilience, and care.

In a world that often feels divided, Qahwah House reminds us that something as simple as coffee can connect continents and conversations. Whether you're sipping mocha in Michigan or chai in Fishers, you're part of a global table – one that invites ev-

eryone to slow down, share stories, and celebrate together.

Here's to a cup that unites the world, one pour at a time. Share your favorite coffee stories with tasteofcommunity25@gmail.com.

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

Better health starts with better sleep

"Be thy sleep silent as night is, and as deep." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I don't know about you, dear readers, but for me some things just bear repeating, thus I offer up a former column that I feel addresses an important issue

AND I have a hunch that my subject matter this week will resonate with a few of you.

Sleep ... the kind that lasts for several hours, renews brain and body functioning, leaving us awake and refreshed ... remember?

I am sure there are people reading this and unsure of why I would select this topic, and if you are one of those people – good for you! If you are under 40 reading this (and I do hope some of you are ...) you may not yet experience the joys of missed sleep! Hoosiers are tasked with clocks forward/clocks backward scenario twice annually and that can play a role in our sleep habits as well.



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

For most of my life sleep was never an issue: wash face, brush teeth, jammies, head on pillow, done.

And while I usually have no issues falling asleep, my brain sometimes knocks on my skull around 2 a.m. or so, maybe later or a bit earlier, saying, "Hey! Let's talk!" One never knows!

How common are sleep problems? Having trouble sleeping is commonly reported throughout the world. According to the American Sleep Association (AMA), sleep disorders currently affect as many as 50 to 70 million U.S. adults, and insomnia is the most frequently reported.

It is often accepted that since we are all different that our specific sleep needs are different, and of course that would apply to toddlers, adults, teenagers, etc. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, adults need seven or more hours of sleep per night for

the best health and wellbeing.¹ Short sleep duration is defined as less than seven hours of sleep per 24-hour period.

It is also commonly accepted that as we age our sleep habits and patterns change; I personally can attest to my own experiences thus far. So what is going on and how can we make the necessary changes to ensure that we have better sleep – therefore better health, stronger immune systems, increased cognitive abilities, and increased longevity?

Unfortunately, there are no "easy" answers to that question.

Many of the random articles you read, and I concur with their suggestions, advise us to turn off electronics of all kinds, make sure your bedroom is comfortably cool, no caffeine in hours leading up to your bedtime, keep the lighting off or very low, etc. Most of us are aware of these suggestions and follow them, as I do. However, the awakening issue persists, sigh. While, thankfully, this does not occur on a regular basis it occurs frequently enough

to further study the subject.

There is so much information about sleep issues and disorders that it can be confusing and unclear regarding how we can identify whether or not we should seek medical advice and/or make changes in our own habits and lifestyles which can benefit our bodies to get the proper rest it requires. It is important to seek the advice of your physician.

"I want to sleep but my brain won't stop talking to itself." – Garfield

¹Joint consensus statement of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and Sleep Research Society on the recommended amount of sleep for a healthy adult: methodology and discussion. *Sleep*. 2015; 38:1161-1183.

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

Be extra kind to retailers this season

As I pulled up to the Aldi parking lot at 8:25 last Wednesday morning, I was surprised to see at least 20 people waiting outside the door. Thanks to working for myself, I typically shop at Aldi right when they open on Wednesday mornings so I can be in and out as quickly as possible.

"Wow, this is a surprise ... what am I missing?" I asked a young woman.

"They're kicking off their Christmas sale items today," she replied.

Woah, I thought. *It's only November 5.* I then remembered commenting to my husband John last week how, as soon as Halloween ends, I'm amazed to see the stores shove aside the witches, ghosts, and goblins and bring out all things Christmas (well, the Christmas items have been in the



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

stores since August, but more in the back).

For me, I like to reserve my mindset for most of November for Thanksgiving. I do, however, go Christmas shopping at Edinburgh Outlet Mall one Saturday with girlfriends.

While checking out yesterday morning, I mentioned to my favorite Aldi employee, Conner, how surprised I was to see the rush so soon. He sighed.

"Yeah ... this is always our toughest time of year. My back hurts already," Conner replied. He was looking forward to having today and Friday off.

I wished him good luck during this crazy season and walked over to the counter to bag my groceries. As I was sorting through my items, I remembered my 2024 outlet mall trip with my friends.

We unfortunately witnessed a couple berating a clerk at a shoe store in November of last year. Well, it was more like the wife going off in a rage while her husband looked on in horror. Apparently, she was trying to return shoes she had already worn. I think most of us realize this is not something you can do, but this woman didn't have a clue.

The husband finally dragged his wife away, and I saw the tearful, flushed face of the young woman behind the counter. I marched right up to her, held her hand, and said, "I'm so sorry you had to go through that. She was in the wrong. I hope you have a much better day... and know that most of us really appreciate you."

I regretted not stepping in to say something earlier, but hoped my words eased her heart a bit. My friends made similar comments to her.

Folks, this should be a season of gratitude and kindness. Too of-

ten, we get caught up in the hype and stress of the holidays and forget about the millions who work so hard to help us be fed, comfortable, and festive.

Please ... share a smile and thank you when you see someone stocking a shelf. Tip your server a little extra at a restaurant. Tell a store manager how much you appreciate their employees, who often work nights and weekends while many of us are at home relaxing.

Be extra kind to retailers this season. Even if you do have a legitimate issue, put on your patience pants and show gratitude for their efforts. Maybe with more actions like these, Black Friday – or pre-Black Friday – won't be so dark after all.

Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a cat. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

EARLY

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Being an early bird serves me well. I am just like my dad. He is early everywhere he goes. If you too are an early bird, you know that there is a certain anxiety that comes with being late.

Being an early riser provides the predictability and structure for me that helps me thrive. It helps me to reduce stress from having to rush and helps me to better gage my energy stores for the day.

Connecting to a familiar rhythm is comforting to me. It feels safe.

Having a structured routine is key when living with a disability. It takes a mental load off that I do not need to carry, reducing the chaos in my mind.

The consistency of my routine helps me to build necessary confidence, while supporting

my desire to stay independent in as many areas of my life as possible.

Last week, I wrote about emotional fitness. This is part of that fitness routine.

While those late to sleep and early to rise sleepovers were not enjoyable, I do think it was all part of preparing me for managing my life with a disability in its own way.

Life has a way of teaching us what we need to know.

Until next time ...

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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We won sectionals for the first time ever. Additionally, we beat Lapel for the first time, and in a five-set match.

After we won sectionals, we prepared the same way to play Benton Central, watching film on them and practicing areas that we knew we could be better in. In the end, we lost to Benton Central in three sets, and once again, it was the end of our season.

Even though we lost, many good things came out of this season. We won sectionals for the first time in Sheridan school history and made it to regionals. Meredith Krupp broke the season dig record with 424 digs, as well as the career dig record with 1,232 digs in total. Lainey Mendenhall crushed the season kill record, with 404 kills. I also

beat a few records, including the season ace record with 95 aces, the career ace record with 144 aces and counting, and the career assist record with 1,207 assists and counting.

Another big thing that came out of this season was when I hit 1,000 assists. I was lucky enough for it to be a home game, making it even more memorable for me. On top of that, Krupp was able to hit 1,000 digs earlier in the season at an away game.

Although we didn't win regionals this year, I am so incredibly proud of the team and how far we have come, and the things we were able to accomplish. I am so grateful for everybody I've played with, and the team we were able to create.

Funding challenges & high school expansion focus of annual Noblesville State of the Schools Address

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools superintendent Dr. Daniel G. Hile presented his annual State of the Schools address Tuesday, Nov. 4 at Noblesville High School (NHS). The event was hosted in partnership with the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. Notably, this year's address saw the largest attendance of any State of the Schools address at NHS.

Hile reported that the district is facing serious funding challenges, including new state legislation that will reduce school funding, declining student enrollment demographics, increasing inflation, and the scheduled expiration of referendum funds in 2026.

He also noted several achievements for the district including:

- National recognition for STEM for the eighth year in a row
- National recognition for music education for the 11th year in a row
- Reduced tax rate for seventh year in a row
- Record five National Merit Scholars and two Lilly full-ride scholarships
- The NHS Class of 2025 had a 98 percent graduation rate and earned over \$5 million in scholarships
- Indiana School Resource Officer of the Year
- National color guard championship

The public was invited to tour the newly completed high school expansion and renovation spaces including welding and construction labs, engineering and medical classrooms, journalism studio, music rooms, and more. They heard from students and teachers about the impact these spaces have made



to expand hands-on, real-world learning. The new spaces were funded through a bond (loan) with no increase to the tax rate and no use of education or referendum dollars.

Other updates about the district included:

- Ongoing student mental health challenges
- An update on the Noblesville Schools Hall of Fame
- A collaboration with the City of Noblesville and the Noblesville Preservation Alliance to commemorate an 1850s school bell
- Construction project updates



Attendees were greeted by NHS cheerleaders and the Miller Man mascot when they arrived and enjoyed live music per-

formed by NHS students. Watch the video of Superintendent Hile's address on YouTube at tinyurl.com/4azhw9zk.



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Rock on, young NHS KISS fans!



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville High School will present its fall musical "The Next Generation School of Rock: The Musical" on Nov. 20, 21, and 22 at 7 p.m., with an additional show on Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. The event is open to the public and tickets are on sale now at tinyurl.com/NHSSchoolofrock. Ticket prices are \$15 and \$12.

Jeffrey Lenz

March 7, 1972 – October 31, 2025

Jeffrey Lenz, 53, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones, following a brave battle with a glioblastoma brain tumor.

He is survived by his beloved daughter, Dr. Alexa Lenz of Morgantown, W.V.; his devoted parents, Danny and Shirley Lenz; his siblings, Lisa (Josh) Schachterle and Matt (Leslie) Lenz; and his nephews, Ben and Aidan Schachterle and Connor and Brayden Lenz.

A proud graduate of Terre Haute North High School (Class of 1990) and Ball State University (Class of 1994), Jeff was known for his goofy spirit, infectious humor, and the joy he brought to everyone who knew him.

In accordance with his wishes, no services will be held. A memorial fund has been established with the Rotary Club of Carmel: carmelrotary.com/jeff-lenz-memorial.

Smith Funeral & Cremation Care of Westover, W.V. (304-292-9494) is providing compassionate professional services to the family, and condolences may be offered at smithfcc.com.

Carmel 2026 Arts Grant applications now open

Submitted by City of Carmel

Local arts organizations are invited to apply for a 2026 Arts Grant, a vital program that significantly contributes to the vibrancy, appeal and economic success of the Carmel community.

The grant application window is open now and closes Friday, Nov. 21.

The City Council has approved \$1.36 million in funding for the 2026 grant cycle.

The application process will be conducted entirely online again this year and has been streamlined to include a new, dedicated submission form at tinyurl.com/CarmelArtsGrant-Form.

Local arts groups are strongly encouraged to apply for funding. A requirement of receiving grant funds is that the applying group's board chair and key leadership members will actively participate in fiscal sustainability sessions with Hamilton County Community Foundation.

For more information and to access the online application and submission form, go to tinyurl.com/CarmelArtsGrant-Form.

Raymond Edward Leonard Jr.

December 30, 1938 – November 2, 2025

Raymond Edward Leonard Jr., was born on December 30, 1938 in Elwood, Ind. He lived a spirited and fulfilling life until his passing on November 2, 2025. Raymond was a pillar of his community in Arcadia, where he resided, and was known by many for his funny, loyal, and loving nature. His life was marked by his dedication to his work, his love for his hobbies and above all, his unwavering commitment to his family.

A dedicated route salesman, Raymond spent over 45 years serving his community, working with companies like Dean's Milk, Coca-Cola, Holsum Breads, and Vintage Spirits. Despite his long and successful career, Raymond's true joys in life were found outside the workplace. He loved golfing and bowling, watching golf tournaments on TV during his downtime, and camping. Raymond also cherished spending time with his grandchildren and following their sports teams. He was known for his help with Kevin's lawn care business, where he spent his retired years contributing to the family endeavor.

Raymond was a loving husband to Kathryn Leonard, whom he married on June 12, 1965. He was a beloved father to Cindy (Kevin) Hunter and Kim (Steve) Cunningham. He was a proud grandfather to Taylor (Brady) Kendall, Trevor Cunningham, and Raechel (Andrew) Hunter, and great-grandfather to Magnolia Kendall. Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Deloris Leonard; brothers, Thomas and Phillip Leonard; and great-grandson, Jack Kendall.

Visitation will take place at 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will follow at the same location at 6 p.m. with Pastor Dr. Rob Roloff officiating. For those who cannot attend in person, a live stream of the funeral service will be available at my.gather.app/remember/raymond-leonard-2025.

Raymond's family would like to extend a special thank you to Luminary Hospice and Portia at Harbor Manor Health and Living for their care and support. Memorial contributions in Raymond's name can be made to the Hamilton County Humane Society, a cause close to Raymond's heart.

We invite those who knew and loved Raymond to share their memories, stories, and photos on his memorial page. It is in sharing these precious moments that we keep Raymond's spirit alive.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Off to see the wizard



Reporter photo

Monday morning, Nov. 3, The Reporter was off to see the wizard. It turns out the yellow brick road led into the Adler Building in downtown Noblesville, past reception, up the staircase, and right into the Emerald City where a few lucky people were given a brain, a heart, courage, a chance to go home by clicking her heels, and in Toto's case, a rather serious haircut. Zech Yoder's Toto costume consisted entirely of a T-shirt. Happy belated Halloween, everyone. Next time you stop in to see Attorney Ray Adler in his office over the rainbow, take note of the Emerald City carpet.

