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## Hamilton County, meet your new prosecutor

Word of the Year: **Delight**

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Republican Party has selected Josh Kocher to fill the vacancy for Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney. The caucus met Monday evening, Dec. 29 at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in Noblesville.

Kocher has served Hamilton County as a prosecutor since 2006 and most recently held the role of Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney under Greg Garrison. Garrison retired last week due to health concerns.

Kocher brings nearly two decades of experience handling complex criminal cases and leading day-to-day operations within the Prosecutor's Office.

"I'm incredibly honored by the trust placed in me by the precinct committeemen," Kocher said. "Greg has been a mentor, a friend, and a role model and I'm excited to continue his work on behalf of the



Photo courtesy Peter M. Michael, IN Dancing Light Photography  
**Superior Court 2 Judge Jonathan M. Brown swears-in Josh Kocher as the new county prosecutor on Tuesday, Dec. 30, as Kocher's family looks on.**

people of Hamilton County." sworn in Tuesday afternoon, the historic courthouse in Noblesville. Kocher was formally Dec. 30 in the courtroom of Noblesville.

*Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders.*

Those are words from the worship song, "Oceans."

My heart knows the lyrics well, especially as I begin a new year.

Some of you are ready to dive into the new year headfirst. Not me. I'm more of a big-toe-in-the-water-first kind of gal. I like to test the waters. You will never read about me taking a Polar Plunge or even an ice bath. I don't even want to get my hair wet when swimming. That may have to do with the big hair and perms in the 1980s.

Before I digress into a squirrely abyss about my fear of deep water and my hair issues, let