Fishers now accepting applications for 2026 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant program

Submitted by City of Fishers

The City of Fishers is now accepting applications for the 2026 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program. Entering its 26th year, the program supports creative and innovative neighborhood projects that enhance the beauty, sustainability, and livability of Fishers.

The 80/20 matching grant program for homeowners associations and neighborhood groups provides up to \$25,000 in matching funds, with the grant recipient paying 20 percent of the project cost. The city has allocated \$400,000 from the 2026 budget to support the program.

Recent neighborhood projects included installing pollinator gardens, new athletic courts, landscape beautification, and ADA-accessible playgrounds and recreation spaces.

New in 2026, applicants with a completed reserve study will receive funding preference, and grant funds may now be used to support the completion of a reserve study as part of a project.

To learn more about the program and to apply, visit FishersIN.gov/Grants. Applications close on Jan. 23, 2026.



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Applications are available at Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St. Arcadia, IN 46030



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Applications will be accepted at the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 1st.

Have you lost a loved one? GriefShare can help

The REPORTER

When you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may dread the holiday season. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligations leave you anxious and overwhelmed.

Have you lost a loved one or know someone who will find it difficult to face the coming holidays? GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays seminar will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20 in Wesley Hall at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. Please enter through Door 7.

This seminar will be open to anyone experiencing grief after the loss of a loved one. The program offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season.

At this two-hour seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. Facilitators who have experienced grief-filled holidays will lead attendees in discussion of how to manage all holidays and special dates in your life now.

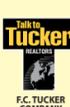
To find out more about GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, email Coleen Albright at coleen.albright58@gmail.com or call the church office at (317) 773-2500.

This program is free and no registration is necessary. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors who are struggling through grief. All attendees will receive a Holiday Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

<p>NEW LISTING! 112 Pinehurst Avenue FISHERS Stunning 3BR, 2BA brick ranch on .65 wooded acres in Fishers featuring a remodeled kitchen, vaulted great room, sunroom, deck, and heated garage on a peaceful private cul-de-sac. A slice of paradise! Improved Price \$574,900</p>	<p>SOLD! 21407 Hanstock Drive NOBLESVILLE Cozy 4BR/3BA home offers a soaring great room, granite kitchen, sunroom with wildlife views, and outdoor living spaces including pergola, firepit, and pond. Three-car garage completes this peaceful, convenient retreat. Listed at \$484,900</p>	<p>PENDING! 11405 Haverstick Road CARMEL This immaculate ranch in Carmel boasts hardwood floors, crown molding, a stone fireplace, and a relaxing sunroom. It sits on .37 acres, a four-minute walk to Woodbrook Elementary. Spotless basement and garage. Listed at \$409,900</p>	<p>PENDING! 19173 Fox Chase Drive NOBLESVILLE Welcome to Prairie Crossing! Charming 3BR/2BA ranch features a convenient split floor plan, woodburning fireplace, and laminate floors. The kitchen has a walk-in pantry. Screened porch, deck, privacy fence, and a new roof. Listed at \$289,900</p>	<p>NEW LISTING! 1307 CLIFF VIEW DRIVE WESTFIELD This 4BR/2.5BA home with a 3-car garage offers a covered front porch overlooking a pond. Flexible living spaces, a 2-story great room with fireplace, and a spacious kitchen. Primary bedroom features a spa-like bath. Listed at \$499,900</p>	<p>NEW LISTING! 5224 BRAMWELL LANE WHITESTOWN This 3-year-old home is better than new and gently lived in. Enjoy an oversized great room, vaulted ceilings, and a primary suite with a beautiful bath. All appliances and blinds are included. Just unpack and enjoy! Listed at \$339,900</p>
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Girls Soccer State Finals

Winning is fun: Royals beat Hounds for first-ever state title

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

INDIANAPOLIS – Fourteen years was long enough.

For the first time in program history, the Hamilton Southeastern girls soccer program achieved its “ultimate goal,” and it took one late-clutch goal Saturday, Nov. 1 during the IHSAA state finals to finish the job.

Making their first state finals appearance since 2011, the top-ranked Class 3A Royals (22-0-1) found an opportunity in the 75th minute against third-ranked Carmel (19-3-1) at Michael A. Carroll Stadium, and senior forward Riley Boyd didn’t miss.

With HSE caught in a scoreless tie during its backyard brawl against county rival Carmel, a clearing miscue by Greyhound goalkeeper Gwyneth Provost just outside the penalty area that struck a defender supplied Boyd with a shot at state-championship immortality.

As the ball bounced free, and even deeper into the penalty area, both Boyd and Provost sprinted to possess, but a right-footed strike pushed the ball more than 15 yards and slowly into the back of the net.

“I was nervous because I had the wide-open goal, and it’s not like I hesitated, but I was a little slow to kick it. I thought she was going to get it,” Boyd said. “She tried diving for it, and luckily, it went right past here and just trickled into the goal.”

As Boyd raised her arms in celebration with 5:36 remaining, the weight of the Royals’ past steadily lifted following 12 years of sectional setbacks – primarily against archrival Noblesville – and season upon season of woulda, coulda, shoulda.

“I think it was just frustration that got to us, and we knew we were the team to get this done, and



(TOP) The Hamilton Southeastern girls soccer team won its first-ever state championship on Saturday, Nov. 1 at IU Indianapolis’ Michael A. Carroll Stadium. The Royals beat Carmel 1-0. **(ABOVE)** Carmel finished as runner-up at state. It was the 17th time the Greyhounds have reached a state championship game.

we wanted it more than anything,” Boyd said. “I think the motivation we kept on the field and off the field, through practice and throughout school, we just kept it going.”

HSE reached the 2A semi-state in 2012 with a chance at a repeat state finals berth, but the Royals fell short after losing to Carmel, 1-0, in the previous 2A state championship game.

This time, the Royals prevailed, winning their ninth straight game and first-ever state title while handing the Greyhounds their fourth consecutive state finals loss – each by one goal.

“It was a misplayed ball. No one’s fault. Shouldn’t have happened, but it happens,” Carmel coach John Simmonds said. “We could have fin-

ished some chances and not had to worry about that costing us the game, so it’s on us, and we’ll accept it.”

The Royals locked in to protect their lead by recording their 18th shutout victory and junior goalkeeper Hannah Dodge’s 16th clean sheet of the season.

“One thing we talk about is next five, which is keeping up the tempo for the next five minutes,” HSE senior Sloane May said. “Just putting in that last effort and every ounce of effort in every scenario.”

Dodge provided the effort with six saves, specifically in the 58th minute, as Carmel attacked with nine of their 12 shots in the second half.

Carmel senior Adalyn Cameron launched one of her four shots on goal at Dodge, who reacted with a kick save to maintain the scoreless tie.

“It was kind of unreal. I just, honestly, kicked my leg out for the best. When it’s that close, you just kind of do what you can and hope that you make the save,” Dodge said. “I wonder how I do that sometimes? Yeah, go back and watch it, put it in my highlight reel.”

HSE fired six shots

each period and five shots on goal, while both teams nearly split possession throughout the tug-of-war rematch.

On Aug. 16, the Royals won 3-1 over the Greyhounds. At the state finals, HSE entered the match ranked No. 1 in the nation by MaxPreps. Carmel was ranked third in the nation.

“I knew that Carmel had improved since we had seen them,” HSE coach Greg Davidson said. “But I know our girls, the environment did not overwhelm them. They came to play.”

The team’s traditional pregame brunch mentally kept the HSE players loose. For Davidson, 29 years of frustration were quelled by his support network.

Once Davidson held the championship trophy, gratitude overcame the 30-year coaching veteran, who collected his first-career state title.

“I just thank God for giving me the energy and the mindset and the love of the game to keep going on. I thank my family for continuing to support me,” Davidson said. “You get close in 2011 ... but I truly believe that we were the best team in the state this year.”



Photo by Richard Torres
Hamilton Southeastern’s Blair Satterfield won the Mental Attitude Award for girls soccer.

HSE’s Satterfield wins Mental Attitude Award

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

INDIANAPOLIS – The Hamilton Southeastern Royals completed the sweep during the Class 3A IHSAA girls soccer state finals at Michael A. Carroll Stadium on Saturday night.

After the top-ranked Royals won their first-ever state title, senior Blair Satterfield was named the Theresia Wynns Mental Attitude Award recipient.

The honor is reserved for an outstanding senior student-athlete based on excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in soccer. Satterfield was nominated by her principal and coach for the distinction.

An Indiana University commit, Satterfield is ranked 126th in her class of 825 students and is an HSE Blue Crew Leader, in addition to serving as a member of HSE’s student government, student athletic council and Project Lead the Way.

A team captain and an academic all-state honoree, Blair is the daughter of Brian and Deb Satterfield. She intends to study nursing at Indiana University in Bloomington.

“I’ve had so many people pour into me over these past four years,” Satterfield said. “I could never do that on my own. It’s all the people around me that have allowed me to get this moment.”

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance presented a \$1,000 scholarship to the general scholarship fund at Hamilton Southeastern High School in the name of Blair Satterfield.

Greyhounds make no excuses

One goal, one second-half mistake is the only thing that stood between the third-ranked 3A Carmel Greyhounds and an 11th girls soccer state title in program history.

With a state-leading 10 titles to their credit, the Greyhounds were halted in their pursuit by a misplayed ball near their own penalty area during the 75th minute, which resulted in HSE’s 1-0 victory.

The shutout loss was Carmel’s first of the year, and unfortunately its fourth straight state finals defeat in 17 state finals appearances since 1994.

In six classification state finals, the Greyhounds are 2-4 with one-goal margins deciding the outcome in each.

Carmel defeated HSE, 1-0, in 2011 to win their first 2A title. The Greyhounds beat Homestead, 2-1, in overtime, to claim the 3A title in 2018.

In 2014, Fishers defeated Carmel, 1-0, for the 3A championship, and 3A Noblesville bested Carmel, 1-0, twice in the 2019 and 2022 state finals. Homestead won the 2021 state title with a 2-1 win over Carmel.

“We talked about it this morning. This is our 118th day. That’s one-third of the year of 2025 that we’ve been together and trained. They’re family,” Carmel coach John Simmonds said. “It meant a lot to the kids to get to the state championship. We got here, but it’s not what we wanted, second place. But we’ll take it and accept it, be proud, learn from it, and we’ll be back next year.”

Self, Baker recognized as Champions of Education

During the 32nd annual IHSAA boys and girls soccer state finals, Hamilton Southeastern High School athletic director Jim Self and Carmel High School instructional assistant Carla Baker were both presented with the IHSAA Champion of Education Award.

The recognition, sponsored by Ivy Tech Community College, is awarded to teachers and faculty who go above and beyond to challenge students to reach their full potential, according to the IHSAA.

Baker also serves as an assistant girls soccer and lacrosse coach at Carmel.

Each honoree received a \$250 donation to their respective classrooms.

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Westfield, Fishers, Sheridan repeat as sectional champions

(TOP RIGHT) The Westfield football team won its sixth consecutive Sectional 3 championship in dramatic fashion Friday, Nov. 7. The Class 6A No. 5 Shamrocks held off host No. 2 Carmel 23-20 in overtime. The game was tied 17-17 after regulation. Matt Obermeier kicked a field goal to put the Greyhounds up 20-17. Westfield was down to its last play on fourth-and-4, but Aiden Grabowski lobbed a pass to Baylor Conner for the winning touchdown. Westfield is 9-2 and hosts Fishers for the Regional 2 championship this Friday. Carmel finished its season 9-2. (BOTTOM RIGHT) Fishers won a Mudsoc battle with Hamilton Southeastern 28-20 to claim the Sectional 3 championship. The No. 9 Tigers' Ryan Thembumbu scored three touchdowns, including two in the middle of the fourth quarter that clinched the victory for Fishers. The Tigers are 8-3 and plays at Westfield for the Regional 2 championship. Southeastern finished its season 6-5.



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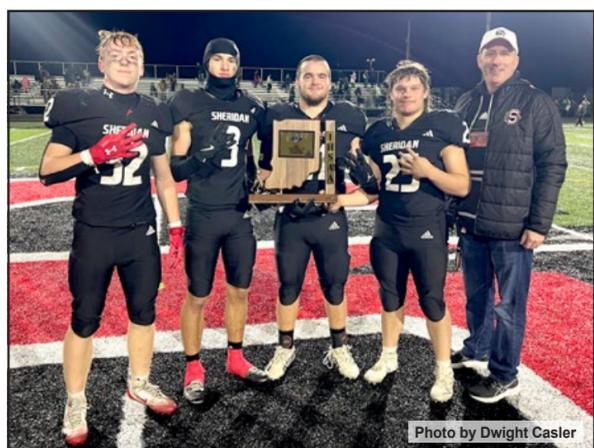


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(ABOVE LEFT) Sheridan beat Cloverdale 14-7 at Bud Wright Stadium, winning its fourth consecutive Sectional 46 title. Senior Jon Barnes scored the Blackhawks' game-winning touchdown with a 21-yard run in the third quarter. Sheridan is 8-2 and plays the Regional 23 championship this Friday at 1A No. 2 South Putnam. (ABOVE RIGHT) Guerin Catholic lost to 3A No. 3 Cascade 49-21 in the Sectional 29 championship game. Pictured is Quentin Klee for the Golden Eagles, who finished their season 7-5.

Volleyball



Photos by Dwight Casler

(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield brought a large crowd to Rochester on Saturday, Nov. 1 to cheer the Shamrocks volleyball team as it played Fort Wayne Carroll in the Class 4A north semi-state. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield's Carsyn Comer serves the ball.



Photos by Bob Cross

(LEFT) Hamilton Heights' Addie Doak made 17 digs for the Huskies during their semi-state semifinal game with Bishop Dwenger. (RIGHT) Heights' Reece Blanton dished out 11 assists.

Rocks, Huskies fall in semi-state

The REPORTER

The Westfield volleyball team saw its season come to an end Saturday, Nov. 1 with a hard-fought, five-set loss to Fort Wayne Carroll in the semifinals of the Class 4A north semi-state at Rochester. The top-ranked Chargers edged out the No. 2 Shamrocks 23-25, 26-24, 25-17, 20-25, 15-8. Carroll beat Crown Point in four sets for the championship and plays Plainfield this Saturday for the 4A state title.

Senior Georgia Bresnahan hit 17 kills for the Rocks, followed by junior Paige Rudolph with 12 and Carsyn Comer with 10. Junior Kendl Strack hit four aces. Junior Emily Blevins dished out 29 assists, while junior Kenna Robinson handed out 24 assists.

Strack made 19 digs on defense, with sophomore Brooke Neale collecting 11 digs. Bresnahan made three

total blocks. Westfield finished its season with a 26-2 record, including sectional and regional titles.

Hamilton Heights was swept by Bishop Dwenger in the semifinals of the Class 3A semi-state at Huntington North. The set scores were 25-19, 25-15, 25-19. The Saints beat NorthWood in four sets to win the championship and will play No. 1 Roncalli for the 3A state championship.

Senior Macie Smith hit 13 kills for the No. 9 Huskies. Senior Sierra Bramel handed out 13 assists, with junior Reece Blanton providing 11 assists. Junior Addie Doak had 17 digs, followed by eight for Smith.

Heights finished its season 23-9, also winning sectional and regional championships.

Boys Soccer State Finals

Carmel's journey finishes with state title

By **RICHIE HALL**
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INDIANAPOLIS — The 2025 season for the Carmel boys soccer team was definitely a journey.

The Greyhounds were not ranked in the pre-season poll that came out a few days before the season began in August. Rather than get upset, Carmel just won games.

And the Greyhounds kept winning. They won in the regular season and they won in the post-season, including the biggest game of all Saturday, Nov. 1 at IU Indianapolis' Michael A. Carroll Stadium.

Carmel won the Class 3A state championship that night, beating Harrison 3-1. The Greyhounds came into the game ranked No. 2 in the state and convincingly defeated the No. 5-ranked Raiders, who won last year's 3A championship.

"It's really hard to beat a team twice, especially a team like Harrison," said Carmel senior Curtis Droste. The Hounds also won the regular-season contest over the Raiders, 1-0 on Sept. 30.

"They get all the credit,"



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

The Carmel boys soccer team won its first state championship since 2006, beating defending 3A state champion Harrison 3-1 Saturday, Nov. 1.

said Droste. "Making it to two finals in a row, winning one of them is incredible."

Droste scored the first Carmel goal during the game's 12th minute. Owen Price sent a corner kick to the middle and Alex Rubin headed it to Droste, who kicked it into the net from just outside the goal box.

Droste said that team unity was "the biggest X factor" when it came to Carmel's victory, "just coming together and wanting to win every single minute. Every single minute, we were battling, every second we were battling. All those first balls and all those second balls."

Harrison's Connor Lange tied the game in the

21st minute, off an assist by Franklin Caceres. It was the first goal the Greyhounds had given up since Sept. 23, a streak of nine straight shutouts.

The game was not tied for long, however. The Raiders were called for a penalty kick in the 25th minute, which Rubin easily sent into the net for the go-ahead goal.

Carmel's third goal came in the 65th minute. Quinn Wu sent the ball from the middle to Troy Enslin on the right side. Enslin kicked it to Evan Bardos, who was in the goal box. Bardos emphatically kicked the ball in the net, giving him his seventh goal of the season.

All three of Carmel's goal scorers at state are seniors.

"The leadership on our team, it just comes down to our three captains and all the seniors," said Bardos. "We like to way lead the way for the future of our program. We want to leave a print on this program. It ends with our year and then it moves on through everyone who's played with us, whether it's juniors or sophomores."

The Hounds outshot Harrison 15-9, with Wu leading that category by taking six shots, three on goal. Droste and Bardos both made three shots, followed by one each for Gavin

Fleming, Price and Rubin — they're all seniors, too.

Junior Gray Morgan made six saves for Carmel. The Hounds had eight corner kicks to Harrison's two.

"Gray was fantastic," said Greyhounds coach Shane Schmidt. "I couldn't be more proud. He was awesome. He's only a junior, so he gets to come back and be a part of it next year."

The state victory was the second in history for the Greyhounds. Carmel won its other state title in 2006, when Shane Schmidt was still an assistant coach. Schmidt became the head coach for the Greyhounds the next year.

"I'm 17 and we have not won a state championship in 19 years," said Droste. "That's older than me. And he's been the head coach for now 19 years, and to see him get his first one as a head coach, I'm not even going to lie. I think he wanted it more than anyone out there today."

Schmidt was pumped up after the win, then gave credit to everyone else.

"They do all the work," he said. "I can't be more proud of my coaching staff, Felix [Yau] and Joel [Haynie] and Henry [Giesel] and Sam [Kramer] and all the boys. They deserve all the credit for this stuff, I just get to be a part of it."

Girls Wrestling



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights' Maya Tottleben won an exhibition match after varsity action concluded at the Huskies' dual meet with Elwood on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Huskies start season with win

By **RICHIE HALL**
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ARCADIA — The Hamilton Heights girls wrestling team began its season with a dual-meet victory Wednesday, Nov. 5 in its home gym.

The Huskies edged out Elwood 24-23. Two Heights wrestlers won by pin: sophomores Diana Galt at 170 pounds and sophomore Natalie Head at 190 pounds. (She is listed at 170 pounds, but competed in a different weight class at the meet.)

The Huskies also picked up forfeit wins from sopho-

more Maya Tottleben at 135 pounds and senior Izzy Bailey at 155 pounds.

"It gave the girls a good feel to know what it feels like to win and start the season strong," said Heights coach Markaela Pugh. "I feel like that's a good note to start on."

A handful of wrestlers also competed in exhibition matches after the varsity action was done to gain some extra match experience. Heights has a very young team this year: Bailey and Audrey Lang (155 pounds)

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Girls Basketball

Golden Eagles open season with home win over Yorktown

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The Tuesday, Nov. 4 season opener couldn't have gone any better for the Guerin Catholic girls basketball team. A mix of experience and youth helped carry the Golden Eagles throughout for a season-opening 58-46 win over Yorktown.

Yorktown got out to a 4-0 lead, but Guerin tied it up three different times and grabbed their first lead (10-9). The Tigers took an 11-10 edge and went up 15-12 after the first eight minutes.

The visitors' lead grew to 17-12 with two straight buckets to begin the second. Then, Guerin went on a 10-0 run. Freshman Cecilia Titus knocked down a pair of confident three-pointers, along with classmate Lauren Keller and sophomore Rachel Behrle making field goals for a 22-19 lead.

"We knew this group coming in was special," said fourth-year Guerin Catholic head coach Danielle Cardinal. "We started a youth program several years back. There are kids who have come through, but this is the first group that really committed, played and all got

to play together. So, I think that's huge when you have a bunch of kids who can play together, youthfully, and that was really helpful."

Yorktown briefly went back in front, 23-22, but Caroline Ford helped jumpstart a 13-0 Golden Eagle run to end the second quarter to secure a 35-23 half-time lead.

The Golden Eagles group was dialed in to end the first half and it was obvious that this team has chemistry and has fun while succeeding on the basketball court.

"A lot of them come from basketball families, which is also helpful. It's not often in this day and age with Netflix and YouTube and all of these things that they actually want to watch basketball," Cardinal added jokingly. "They all watch basketball. They like basketball. So, we knew we had a special group coming in."

The Golden Eagles' lead never got smaller than six in the second half. Yorktown was as close as 38-32. From that point on, Guerin Catholic's lead gradually grew.

Leading 41-32, Guerin kept building throughout the fourth quarter. They led by as many as 16 midway

A look at the season ahead for Guerin Catholic . . .

This group is a highly motivated and talented group that looks to make some noise throughout the season and into the state tournament.

"We can see with LG, Titus and Lauren. We have good shooters," Cardinal stated. "So, you've got good shooters and people who understand the game. They're athletes and willing to work."

Depth will help this squad and it also helps that the youngsters aren't afraid to dive right in and contribute.

Cardinal also commented on Guerin's schedule.

"Our conference is brutal. Chatard, Roncalli and Brebeuf will all have banner years," said Cardinal. "We have to have a great night. They have to have a bad night and we still might get our teeth kicked in. In the next three years, we're talking to Roncalli and say, Guerin Catholic is really good. I don't like to shy away from these games that will be really tough for us, because it teaches the kids so much."

through the period and kept it steady for a 12-point victory to open the season.

"They have high IQs. They have high motors. And then they all like it, so they've worked at it," Cardinal said. "This is the first time that we have 13 kids that know how to play the game as freshmen, that we're not teaching rules to. They all know how to play and we're getting to teach high-level stuff."

Yorktown (0-1) was led

by Lilly Sylvester's 18 and also got a solid game from Olivia Conklin scoring 16.

Guerin Catholic (1-0) was balanced offensively. Freshman LG Rockwood led with a team-high 14, followed by freshman Cecilia Titus and junior Caroline Ford both scored 12. Two other freshmen in Lauren Keller and Ella Horvath both had seven, along with sophomore Rachel Behrle (4) and freshman Danielle Cardinal (2) contributing.

Royals cruise past Wildcats in first game

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern recovered from a slow start to easily win its season-opener Thursday, Nov. 7 at Lawrence North.

The Royals beat the defending 4A state champion Wildcats 57-26. Lawrence North led 8-0 to begin the game, but Southeastern blasted off after that, going on a 20-2 run that extended into the second quarter. The Royals led 29-13 at half-time, with Antonette Green hitting a half-court shot at the buzzer.

Southeastern continued to dominate in the third

quarter, holding the Wildcats scoreless during the first five minutes of the period. The Royals outscored LN 25-9 in the third for a 54-23 lead.

Sophomore Piper Brinley led the scoring with 15 points, including five 3-pointers. Kayla Stidham (13 points) and Kennedy Holman (11 points) joined her in double figures. Holman collected seven rebounds, followed by Stidham with six and Abby Orme with five.

Stidham dished out five assists, while Holman provided four assists. Brinley and Stidham both made four steals.

Greyhounds fall to Bears

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls basketball team traveled to Lawrence Central on Thursday, Nov. 6 and fell in their season-opener 67-49 against the Bears.

Lawrence Central jumped out to a 23-10 lead after the first quarter and held a 41-21 advantage at halftime. Carmel's Layla Abdo hit two 3-pointers in the first quarter, while

Taylee Fisher added five second-quarter points.

The Hounds played even with LC in the second half, outscoring them 12-8 in the third quarter. Natalie Whelan-Edwards scored five points in the third quarter, while Fisher had a solid fourth quarter, scoring nine points.

Fisher led Carmel with 17 points, while Whelan-Edwards added nine points.

Blazers drop opener to tough Lapel

By RICHIE HALL
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The University girls basketball team began its season with a tough assignment Thursday, Nov. 6 at the U Center.

The Trailblazers took on Lapel, a team which received votes in the Class 2A pre-season poll. University fought hard against the Bulldogs and their Butler-bound star Laniah Willis before falling 54-33.

This year's Blazers team is a mix of six seniors, five freshmen and one junior. Third-year University coach Lisa Pryor said the three freshmen that played "stepped up and did the things that we asked them to do. I saw a lot of good things with that."

Lapel led 14-6 late in the first quarter before the Trailblazers cut the lead to 14-11 going into the second quarter. The Bulldogs began to pull away in the second to

take a 32-20 halftime lead, then extended that advantage to 50-26 after three periods.

Seniors Sydney and Gabby Culp led the way in the first half. Sydney scored 10 points, including one 3-pointer in both the first and second quarters. Gabby added six points on her way to a team-leading 13 points for the game. Gabby Culp scored in every quarter.

Other senior players returning are Leah Norvell and Mack Feeney, who scored five and two points respectively in the game.

"I'm excited to see how they gel with the freshmen and how it all comes together," said Pryor.

The freshmen are a talented bunch. Nyla Blanding started and scored two points, making a basket in the second quarter. Brooke Henderson, a 6-foot center, played solid minutes, especially in the fourth quarter.

University is a unique team this year, with so many



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
University's Nyla Blanding (center) is one of three freshmen that played for the Trailblazers during their season-opening game against Lapel on Thursday, Nov. 6. At right (#32) is Leah Norvell, one of the seniors on University's team.

seniors playing with so many freshmen. As a result, Pryor is looking for her seniors to provide leadership for the young Trailblazers.

"I've actually given them a lot of that responsibility," said Pryor. "This is your team. We're going to go as you want it to go. If you want it to go well, you're going to do what you need to do to get those girls on the same page as quickly as you can."

Pryor said those senior players are "learning how to teach people, which I think is going to help them throughout the rest of their lives."

Tigers win opener at Ben Davis

The REPORTER

Fishers began its season with a solid 54-36 win Tuesday, Nov. 4 at Ben Davis.

The Tigers dominated the first half, leading 13-4 after the opening quarter and 27-11 at halftime. Junior Lillian Burns scored eight points, including two 3-pointers, while sophomore Ella Burleson added seven points.

Burleson drained two triples in the third quarter, which

University is playing a challenging schedule, as over half the teams on the 2A Trailblazers' game card are 3A or 4A schools. University hosts 4A Lafayette Jefferson at 1 p.m. Saturday, then plays three road games next week, at 3A Danville, 3A Tri-West and 4A Muncie Central.

"It'll be a true test of character," said Pryor. "Resilience. How well can we do what we need to and regroup and take care of our bodies and do it again. The hope is, we will have to do that at the end of January, so let's see what that's like now."

helped the Tigers stay on top 43-27 by the end of the period. Natalie Thomas scored six points, then added another five in the fourth quarter.

Both Burleson and Thomas scored in each quarter. Thomas finished the game with 15 points, while Burleson contributed 14 points, totaling three 3s.

Fishers goes back on the road Saturday, playing at Center Grove.

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

Additional appropriations to be added:

101	General Fund – Police Department	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Personal Services	\$230,766
101	General Fund – Facilities and Events Department	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Personal Services	\$91,000
101	General Fund – IT Department	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Services and Charges	\$40,000
101	General Fund – Human Resources Department	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Personal Services	\$45,000
	Services and Charges	\$77,045
	TOTAL for General Fund	\$483,811
103	Fire Fund	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Capital Outlay	\$50,000
	TOTAL for Fire Fund	\$50,000
204	Park Impact Fund	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Services and Charges	\$965,000
	TOTAL for Park Impact Fund	\$965,000
239	Law Enforcement Fund	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Capital Outlays	\$70,000
	TOTAL for Law Enforcement Fund	\$70,000
241	Police Donation Fund	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Services and Charges	\$11,510
	TOTAL for Police Donation Fund	\$11,510
272	Police Vehicle Fund	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Capital Outlays	\$73,021
	TOTAL for Police Vehicle Fund	\$73,021
251	Communication Program Fund	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Services and Charges	\$12,000
	TOTAL for Police Vehicle Fund	\$12,000
255	F&E Programming/Events Fund	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Services and Charges	\$250,000
	TOTAL for Police Vehicle Fund	\$250,000
264	Road Impact Fund	
	Major Budget Classification:	
	Capital Outlays	\$1,080,000
	TOTAL for Road Impact Fund	\$1,080,000

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JONATHAN JINKS)
Defendants.)

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Facsimile: (317) 458-1785
Email: rcate@rileycate.com
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are the only seniors and Amaelia Cordero Ballinger (155) is the lone junior.

After that, the Huskies have seven sophomores and a freshman, Sophie Smith-Bailey (190). But, Pugh pointed out that everyone on the Heights team is a returning wrestler, except for Lang and Smith-Bailey.

Other sophomores on the team are Madeline McKinney (100), Rae Trent (135), Cora Flack (145) and Ali Morris (235).

"They're a tough team,"

said Pugh. "They work hard, they want to win, so they grind it out every practice and I can't be more proud of them."

Heights wrestled at the New Palestine Invitational on Saturday, Nov. 8, one of several big tournaments for the Huskies. Others include the Bronco Fall Classic on Nov. 15 at Daleville and the "Wrestlemania" Super Conference tournament Dec. 20 at Kokomo.

Heights will host one of the wrestling sectionals this

season, on Friday, Jan. 2, something that Pugh is "super excited" about. As a freshman, Pugh competed in the first women's wrestling state tournament at Hamilton Heights; she won the 106-pound state championship.

"Now I get to see it from a different standpoint," said Pugh. "Instead of an athlete, now I'm a coach. I'm just super excited and hopefully we'll bring out a lot of fans, that they can feel that feeling again one more time before we wrap the season up."

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COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA IN HENDRICKS SUPERIOR COURT 1
COUNTY OF HENDRICKS CAUSE NO 32D01-2506-PL-000088
MAPLE LANE PROPERTIES, LLC
Plaintiff
v
PAIGE AND ROSE PROPERTIES LLC
and JUSTIN BUCHANAN
Defendants

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named: You are notified that a suit has been filed in the Court named above under the title Maple Lane Properties, LLC v Paige and Rose Properties, LLC and Justin Buchanan.

The nature of the suit is:
Count I: Breach of Contract by way of a promissory note.
Count II: Breach of Mortgage.
Count III: Piercing the Corporate Veil

To the following Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown, Paige and Rose Properties, LLC and Justin Buchanan: 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, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Published Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered for what the plaintiff had demanded.

The name and address of the Attorney representing the Plaintiff is:
Destini Anderson, No. 37328-49
Eglen + Anderson
8103 E. US Hwy 36, No. 198
Avon, IN 46123
Phone: 317-451-9124
Fax: 317-800-6192
Email: destini@eglenanderson.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

Hendricks County Clerk
10/27/25, 11/3/25, 11/10/25

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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) SS:
WILSON VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF W. MARC MCNICHOLL,
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS
NOMINEE FOR ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC FKA QUICKEN LOANS,
LLC, THE UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS,
Defendants.

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 for reducing past homeowner's association dues to judgment and foreclosing the homeowner association's lien upon the following described real property located in Hamilton County, Indiana, commonly known as 47 Terrace Court, Carmel, Indiana 46032, to-wit:

Unit Number 47 on Terrace Court, in Wilson Village Condominiums Horizontal Property Regime, as per Declaration of Horizontal Property Regime and of Easements, Restrictions, Covenants and By-Laws for Wilson Village Condominium Association, Inc., recorded January 4, 1980 as Instrument Number 4525 and in Book 159, Pages 659-718, and Special Amendment of Declaration recorded October 1, 1981 as Instrument Number 29763, and in Book 166, Pages 718-728 and plat and as-built floor plans recorded in Plat Book 8, Pages 42-61, and amended by First Plat Amendment recorded January 29, 1986 in Plat Book 12, Page 113, Second Plat Amendment recorded July 17, 1986 in Plat Book 13, Page 14, and Amended Third Plat Amendment recorded August 25, 1987 in Plat Book 14, Page 69, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Areas as set forth in the Declaration. Parcel No. 16-09-25-03-10-059.000

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendant(s) whose addresses are:
The Unknown Occupants, 47 Terrace Court, Carmel, IN 46032
and to the following Defendant(s) whose whereabouts and/or name are unknown:

The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of W. Marc McNicholl

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, on or before the 17th day of December, 2025, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

Gregory A. Chandler, #27057-49
Attorney for Plaintiff
EADS MURRAY & PUGH, P.C.
9515 East 59th Street, Suite B
Indianapolis, IN 46216
(317) 536-2565

ATTEST:
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit and Superior Courts
11/3/25, 11/10/25, 11/17/25

R6975

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2506-MI-7265
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF:
SEAN MICHAEL MAY

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, SEAN MICHAEL MAY pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name from SEAN MICHAEL MAY to SABBINA MICHELLE MAY. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on February 20, 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. Date: October 17, 2025

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
10/27/25, 11/3/25, 11/10/25

R6931

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2507-MI-7321
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
RYAN CATHERINE SWEeley

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, RYAN CATHERINE SWEeley pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from RYAN CATHERINE SWEeley to CONOR RYAN SWEeley. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on February 20, 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. Date: October 13, 2025

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
10/27/25, 11/3/25, 11/10/25

R6932

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2510-MI-11388
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Victor Reed Hammack-McCarty
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Victor Reed Hammack-McCarty, whose mailing address is: 1443 Hazy Falls Blvd Westfield, Indiana 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Victor Reed Hammack-McCarty has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Probate Court requesting that name be changed to Victor Reed McCarty.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: February 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Victor Reed Hammack-McCarty
Petitioner
Date: October 17, 2025

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
10/27/25, 11/3/25, 11/10/25

R6948

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013564
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Megan Kali Atwell
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Megan Kali Atwell, whose mailing address is: 15059 Bainbridge Court Westfield, Indiana 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Megan Kali Atwell has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Probate Court requesting that name be changed to Kali Meunier Weintraut.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: December 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Megan Kali Atwell
Petitioner
Date: September 4, 2025

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
10/27/25, 11/3/25, 11/10/25

R6870

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2505-MI-005567
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
Trepna Samwael
Name of Minor
Mary Boules
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Mary Boules, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change the name of Trepna Samwael to William Samuel.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on March 20, 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. Date: October 20, 2025

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
10/27/25, 11/3/25, 11/10/25

R6954

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2505-MI-005564
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
William Samwael
Name of Minor
Mary Boules
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Mary Boules, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change the name of William Samwael to William Samuel.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on March 20, 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. Date: October 20, 2025

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
10/27/25, 11/3/25, 11/10/25

R6955

Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for Video and Card Access Management System Hamilton County Regional Utility District Hamilton County RFP #HCRUD2501

This is an official notification that the Hamilton County Regional Utility District (the "County"), has issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for a video and card access management system.

Please promptly review the entire RFP included herein or posted on the official County website at https://www.hamiltoncountyrud.in.gov/Bids.aspx for more information. Questions may be directed to the Hamilton County Procurement Director at procurement@hamiltoncountyrud.in.gov or C.J. Taylor at Cj.taylor@hamiltoncountyrud.in.gov. Key submission deadlines and relevant dates are as follows::

Table with 2 columns: Event, Date(s). Rows include RFP issue date & 1st Advertisement, Second Advertisement, Deadline for questions, Proposals Due, Proposals Opened at Hamilton County Regional Utility Board of Trustees meeting.

Hamilton County Regional Utility District will mail a hard copy of the solicitation only to those requesting a copy. To request a copy, an authorized representative must contact the Hamilton County Procurement Director at procurement@hamiltoncountyrud.in.gov, and specify in the subject line the title of the solicitation.

RFQ SUMMARY: The Hamilton County Regional Utility District is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide and install a video and card access management system.

Table with 2 columns: RFP ISSUE DATE, PROPOSAL DUE DATE, DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS, PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS, RFP WEBSITE, RFP OFFICIAL CONTACT.

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1. The Opportunity

1.1 Summary

The purpose of this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is to seek proposals from qualified vendors to design, furnish, and install a fully functional and expandable video surveillance and building access control system for the new Hamilton County Utility District facilities.

The successful proposer will provide and install systems at the following sites:

- 236th Street Plant Control Building, Water Tower, Polymer Building, and UV Building
• 236th Street Booster Station Building
• 276th Street Chemical Building, Water Tank Site, and Lift Station
• Four (4) Lift Station Sites

Each building indicated requires enclosures, cameras, card readers, conduit, panic door hardware, and system integration as described in Section 2, Scope of Work of this RFP. Lift Stations require enclosures, cameras, conduit, and system integration as described in Section 2, Scope of Work of this RFP.

1.2 Background

Hamilton County is investing in a new water utility infrastructure to support community growth and long-term service reliability. As part of this expansion, the County seeks to implement modern security measures at its new facilities to safeguard critical assets, ensure operational integrity, and promote public safety.

The new video surveillance and building access system will provide continuous monitoring, secure facility access, and centralized control of security operations across multiple building and station locations. This initiative reflects the County's ongoing commitment to public protection, employee safety, and responsible stewardship of public infrastructure.

1.3 Outcome Goals

The County's primary goals for the new system are to:

- Enable internal and external video security monitoring and recording;
• Provide electronic access control for selected entry points;
• Integrate scalable, modern, and secure technology;
• Provide user-friendly administration through cloud-based management software; and,
• Improve safety and accountability across all building and station locations.

2. Scope of Work

2.1 Services to be Provided

The successful proposer will furnish all equipment, materials, labor, engineering, design, installation, and testing services required to deliver a complete, fully operational, and County-approved video surveillance and building access control system.

The system shall be secure, cloud-connected, and designed for integration across all specified facilities.

2.2 System Design and Equipment

The proposer shall include and install all necessary components, including but not limited to:

- Wall-mounted enclosures for electronic equipment;
• EMT conduit for exposed cabling;
• Card access door hardware and power supplies;
• Hardened network switches and surge protectors;
• Camera poles and mounting equipment; and,
• Connectivity to the County's existing cellular network.

Camera Requirements

- Cameras must be suitable for both day and night operation.
• Cameras must be tamper-resistant and weather-rated for outdoor use.
• The proposer shall recommend appropriate camera types (e.g., dome, mini-dome, multi-sensor, panoramic, dual-sensor) for each location.
• The proposer shall determine optimal camera placement to ensure adequate coverage of all required areas.

Connectivity

The system design must ensure full connectivity for all cameras and access control devices and support continuous data transmissions across all locations.

2.3 Software and Integration

The proposer shall provide video and card access management software that supports enterprise-level operation, cloud storage integration, local SD card recording, and built-in intrusion and monitoring functionality.

Software Requirements

- Recording and storage shall continue uninterrupted even if monitoring software fails.
• System updates shall be included as part of the software agreement.
• The solution shall use a cloud-hosted control and data storage model.
• The software shall include built-in security features to manage and restrict user account access.

2.4 Pricing Information

Proposers must include detailed pricing for all applications and components. Pricing must include:

- Software;
• Hardware;
• Maintenance software;
• Labor;
• Materials;
• Design costs; and
• Any other required equipment.

3. Submission Instructions

3.1 Proposal Content

Proposer shall follow all proposal submission requirements set forth below in the proposal checklist and submit all proposal documents and required RFP compliance documents listed in the proposal checklist.

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST table with columns for requirement and checkbox. Includes sections for Proposal Submission Requirements, Proposal Documents, Required RFP Compliance Documents, and Submission Instructions.

Submission Instructions

Two (2) hardcopies of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labeled "RFP #HCRUD2501" to the following address:

C.J. Taylor, General Manager
Hamilton County Regional Utility District
One Hamilton County Square, Suite 13
Noblesville, IN 46060
CJ.Taylor@hamiltoncountyrud.in.gov

- One (1) copy of the Proposal must be electronically submitted in PDF format to C.J. Taylor at Cj.taylor@hamiltoncountyrud.in.gov and procurement@hamiltoncountyrud.in.gov.
• Proposals must be submitted to the above address and email address no later than Monday, December 1, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. ET. If Proposal are being submitted via USPS, FedEx, UPS, or any other mail carrier, please ensure that the mailing envelope is clearly marked "RFP #HCRUD2501." Other forms of submission (fax or online) will be rejected. Proposal/SOQs submitted after the deadline will be rejected.

4. How We Choose

4.1 Minimum Qualifications

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

- Proposer has the necessary licenses and insurance coverage (or can obtain the necessary licenses and insurance coverage before work commences) for the services to be performed;
• Proposer can demonstrate that it has the ability to provide the necessary equipment and supplies for the scope of work, or outline a plan for procuring them; and,
• Proposer can clearly demonstrate an understanding of the scope of work and has the requisite knowledge and experience to successfully achieve the County's outcome goals.

4.2 Evaluation Criteria

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

EVALUATION CRITERIA table with columns: EVALUATION CRITERIA, % ALLOCATION. Rows include Conformance to RFP requirements, Qualifications, Experience, and Capacity, Project Approach, Project Management & Communications, Proposal Narrative and Cost Proposal.

4.3 Selection Process, Award, and Protest Procedures

RFP Timeline

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

Schedule table with columns: Event, Date(s). Rows include RFP issue date & 1st Advertisement, 2nd Advertisement, Deadline for questions, Proposals due, Interviews with shortlisted proposers (if necessary).

5. Terms and Conditions

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

- The County does not require the Proposer to submit a certified check or other evidence of financial responsibility with its proposal.
• All Proposers will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals. The County may enter into discussion with Proposers to clarify and assure a full understanding of proposals.
• The County may refuse to disclose the contents of Proposals during discussions with eligible Proposers.
• Proposing providers shall not contact Hamilton County Board of Commissioners or any other voting body. All correspondence and questions for this RFP should be handled through the RFP Contact.

6. Attachments

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

- Attachment 1: E-Verify
Attachment 2: W-9
Attachment 3: Direct Deposit Form
Attachment 4: Non-Collusion Affidavit
Proposers shall complete the attachments and submit them with their Proposal by the Proposal deadline.

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Public Notice Deadline:
4 p.m. Friday
PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com

— NOBLESVILLE —

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By/At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: Noblesville Utilities- New Telehandler
Receipt of Bids: BBids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.
Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual.
Bidders shall provide equipment specifications on the provided form as provided in the Project Manual along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion.
Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified.
SEALED BID: Noblesville Utilities- New Telehandler
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the Board of Public Works and Safety at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 09:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, December 2, 2025.
Pre-Bid Meeting: There will be no pre-bid meeting.
Qualification of Bidders: Bidder shall demonstrate ability to provide the requested equipment per the specifications provided in the Project Manual. Bidder must include performance data and other product literature showing equipment meets specifications. Submittals shall include Bidder's contact information, pricing, payment terms and schedule.
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion.
Bid Documents: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after Monday, October 27, 2025. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to kparkar@noblesville.in.us.
Submit all bid questions via email to kparkar@noblesville.in.us prior to 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Complete copy all questions to gstafford@noblesville.in.gov.
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.
R6991 11/3/25, 11/10/25

Public Auction Notice
Harbour Storage
20236 Hauge Rd.
Noblesville, IN 46062

Auction to be held on Wednesday November 12th, at 9am. This is for one storage unit. Lessee Jeremy Thurber unit M222. The personal property stored in and outside of this space will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien in accordance with IC 26-3-8-11. This sale will be located at 20236 Hauge Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062.
R7006 11/5/25, 11/10/25

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF PUBLIC WAYS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana of a public hearing at City Hall in the Assembly Room (130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2025. At that time, the Common Council will consider a proposed ordinance authorizing the vacation of public ways under the provisions of Indiana Code §§ 36-7-3-12 and 5-14-1.5 ("Ordinance"). GM Land and Cattle Company, LLC has filed a Petition to Vacate Public Ways or Public Places Located Entirely Within the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Westfield, Indiana. The existing public way is located generally at Casey Road and State Road 32, and is more particularly described below:
A PART OF THE LAND CONVEYED TO CASEY WILSON LLC. IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2022046565 AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED BY ANTHONY B. SYERS, LS20800124 OF KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AS PART OF PROJECT NO. 170139009, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT A HARRISON MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST (BASIS OF BEARING IS INDIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM - EAST ZONE) ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 1323.49 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID SOUTH LINE AND THE CENTER LINE OF CASEY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE OF CASEY ROAD A DISTANCE OF 540.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PROPOSED LOT 2 IN PROPOSED SPRINGMILL TRAILS MARKETPLACE SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PROPOSED LOT 2 A DISTANCE OF 11.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 490.01 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID PROPOSED LOT 2; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE NORTH 87 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 11.01 FEET TO SAID CENTER LINE OF CASEY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTER LINE OF CASEY ROAD SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 490.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.12 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.
The public is invited to provide commentary on the Ordinance and proposed vacation and shall be heard at the public hearing. Documents related to this Ordinance and proposed vacation can be obtained from the Clerk Treasurer's office located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, during regular business hours.
Dated this 10th day of November, 2025.
Clerk Treasurer's Office
City of Westfield, Indiana
R6999 11/10/25

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE
DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, LLC

Public notice is hereby given to affected property owners pursuant to 170 IAC 4-9-4(f) that within two (2) to six (6) weeks of the date of this notice, weather permitting, Duke Energy Indiana, LLC will be performing vegetation management as part of its power line maintenance program in the area described below. As part of this project, one of its contractors that employ qualified utility line clearance tree workers will be trimming and/or removing trees and brush to clear the lines of vegetation to provide safe and reliable electric service. Vegetation management will be performed in/near Carmel, Westfield, Fishers, Noblesville, Cicero on or near streets identified below:
Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of Towne Rd & W 141st St to include the areas around & near:
N & E of the substation, S of W 156th St, W of Springmill Rd
N of Fairmount St, S & E of the substation, W of Cheswick Blvd
N of the substation, E of West Rd, S of W 146th St, W of Ditch Rd
Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of S Guilford Rd & E 116th St to include the areas around & near:
N of Mersey Ct, E of Illinois St, S & W of the substation
N of E 103rd St, E of US 31, S & W of the substation
Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of Fishers Pointe Blvd & Pioneer Trl to include the areas around & near:
N of E 96th St, S & E of the substation, W of Forest Ridge Ct
N of E 96th St, S & W of the substation, E of Sherborne Rd
N of Sunlight Dr, E of Hauge Rd, S & W of the substation
Beginning at the substation located at the intersection of E 216th St & Cammack Rd to include the areas around & near: N of Berkshire Ln, E of the substation, S of Forest Bay Ln, W of Morse Reservoir
The date this notice is published initiates the two (2) week period for calculating implied consent by an affected property owner under 170 IAC 4-9. If you have any questions, you may contact the Duke Energy Vegetation Management toll free number, 866-385-3675.
Duke Energy Indiana, LLC
Vegetation Management Department
R7005 11/10/25

— TIPTON COUNTY —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Tipton County, Indiana that the Tipton County Council will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the First Floor Meeting Room, Tipton County Courthouse, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. on the 18th day of November, 2025.
Fund Name:
Major Budget Classification: Amount
4508 Relinq SR 28/Maint Division Rd \$50,000.00
6000 Lease/Purchase \$50,000.00
0533 Highway General \$50,000.00
Total for Fund \$50,000.00
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.
Dated: November 4, 2025
Jonathan H. DeBaun, Tipton County Auditor
R7010 11/6/25, 11/10/25

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Tipton County, Indiana that the Tipton County Council will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the First Floor Meeting Room, Tipton County Courthouse, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. on the 18th day of November, 2025.
Fund Name:
Major Budget Classification: Amount
1000 General \$5,031.06
38900 Misc. Fees \$5,031.06
30000 Services & Charges \$5,031.06
Total for Fund \$5,031.06
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.
Dated: November 4, 2025
Jonathan H. DeBaun, Tipton County Auditor
R7011 11/6/25, 11/10/25

— NOBLESVILLE —

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By/At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: 2025 Street Rehabilitation – Contract IV
Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Receipt of Bids: Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.
Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified.
SEALED BID: 2025 Street Rehabilitation – Contract IV
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 09:00 A.M., local time, November 18, 2025.
Qualification of Bidders: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Placing Asphalt Pavement" and "Asphalt Pavement Milling"
The Work: The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of 2025 Street Rehabilitation – Contract IV
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.
Bid Documents: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after November 3, 2025. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to ardewald@noblesville.in.gov and dochoa@noblesville.in.gov requesting instructions to download project documents.
Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville – Engineering Department prior to 12:00PM, local time on Thursday, November 13, 2025. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:
Designer: PE Andrew Rodewald
Design: City of Noblesville
Email: ardewald@noblesville.in.gov
Carbon Copy Question To:
Deon Ochoa
Construction Manager
dochoa@noblesville.in.gov
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.
Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.
Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
BY: Andrew Rodewald
R6973 11/3/25, 11/10/25

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

PUBLIC NOTICE
Request for Proposal/Qualifications

Hamilton County Department of Parks & Recreation, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Department") is requesting Statements of Proposal/Qualifications from interested parties to design, build, operate, and/or maintain the Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece Water Management System Project ("the Project"). In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the Hamilton County Park Park Board invites any and all qualified parties to submit Statements of Proposal/Qualifications (PSOQ) to enter a public-private partnership for delivery of the Project. An electronic PDF of PSOQ in response to the County's RFPQ shall be received via email by the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation until 4:00 p.m., local time, November 19th, 2025. The electronic PDF of the PSOQ should be emailed to Park Development & Operations Strategist, Wil Rettinger (Wil.Rettinger@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) in order to be considered. The Department reserves the right to modify or cancel the Project at any time before a developer enters into a formal agreement with the Department, including at any point during the scoping period. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all PSOQs at its sole discretion. The Department may enter into discussions with any individual developer to clarify and assure a full understanding and responsiveness to the solicitation requirements. Additional information and a document outlining submittal requirements shall be available upon request via email directed to Deputy Director Bruce Oldham (Bruce.Oldham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov).
R6987 11/3/25, 11/10/25

PUBLIC NOTICE
Request for Proposal/Qualifications

Hamilton County Department of Parks & Recreation, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Department") is requesting Statements of Proposal/Qualifications from interested parties to design, build, operate, and/or maintain the Seven Streams Buildings and Infrastructure Project ("the Project"). In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the Hamilton County Park Park Board invites any and all qualified parties to submit Statements of Proposal/Qualifications (PSOQ) to enter a public-private partnership for delivery of the Project. An electronic PDF of PSOQ in response to the County's RFPQ shall be received via email by the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation until 4:00 p.m., local time, on November 19th, 2025. The electronic PDF of the PSOQ should be emailed to Park Development & Operations Strategist, Wil Rettinger (Wil.Rettinger@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) in order to be considered. The Department reserves the right to modify or cancel the Project at any time before a developer enters into a formal agreement with the Department, including at any point during the scoping period. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all PSOQs at its sole discretion. The Department may enter into discussions with any individual developer to clarify and assure a full understanding and responsiveness to the solicitation requirements. Additional information and a document outlining submittal requirements shall be available upon request via email directed to Deputy Director Bruce Oldham (Bruce.Oldham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov).
R6988 11/3/25, 11/10/25

PUBLIC NOTICE
Request for Proposal/Qualifications

Hamilton County Department of Parks & Recreation, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Department") is requesting Statements of Proposal/Qualifications from interested parties to design, build, operate, and/or maintain the Bur Oak Bend Trails Project ("the Project"). In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the Hamilton County Park Park Board invites any and all qualified parties to submit Statements of Proposal/Qualifications (PSOQ) to enter a public-private partnership for delivery of the Project. An electronic PDF of PSOQ in response to the County's RFPQ shall be received via email by the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation until 4:00 p.m., local time, on November 19th, 2025. The electronic PDF of the PSOQ should be emailed to Park Development & Operations Strategist, Wil Rettinger (Wil.Rettinger@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) in order to be considered. The Department reserves the right to modify or cancel the Project at any time before a developer enters into a formal agreement with the Department, including at any point during the scoping period. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all PSOQs at its sole discretion. The Department may enter into discussions with any individual developer to clarify and assure a full understanding and responsiveness to the solicitation requirements. Additional information and a document outlining submittal requirements shall be available upon request via email directed to Deputy Director Bruce Oldham (Bruce.Oldham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov).
R6989 11/3/25, 11/10/25

PUBLIC NOTICE
Request for Proposal/Qualifications

Hamilton County Department of Parks & Recreation, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Department") is requesting Statements of Proposal/Qualifications from interested parties to design, build, operate, and/or maintain the Geist Park Electrical Amenities, Upgrades, and Security Project ("the Project"). In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the Hamilton County Park Park Board invites any and all qualified parties to submit Statements of Proposal/Qualifications (PSOQ) to enter a public-private partnership for delivery of the Project. An electronic PDF of PSOQ in response to the County's RFPQ shall be received via email by the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation until 4:00 p.m., local time, on November 19th, 2025. The electronic PDF of the PSOQ should be emailed to Park Development & Operations Strategist, Wil Rettinger (Wil.Rettinger@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) in order to be considered. The Department reserves the right to modify or cancel the Project at any time before a developer enters into a formal agreement with the Department, including at any point during the scoping period. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all PSOQs at its sole discretion. The Department may enter into discussions with any individual developer to clarify and assure a full understanding and responsiveness to the solicitation requirements. Additional information and a document outlining submittal requirements shall be available upon request via email directed to Deputy Director Bruce Oldham (Bruce.Oldham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov).
R6990 11/3/25, 11/10/25

— NOBLESVILLE —

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By/At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: 2026 Trail Connection
Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Receipt of Bids: Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.
Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified.
SEALED BID: 2026 Trail Connection
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 09:00 A.M., local time, November 18, 2025.
Qualification of Bidders: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Light Grading", "Placing Asphalt Pavement", "Traffic Control: Sign Installation", and "Surface Masonry and Misc. Concrete."
The Work: The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of 2026 Trail Connection.
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.
Bid Documents: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after November 3, 2025. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to ardewald@noblesville.in.gov and dochoa@noblesville.in.gov requesting instructions to download project documents.
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Designer: PE Andrew Rodewald
Design: City of Noblesville
Email: ardewald@noblesville.in.gov
Carbon Copy Question To:
Deon Ochoa
Construction Manager
dochoa@noblesville.in.gov
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.
Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.
Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
BY: Andrew Rodewald
R6972 11/3/25, 11/10/25

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the following project:
REHABILITATION OF HAMILTON COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 140
HAZEL DELL PARKWAY OVER COOL CREEK CLAY TOWNSHIP
REHABILITATION OF HAMILTON COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 164
CUMBERLAND ROAD OVER MUD CREEK FALL CREEK AND DELAWARE TOWNSHIPS
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
PB-25-0825
Proposals may be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person, addressed to the Hamilton County Auditor, 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, until 12:30 p.m., December 8, 2025. After 12:30 p.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening. Bids received after the noticed bid opening time will not be considered but will be returned to the bidder unopened. Only proposals from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation's current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(A) "Bridges: Highway Over Water" and/or E(c): "Bridge Deck Overlay and Minor Bridge Repair" will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for this item on the list will be returned to the bidder unopened.
All proposals will be considered by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioners' Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 1:45 p.m. local time, December 8, 2025.
The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.
All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts to be made, shall be furnished, and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents.
Bidding documents will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. on November 10, 2025. Copies of the Proposal, Specifications, Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained from Clark Dietz, Inc. Contact Bobby Chandler, P.E. at bobby.chandler@clarkdietz.com for further information and to obtain printed or electronic pdf sets of the Contract Document and Plans. Electronic pdf sets are available at no cost, and the cost for obtaining a printed set of the Contract Document and Plans from Clark Dietz, Inc. will be \$75.00 and made payable to Clark Dietz, Inc. (by check only). Payments and costs of Contract Documents and Plans are non-refundable. Interested parties can view the Contract Documents online at www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov. Documents posted on the county website are for informational purposes only. It shall be the responsibility of the individual to periodically check for addendums posted online. Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained through Clark Dietz, Inc. to be eligible to bid on this contract.
Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the county supplied sealed bid notice, bearing the title of the project, bid opening date and the name and address of the bidder firmly affixed. The bidder shall affix identifying tabs to the following sheets of each proposal:
Form 96 Financial Statement
Non-Collusion Affidavit Receipt of Addendum (If Applicable)
Bid Bond Itemized Proposal
Employment Eligibility Verification Drug Testing Program Compliance Certification
Each individual proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable Bidder's Bond, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent of the total amount of the proposal, which check, or bond will be held by the said Hamilton County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNER upon notification from him to do so within ten days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish performance bond to Hamilton County, Indiana, will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder's bond, and for liquidated damages. Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.
Todd E. Clevenger Hamilton County Auditor
Dated: October 22, 2025
R6986 11/10/25, 11/17/25



“This truck has mirrors. Use them.”
– Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 2013

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2507-MI-7693
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Jacob Franscesco Clevenger
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Jacob Franscesco Clevenger, whose mailing address is: 12142 Whisper Ridge Drive, Noblesville, IN 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Jacob Franscesco Clevenger has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Probate Court requesting that name be changed to Jacob Franscesco Chiarella.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: December 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R6974 11/3/25, 11/10/25, 11/17/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2509-MI-10847
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
JENNIFER LYNN AUNE
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, JENNIFER LYNN AUNE, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from JENNIFER LYNN AUNE to JENNIFER LYNN SWANN
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on February 20, 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.
Date: September 30, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R6997 11/10/25, 11/17/25, 11/24/25

29D03-2510-EU-000442
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
IN THE MATTER OF)
THE UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF JOHN R. POWERS,)
Deceased.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court, Probate Division, of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that TIMOTHY L. POWERS was on October 31, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of John R. Powers, 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 Noblesville, Indiana, October 31, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court, Probate Division
Angela Dunlap Elliott, 20102-29 HIOTT LAW, LLC
14074 Trade Center Drive, Ste. 130 Fishers, Indiana 46038
(317)416-4441
adhott@hmail.com
Attorney for Personal Representative
R7000 11/10/25, 11/17/25

29D01-2510-EU-000482
S. MATTHEW COOK
Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Abigale S. Wheat-Lusiak was on the 3 day of November, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia Bennubi, deceased.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) month after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 3 day of November, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
S. Matthew Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317) 773-5522
R6997 11/10/25, 11/17/25

29D02-2510-EU-000476
ATTORNEY:
Anne M. Curry
Mallor Grodner Plummer LLP
11595 N. Meridian Street #850
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 453-2000
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division.
In the Matter of the Estate of John W. Roth, deceased.
Cause Number 29D02-2510-EU-000476
Notice is hereby given that Anne M. Curry was on November 3, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of John W. Roth, deceased.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on November 3, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court Probate Division
R7003 11/10/25, 11/17/25

29D01-2510-EU-000481
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Estate of Michael Phillips Junior
ADLER ATTORNEYS
Raymond M. Adler, P.C., #2336-29
136 South 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
(317) 773-1974
ray@noblesvilleattorney.com
In the Superior Court 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana
Notice is given that Michael Phillips Junior, on October 20, 2025 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named Decedent, who died on July 30, 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: November 3, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk for Hamilton Superior Court 3
Hamilton County, Indiana
R7002 11/10/25, 11/17/25

29D02-2510-EU-000473
ATTORNEY:
Anne M. Curry
Mallor Grodner Plummer LLP
11595 N. Meridian Street #850
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 453-2000
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division.
In the Matter of the Estate of Theodora Caito, deceased.
Cause Number 29D02-2510-EU-000473
Notice is hereby given that Stephen Caito was on November 3, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Theodora Caito, deceased.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on November 3, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court Probate Division
R7004 11/10/25, 11/17/25

29D03-2510-EU-000468
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY W. HENRY
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that GREGG A. HENRY and JENNIFER H. ELLIOTT were, on October 31, 2025, appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of JERRY W. HENRY, deceased, who died July 26, 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 on October 31, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
R7001 11/10/25, 11/17/25

29D02-2510-EU-000472
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT 3)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
CLAUDETTE S. WIRT, DECEASED)
G. RICHARD SLATER, Attorney)
SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC)
600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128)
Carmel, IN 46032)
317-571-9600)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Glenda S. Whiteman was on November 3, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Claudette S. Wirt, deceased, who died on September 18, 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 said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on November 3, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk Hamilton Superior Court 3
R7015 11/10/25, 11/17/25

29D03-2510-EU-000480
Krieg DeVault LLP, Attorneys
12800 North Meridian Street, Suite 300
Carmel, IN 46032-5407
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court,
In Re: the Estate of Forrest D. Lucas
Estate Docket # 29D03-2510-EU-000480
Notice is hereby given that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. was, on the 4th day of November, 2025, appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Forrest D. Lucas, who died on the August 23, 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 4th day of November, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division
R7014 11/10/25, 11/17/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2510-MI-011620
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Linda Gale Alexander
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Linda Gale Alexander, whose mailing address is: 12975 Harrell Pkwy Apt. #340 Noblesville, Indiana 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Linda Gale Alexander has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Linda Gale Alexander.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: March 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Linda Gale Alexander
Petitioner
Date: October 23, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7009 11/10/25, 11/17/25, 11/24/25

29D03-2510-EU-000472
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT 3)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
CLAUDETTE S. WIRT, DECEASED)
G. RICHARD SLATER, Attorney)
SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC)
600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128)
Carmel, IN 46032)
317-571-9600)
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Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on November 3, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk Hamilton Superior Court 3
R7015 11/10/25, 11/17/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for Architectural Design Services Hamilton County, Indiana RFQ #CFAE2025

This is an official notification that the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners (the "County"), has issued a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") seeking Responses/Statement of Qualifications ("SOQs") from qualified architectural firms to provide architectural design services. Please promptly review the entire RFQ included herein or posted on the official County website at https://www.hamiltoncountv.in.gov/Bids.aspx for more information. Questions may be directed to the Hamilton County Procurement Director at procurement@hamiltoncounty.in.gov. Key submission deadlines and relevant dates are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Event, Date(s). Rows include RFQ issue date & 1st advertisement (Monday, November 10, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET), 2nd advertisement (Monday, November 17, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET), Deadline for questions (Friday, November 14, 2025 by 1:00 PM ET), Responses & SOQ Due (Monday, November 24, 2025 by 12:00 PM ET), Responses Opened at BOC Public Meeting (Monday, November 24, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET), Interviews with shortlisted proposers (subject to change) (Week of December 8th - 12th)

Hamilton County will mail a hard copy of the solicitation only to those requesting a copy. To request a copy, an authorized representative must contact the Hamilton County Procurement Director at procurement@hamiltoncounty.in.gov, and specify in the subject line the title of the solicitation. RFQ SUMMARY: Hamilton County is seeking Responses/Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") in response to this RFQ from a qualified architectural firm to provide architectural design services to build a new childcare facility meeting all Indiana licensing requirements.

Table with 2 columns: RFQ ISSUE DATE, RESPONSES DUE DATE, DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION PROCESS, RFQ WEBSITE, RFQ OFFICIAL CONTACT. Includes dates and contact information for Anna Schuler, Procurement Director.

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1.1 Summary

Hamilton County, Indiana ("Hamilton County" or the "County") is seeking Responses/Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") in response to this RFQ from a qualified architectural firm to provide architectural design services to build a new childcare facility meeting all Indiana licensing requirements. Specifically, Hamilton County seeks to qualify firms with knowledge and experience in childcare planning, licensing requirements, and design.

This is a Request for Qualifications ONLY; this is not a Request for Proposals ("RFP"). The County reserves the right to either release an RFP to pre-qualified Respondent(s), enter into negotiations with a qualified Respondent, or reject all Responses/SOQ submissions. The determination of which Respondent(s) are qualified lies solely and exclusively with the County.

1.1 Background

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

As a nationally recognized "Best Place to Live and Raise a Family," Hamilton County understands that its continued success depends on the well-being and stability of its workforce. In recognition of the increasing need for accessible, high-quality, and affordable childcare services for working families the County issued a Request for Proposals and Qualifications ("RFPQ") in March to solicit a Childcare Services Provider.

After extensive internal discussions, consideration of State-level budget constraints, and a deeper understanding of the childcare industry, the County has decided to postpone selecting a Provider for childcare services at this time. Instead, the County has identified funding to engage an architectural firm to develop design plans for a childcare facility - creating a self-lead project that can move forward when it becomes financially feasible to do so. At that time, the County anticipates that it will renegotiate with the vendors who were deemed qualified through the original RFPQ process.

1.2 Project Overview

Hamilton County is seeking qualifications from architectural firms to provide conceptual design, schematic design, and construction document services for an approximately 15,000-square-foot childcare facility. The County's goal is to engage a firm with the expertise to help maximize licensed capacity within the available square footage, while balancing space efficiency, user experience, and compliance with all applicable state and federal childcare licensing requirements.

The facility is expected to support a minimum capacity of 144 children, with the County's objective of identifying design opportunities to increase capacity where feasible through effective planning and layout. The proposed site for the project is anticipated to be located adjacent to the new Hamilton County 911 Center, at 18291 Presley Drive, Noblesville, Indiana.

The County encourages firms to incorporate practical, sustainable design strategies that promote energy efficiency, durability, and operational cost savings appropriate for a childcare environment. Firms should also consider site coordination with the adjacent 911 Center to ensure safe circulation, shared infrastructure efficiency, and overall campus cohesion.

1.3 Anticipated Scope of Work

The selected architectural firm will be expected to provide the following services:

- 1. Pre-Design Services:
a. Site analysis and feasibility study.
b. Assessment of current facilities.
c. Development of a project program in collaboration with Hamilton County stakeholders.
2. Schematic Design Services:
a. Schematic design options and presentation to Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and Council.
b. Design development including detailed plans, elevations, and sections.
c. Coordination with engineering consultants (MEP, structural, civil, etc.).
3. Design Development Services:
a. Utilize the approved Schematic design to provide drawings and other documents including plans, sections, elevations, typical construction details, and diagrammatic layouts of building systems.
b. Provide outline specifications that identify major materials and systems.
c. Provide documents describing the applicable building and safety standard requirements including:
i. Fire protection systems
ii. Parking lot
iii. Landscaping
iv. Play areas, structures, and/or other amenities
4. Construction Document Services:
a. Prepare all construction documents and bid documents according to Indiana Public Purchasing requirements and County procedures.
b. Prepare drawings and specifications setting forth the detail and quality levels, performance criteria of materials and systems and other requirements for the project's construction.

2. Statement of Qualifications & Content Requirements

Respondent(s) will be selected through a qualification-based process. Interested Respondent(s) must submit a complete Response and SOQ that addresses the anticipated scope of work detailed in Section 1.3 of this RFQ and all of the criteria found in Section 2 of this RFQ. Incomplete Responses and SOQs will be considered non-responsive and subject to disqualification.

2.1 Criteria One: Respondent's Statement of Qualifications and Availability to Undertake the Project. (Maximum of two (2) pages).

- Provide a statement of qualifications (as a cover letter) for the project including a narrative describing the Respondent's unique qualifications as they pertain to this project.
Provide a statement on the availability of the Respondent and assigned professionals to undertake the project.

2.2 Criteria Two: Organization and General Information.

- Provide the following general information:
o Legal Company/Firm Name
o State of Organization's Registration & Type of Legal Entity
o FEIN Number
o Respondent Headquarters Address
o Authorized Company Representative
o Respondent Contact Information
o Provide a description of Respondent's firm/team, including an organizational chart with key personnel and relevant licenses/certifications.
o Provide a detailed rate chart with estimate of personnel involvement.

2.3 Criteria Three: Respondent's Past Performance on Related Projects.

- Identify and describe Respondent's past experience for providing architectural design services that are most related to this project within the past five (5) years. List the projects in order of priority, with the most relevant project listed first. Provide the following information for each project listed:
o Project name, location, contract delivery method, and description
o Length of business relationship
o Project outcomes
If Respondent has not previously provided architectural design services for similar projects, then identify and describe the Respondent's past performance on other projects.

2.4 Criteria Four: Project Understanding, Approach, and Proposed Timeline.

- Provide a detailed description of Respondent's ability, approach, and methodology for the project listed in this RFQ.
Provide a description of Respondent's approach to ensure facility designs meet or exceed applicable childcare licensing requirements from both a design and capacity-planning standpoint, including how regulatory compliance considerations are incorporated into the design process.
Provide an implementation timeline for this project, including key milestones related to the project. Include estimates of the timeframe needed to complete each task.

2.5 Criteria Five: References and Contacts.

- Respondent must provide references from at least two (2) contacts where the Respondent provided the same or substantially similar work as set forth in this RFQ by completing and submitting Attachment 5: References with Respondent's Response.

3. Submission Instructions

- Two (2) hardcopies of the Respondent's Response and SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labeled "SOQ for RFQ #CFAE2025 to the following address:
ATTN: Anna Schuler, Procurement Director
One Hamilton County Square, Suite 308
Noblesville, IN 46060
One (1) copy of the Response and SOQ must be electronically submitted to procurement@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.
Responses must be submitted to the above address and email address no later than Monday, November 24, 2025 by 12:00 PM ET. If Responses are being submitted via USPS, FedEx, UPS, or any other mail carrier, please ensure that the mailing envelope is clearly marked "SOQ for RFQ #CFAE2025.
Other forms of submission (fax or online) will be rejected.
Responses and SOQs submitted after the deadline will be rejected.

3.1 RFQ Timeline

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

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4. How We Choose

4.1 Evaluation of Qualifications

The evaluation of qualifications shall be based on the requirements described in this RFQ. All properly submitted Responses and SOQs will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by the County. The top five or fewer Respondents, or none, may be selected by the County to participate in negotiations. Responses and SOQs shall not include any information regarding Respondent's fees, pricing, or other compensation. Such information may be solicited from Respondents qualified by the County after the conclusion of this RFQ.

By submitting its Response and SOQ in response to this RFQ, Respondent accepts the evaluation process and acknowledges and accepts that determination of the "most qualified" Respondent(s) will require subjective judgments by the County.

5. Terms and Conditions

- The County's decision to enter into an eventual agreement with a provider will be made on the basis of the best qualified Respondent's qualifications, project understanding and approach, relevant experience, and ability to deliver the County with the best value. The County reserves the right to reject all Responses and shall make a decision they believe is in the best interests of the County's residence. The County reserves the right to assemble a team to review the Responses received.
Pursuant to IC 5-22-18-2, the County reserves the right to cancel or reject this RFQ in whole or in part.
The County does not require the Respondent to submit a certified check/bid bond or other evidence of financial responsibility with its Response.
All Respondents will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of Responses. The County may enter into discussion with Respondents to clarify and assure a full understanding of Responses.
Hamilton County, Indiana, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21, Non-Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all Respondents that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Responses in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
The County may refuse to disclose the contents of Responses during discussions with eligible Respondents.
Respondents shall not contact Hamilton County Board of Commissioners or any other voting body. All correspondence and questions for this RFQ should be handled through the RFQ Contact.

6. Appendix

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

- Attachment 1: E-Verify Affidavit
Attachment 2: W-9
Attachment 3: Direct Deposit Form
Attachment 4: Non-Collusion Affidavit
Attachment 5: References

Respondents shall complete the attachments and submit them with their Response and SOQ by the Response and SOQ deadline.
R7016 11/10/25, 11/17/25

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STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2510-MI-011620
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Linda Gale Alexander
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Linda Gale Alexander, whose mailing address is: 12975 Harrell Pkwy Apt. #340 Noblesville, Indiana 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Linda Gale Alexander has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Linda Gale Alexander.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: March 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Linda Gale Alexander
Petitioner
Date: October 23, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7009 11/10/25, 11/17/25, 11/24/25

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CICERO

Legal Notice Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on November 20th, 2025 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall, located at 70 North Byron St, Cicero Indiana, 46034 in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-1125-57-DC

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 95 West Jackson Street, Cicero IN, 46034 concerning Article 10.9 Downtown Commercial (DC) Sign Standards of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: Allow four (4) window signs on the front facade of a building. Whereas Article 10.9 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that the maximum allowable number of window signs shall be two (2).

Docket No. BZA-1125-58-DC

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 95 West Jackson Street, Cicero IN, 46034 concerning Article 10.9 Downtown Commercial (DC) Sign Standards of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: Allow the area of window signs on the front facade of a building to be twenty four (24) square feet. Whereas Article 10.9 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that the maximum allowable area of window signs shall be twenty (20) square feet.

Project Address: 95 West Jackson Street, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage .00 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4 J D COTTINGHAM/CICERO Lot Pt 2 Block 2
Parcel number: 05-06-01-02-05-008.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Information related to this petition may be requested by emailing The Planning Director, Frank Zawadzki fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov. Letters regarding the petition may be submitted via email or in person at 331 E Jackson St. Cicero IN, 46034

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner: Brett Morrow 10/20/2025
R7020 11/7/25, 11/10/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

Coxhall Gardens Catering Services Request for Proposals:

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department is seeking proposals for a contracted caterer of special events at Coxhall Gardens. A bid packet containing proposal information may be obtained at the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department's Administration Office, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN, 46060-1305. A digital copy of the bid packet may also be requested over the phone by calling the Administration Office at (317) 770-4400. Proposals will be received by the Department at the preceding address until 4:30 p.m. (Local time) on Tuesday, December 1, 2025.

A pre-proposal meeting (attendance mandatory to submit an accepted proposal) will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Coxhall Mansion at Coxhall Gardens, 11669 Towne Road, Noblesville, IN, 46032-7968. Additional information may be passed out at this time. An opportunity for questions and answers will be included. Parties are limited to 2 attendees at the pre-proposal meeting.

R7021 11/10/25, 11/17/25

HAMILTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.

R7008 11/10/25

SHERIDAN

BZA Public Notice

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals on November 20, 2025, 5:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss the following:

a. 25-V-08 109 Jarit Drive, Sheridan

The Petitioner requests Variance of Standard to allow a minimum side yard from ten (10) feet to two (2) feet and minimum rear yard from twenty (20) feet to two (2) feet in the R1: Residential Large Lot District (Article 5.5 G.2 and G.3).

b. 25-V-09 22620 Lamong Road, Sheridan

The Petitioner requests Variance of Standard to allow the minimum lot areas from ten (10) acres to two and eighty-one (2.81) acres; and, side yard setback from fifty (50) feet to twenty-five (25) feet in the AG1: General Agriculture District (Article 5.2 D and H.2).

Planner : Katie Ramirez, kramirez@sheridan.in.gov

Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals. People interested in presenting their views in person, written or verbally, shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place. Hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during the regular office hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That file may also be viewed online at www.Sheridan.in.gov.

Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals
Jennifer Miller, Secretary
R7023 11/10/25

BZA Public Notice

This notice is to inform you of a public hearing to be held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission on November 20, 2025, 6:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss:

a. 25-PP-02 Sheridan Exchange Primary Plat

Sheridan Exchange request approval of a Primary Plat of +/- 50.34 acres generally located at the Southeast Corner IN-47 and West Road. Zoned OI: Open Industrial.

Planner: Katie Ramirez kramirez@sheridan.in.gov

Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission. People interested in presenting their views in person written or verbally shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place. Agenda items may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the APC. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during regular business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That file may also be viewed online at www.Sheridan.IN.gov.

Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission
Jennifer Miller, Secretary
R7024 11/10/25

CARMEL

NOTICE

Bidding Available for New Construction Townhomes: H-E Homes is constructing 6 townhomes in Carmel for a local non-profit. Bidding available to all interested parties for all phases of construction. Contact and request bidding information at 317.759.3001 or partners@he-homes.com.

R7007 11/10/25

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Legal Notice Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on November 20th, 2025 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall, located at 70 North Byron St, Cicero Indiana, 46034 in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-1125-53-AG

A Special Exception Use Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 US Highway 31 N, Atlanta IN, 46031 concerning Article 3.1 "AG" District Standards of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: Allow a cellular tower for public safety use on the property. Whereas Article 3.1 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance lists Communication/Utility as a Special Exception Use in the "AG" District.

Docket No. BZA-1125-54-AG

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 US Highway 31 N, Atlanta IN, 46031 seeking relief from Article 7.20 Telecommunication Facilities Standards (TF-03) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: Allow a cellular tower for public safety use to have less than one hundred percent (100%) of the height of the tower equal to the setback from the property line. Whereas Article 7.20 Telecommunication Facilities Standards (TF-03) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that the tower shall be setback from any property line a distance equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the height of the tower.

Docket No. BZA-1125-55-AG

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 US Highway 31 N, Atlanta IN, 46031 seeking relief from Article 7.20 Telecommunication Facilities Standards (TF-03) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: Allow a cellular tower for public safety use to be two hundred fifty (250) feet tall. Whereas Article 7.20 Telecommunication Facilities Standards (TF-03) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that the Maximum height of a tower shall be one hundred twenty five (125) feet.

Docket No. BZA-1125-56-AG

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 0 US Highway 31 N, Atlanta IN, 46031 seeking relief from Article 7.20 Telecommunication Facilities Standards (TF-03) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: Allow a cellular tower for public safety use to not be a monopole design. Whereas Article 7.20 Telecommunication Facilities Standards (TF-03) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that the tower shall be a monopole design.

Project Address: 0 US Highway 31 N, Atlanta IN, 46031
Legal Descriptions: Acreage 41.00 Section 7, Township 20, Range 4
Parcel number: 03-02-07-00-004.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Information related to this petition may be requested by emailing The Planning Director, Frank Zawadzki fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov. Letters regarding the petition may be submitted via email or in person at 331 E Jackson St. Cicero IN, 46034

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner: Becks Family LP 11/6/2025
R7025 11/7/25, 11/10/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Construction Manager as Constructor Services Buildings and Grounds Hamilton County, Indiana RFP #HCCMS25

This is an official notification that the Hamilton County Buildings and Grounds Department, a department of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "County"), has issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") seeking Proposals from qualified Proposers to provide Construction Manager as Constructor Services ("CM Services") for upcoming strategic capital improvement projects.

Please promptly review the entire RFP included herein or posted on the official County website at https://www.hamiltoncountynv.in.gov/Bids.aspx for more information. Questions may be directed to the Hamilton County Procurement Director at procurement@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Steve Wood at Steve.Wood@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

Key submission deadlines and relevant dates are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Event, Date(s). Rows include RFP issue date & 1st Advertisement (Monday, November 10, 2025, 1:00 PM ET), Deadline for questions & 2nd Advertisement (Monday, November 17, 2025, by 10:00 AM ET), Proposals Due (Monday, November 24, 2025, by 10:00 AM ET), Proposals Opened at BOC Public Meeting (Monday, November 24, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET), Evaluation Committee Meeting (Week of November 24th - 28th)

Hamilton County Buildings and Grounds will mail a hard copy of the solicitation only to those requesting a copy. To request a copy, an authorized representative must contact the Hamilton County Procurement Director at procurement@hamiltoncounty.in.gov, and specify in the subject line the title of the solicitation.

RFP SUMMARY: Pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-32, Hamilton County Buildings and Grounds is seeking Proposals from qualified Proposers to provide Construction Manager as Constructor Services ("CM Services") for upcoming strategic capital improvement projects.

Table with 2 columns: RFP ISSUE DATE, PROPOSALS DUE DATE, DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS, RFP WEBSITE, RFP OFFICIAL CONTACT. Includes dates for November 10, 2025 and contact information for Steve Wood, Superintendent.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of RFP

Hamilton County (the "County") is requesting Proposals from qualified Proposers to provide Construction Manager as Constructor Services ("CM Services") in accordance with the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in this RFP.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to waive any informality or irregularity in any Proposal received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective Proposals received.

1.2 Project Overview

The County is requesting Proposals from qualified CM Services Proposers to provide comprehensive services including planning, programming, design, preconstruction, construction administration, and construction for a series of upcoming strategic capital improvement projects. The selected CM Services Proposer will be responsible for delivering fully integrated design and construction solutions that meet the County's functional, operational, and aesthetic objectives while maintaining schedule and budget parameters.

1.3 Project Description

The scope of work will include multiple renovation and improvement projects across various County-owned facilities. Anticipated projects include, but are not limited to:

- Renovations and interior reconfigurations at the Hamilton County Judicial Center to accommodate various County departments;
Construction and build-out for the Riverview Health Retail Center;
Improvements other than interior, including but not limited to HVAC, exterior lighting, building improvements, etc.; and,
Renovations, upgrades, and capital improvements at additional County-owned sites as identified throughout the scoping phase.

The selected CM Services Proposer will collaborate closely with County stakeholders throughout the planning, design, and construction phases to ensure minimal disruption to ongoing operations and alignment with the County's long-term facilities strategy.

The final project scope will be determined through a scoping period with the selected CM Services Proposer, during which the selected Proposer will be required to provide site analysis, design, operation of the project site during construction, and construction analysis to create a final scope and budget. The scoping period is anticipated to be a fast-paced process.

Upon receiving a satisfactory scoping schedule from the selected Proposer, the County will move forward with the project and selected Proposer. If the selected Proposer is unable to produce satisfactory deliverables and budget, the County will begin a new scoping period with another firm or cancel the RFP process all together.

1.4 Project Location

Various Hamilton County-owned properties, including the Hamilton County Judicial Center and Riverview Health Retail Center.

1.5 Project Schedule

- Preconstruction Phase: December 2025 - January 2027
Construction Phase: January 2026 - January 2027

The schedule is preliminary and subject to refinement in coordination with the selected CM Services Proposer and funding allocations.

1.6 Delivery Method

A contract with similar terms to a standard AIA® A133™ Owner/Construction Manager as Constructor Agreement will be executed between the selected Proposer and the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners. The County reserves the right to modify, amend, or replace the contract with a County drafted contract.

1.7 Project Leadership

The County has designated the following representatives to oversee the program and coordinate project activities:

- Steve Wood - Hamilton County Buildings and Grounds
Dan Stevens - Hamilton County Administration
Mike Hubbs - Hamilton County Administration

Additional County departments and consultants may be engaged as needed throughout the process.

2. Proposal Requirements

Proposer(s) will be selected through a qualification-based process. Interested Proposer(s) must submit a complete Proposal that addresses all of the criteria found in Section 2 of this RFP. Incomplete Proposals will be considered non-responsive and subject to disqualification.

2.1 Criteria One: Proposer's Statement of Qualifications and Availability to Undertake the Project. (Informational Cover Letter).

- Provide a statement of qualifications for the project including a narrative describing the Proposer's unique qualifications as they pertain to this project.
Provide a statement on the availability of the Proposer and assigned professionals to undertake the project.
Provide a statement that the CM Services members have the licenses, registrations, and credentials required to design and construct the project.

2.2 Criteria Two: Organization and General Information.

- Provide the following general information:
o Legal Company/Firm Name
o State of Organization's Registration & Type of Legal Entity
o FEIN Number
o Proposer Headquarters Address
o Authorized Company Representative
o Proposer Contact Information
Provide a description of Proposer's firm/team, including an organizational chart showing all prime contractors.

2.3 Criteria Three: Proposer's Past Performance on Related Projects.

- Identify and describe Proposer's past experience for providing CM Services that are most related to this project within the past five (5) years. List the projects in order of priority, with the most relevant project listed first. Provide the following information for each project listed:
o Project name, location, contract delivery method, and description
o Length of business relationship
o Project outcomes
o If Proposer has not previously provided CM Services for similar projects, then identify and describe the Proposer's past performance on similar projects.

2.4 Criteria Four: Project Understanding, Approach, and Proposed Timeline.

- Provide a detailed description of Proposer's ability, approach, and methodology for the project listed in this RFP, including the Proposer's approach to space programming, medical planning, and conceptual design.
Describe the process for site and building design and documentation, highlighting opportunities for early coordination with the County and project stakeholders.
Describe the Proposer's pre-construction process, including methods used to develop an accurate Guaranteed Max Price ("GMP").
Provide an implementation timeline for this project, including key milestones related to the project. Include estimates of the timeframe needed to complete each task.

2.5 Criteria Five: References and Contacts.

- Proposer must provide references from at least two (2) contacts where the Proposer provided the same or substantially similar work as set forth in this RFP by completing and submitting Attachment 5: References with Proposer's Proposal.

3. Submission Instructions

- Two (2) hardcopies of the Proposer's Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labeled "Proposal for RFP #HCCMS25 to the following address:
Steve Wood, Superintendent
Buildings and Grounds
One Hamilton County Square, Suite 82
Noblesville, IN 46060
Steve.Wood@hamiltoncountynv.in.gov
(317) 776-8446
One (1) copy of the Proposal must be electronically submitted in PDF format to procurement@hamiltoncountynv.in.gov.
Proposals must be submitted to the above address and email address no later than Monday, November 24, 2025, by 10:00 AM ET.
If Proposals are being submitted via USPS, FedEx, UPS, or any other mail carrier, please ensure that the mailing envelope is clearly marked "Proposal for RFP #HCCMS25."

Other forms of submission (fax or online) will be rejected. Proposals submitted after the deadline will be rejected.

3.1 RFP Timeline

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

Table with 2 columns: Event, Date(s). Rows include RFP issue date & 1st Advertisement (Monday, November 10, 2025, 1:00 PM ET), Deadline for questions & 2nd Advertisement (Monday, November 17, 2025, by 10:00 AM ET), Proposals Due (Monday, November 24, 2025, by 10:00 AM ET), Proposals Opened at BOC Public Meeting (Monday, November 24, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET), Evaluation Committee Meeting (Week of November 24th - 28th)

4. How We Choose

4.1 Evaluation of Qualifications
The evaluation of qualifications shall be based on the requirements described in this RFP. All properly submitted Proposals will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by an Evaluation Committee.

By submitting its Proposal in response to this RFP, Proposer accepts the evaluation process and acknowledges and accepts that determination of the "most qualified" Proposer(s) will require subjective judgments by the County.

5. Terms and Conditions

- The County's decision to enter into an eventual agreement with a provider will be made on the basis of the best qualified Proposer's qualifications, project understanding and approach, relevant experience, and ability to deliver the County with the best value. The County reserves the right to reject all Proposals and shall make a decision they believe is in the best interests of the County's residence. The County reserves the right to assemble a team to review the Proposals received.
Pursuant to IC 5-22-18-2, the County reserves the right to cancel or reject this RFP in whole or in part.
The County does not require the Proposer to submit a certified check/bid bond or other evidence of financial responsibility with its Proposal.
All Proposers will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of Proposals. The County may enter into discussion with Proposers to clarify and assure a full understanding of Proposals.
Hamilton County, Indiana, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21, Non-Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all Proposers that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
The County may refuse to disclose the contents of Proposals during discussions with eligible Proposers.
Proposers shall not contact Hamilton County Board of Commissioners or any other voting body. All correspondence and questions for this RFP should be handled through the RFP Contact.

6. Appendix

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

- Attachment 1: E-Verify Affidavit
Attachment 2: W-9
Attachment 3: Direct Deposit Form
Attachment 4: Non-Collusion Affidavit
Attachment 5: References

Respondents shall complete the attachments and submit them with their Response and SOQ by the Response and SOQ deadline.

R7018 11/10/25, 11/17/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

JOINT MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council will meet on Monday, November 24, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This is a public work session to discuss county business.

/s/ Todd E. Clevenger
Hamilton County Auditor
R7013 11/10/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Board of Trustees for the Hamilton County Regional Utility District have cancelled the following meeting date: Monday, November 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

R7012 11/6/25, 11/10/25

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Public Notice Deadline: 4 p.m. Friday
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Cross Country State Finals

Carmel girls defend state title, Noblesville boys place second

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls cross country team added another state championship to its already-overflowing trophy case.

The Greyhounds triumphed at the IHSAA state meet, which took place Saturday, Nov. 1 at the LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course in Terre Haute. Carmel scored 100 points, finishing comfortably ahead of Concordia Lutheran's 129 points.

The Hounds defended their title over the Cadets for the second consecutive year. Carmel claimed its 21st state title, far and away the most for any girls cross country program in the state.

The Greyhounds placed two runners in the top 10. Sadie Foley finished third, clocking in at 17 minutes, 22.6 seconds, while Larkin Taylor was 10th in a time of 17:46.0. Carmel placed all five of its runners in the team-scoring top 50, which enabled the Hounds to win by a solid margin.

Foley and Taylor both earned All-State honors, as did Annabel Pollert. She finished 22nd in a time of 18:10.2.

Westfield placed eighth as a team with 264 points. Alivia Lozier with a 19th-place finish (18:02.6), giving her a place on the All-State team.

Fishers scored 273 points to place ninth. Caitlin Hawkins placed 16th,

clocking in at 17:58.5 to receive All-State honors.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Carmel 100, Concordia Lutheran 129, Bloomington South 150, Homestead 172, Penn 210, Zionsville 238, Floyd Central 260, Bishop Chatard 260, Westfield 264, Fishers 273, Fort Wayne Carroll 313, Columbus North 329, Lake Central 356, Avon 376, Warsaw 388, Harrison 431, Franklin Central 431, Guerin Catholic 438, Noblesville 449, Columbia City 473, Morgan Township 488, Valparaiso 489, Munster 492, Edgewood 615, Bloomington North 623.

Race winner: Libby Dowty (Indiana Creek) 17:10.2.

Carmel runners: 3. Sadie Foley 17:22.6, 10. Larkin Taylor 17:46.0, 22. Annabel Pollert 18:10.2, 38. Margo Halle 18:38.2, 73. Kaitlyn Oshimura 19:10.8, 134. Anna Yoon 19:39.4, 161. Lilliana Cate 19:52.6.

Westfield runners: 19. Alivia Lozier 18:02.6, 59. Jenna Burns 18:57.6, 75. Mackenna Condon 19:12.3, 127. Jordyn Landrum 19:36.7, 142. Gianna Ferreri 19:44.5, 168. Ella Bozarth 19:55.1, 186. Emma Pitney 20:07.9.

Fishers runners: 16. Caitlin Hawkins 17:58.5, 74. Allie Belush 19:11.4, 86. Mia Quagliaroli 19:16.7, 124. Abby Lotter 19:36.0, 132. Riley Teurman 19:38.2, 155. Lilah Gunn 19:49.6, 164. Kylie Lengner 19:53.0.

Guerin Catholic runners: 63. Chloe Tragesser 19:03.7, 141. Brinna Wolf 19:44.2, 150. Katie Kolb 19:47.9, 174. Claire Flannagan 19:59.2, 181. Jillian Tichenor 20:03.1, 225. Taylor Tragesser 20:45.6, 247. Delaney Gould 21:45.0.

Noblesville runners: 47. Jayde Stamm 18:48.4, 125. Izzy Salinas 19:36.3, 169. Gretchen Graham 19:55.2, 178. Nelani Rander 20:00.8, 194. Ansley Applegate 20:13.1, 217. Norah Mathes 20:35.9, 228. Addy Scott 20:46.0.

Hamilton Heights runner: 77.

Allie Bushey 19:12.4.

Hamilton Southeastern runner: 89. Zoe Gebhart 19:17.4.

Noblesville finished second in the boys team competition, scoring 129 points to earn the runner-up spot for the second year in a row.

Columbus North won the team title in dominant fashion, totaling 58 points.

The Millers had two runners finish in the top 10: John Libs placed third in 15:07.5, while Banner Barnes took ninth in 15:16.4. Both runners received All-State honors.

Carmel finished sixth as a team, scoring 183 points. Jonah Kaul earned a place on the All-State team by finishing 18th (15:37.1).

Hamilton Southeastern totaled 253 points to place eighth. Liam Powers ran a strong race, taking fourth in 15:12.4 and earning All-State honors.

BOYS RACE

Team scores: Columbus North 58, Noblesville 129, Homestead 150, Bloomington North 169, Northridge 177, Carmel 183, Brownsburg 239, Hamilton Southeastern 253, North Central 287, Center Grove 294, Fishers 318, Avon 335, Penn 340, Lawrence North 342, Fort Wayne Carroll 374, Yorktown 378, Ben Davis 383, Crown Point 456, Floyd Central 475, Goshen 514, Lowell 518, Concordia Lutheran 582, Barr-Reeve 597, Bloomington South 639.

Race winner: Calvin Seitz (Springs Valley) 15:01.3.

Noblesville runners: 3. John Libs 15:07.5, 9. Banner Barnes 15:16.4, 28. Cooper Click 15:46.9, 34. Isaiah Vohs 15:51.4, 132. Noah



Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

(TOP) The Carmel girls cross country team defended its state championship on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course in Terre Haute. The Greyhounds scored 100 points to win their 21st state title in program history. (ABOVE) The Noblesville boys cross country team placed second, scoring 129 points.

Melton 16:35.2, 139. Jack Rush 16:38.5, 143. Tyler Stallings 16:40.4.

Carmel runners: 18. Jonah Kaul 15:37.1, 45. Zach Flint 15:57.0, 51. Carter Buhr 16:04.6, 76. Lucas Bartlett 16:17.1, 91. Ben Meisner 16:23.3, 166. Grant VanNahmen 16:47.5, 182. Cooper Szotek 16:52.3.

Southeastern runners: 4. Liam Powers 15:12.4, 68. Isaac Smith 16:12.4, 70. Monroe Cluff 16:14.6, 129. Charles Ritter 16:33.9, 135. Porter Key 16:36.4, 218. Will Henning 17:19.6.

Fishers runners: 47. Nate Thomas 16:00.2, 69. Reece Torres 16:13.4, 107. Mason Lapp 16:28.1, 136. Brady FitzGerald 16:37.0, 151. Declan Mohr 16:42.7, 156. Kale Ormes 16:44.4, 183. Grant Fasnacht 16:52.9.

Hamilton Heights runner: 78. Isaiah Heuer 16:19.1.

Guerin Catholic runner: 106. Cole Eckstein 16:27.7.

Westfield runner: 116. Bryce Pittman 16:30.8.



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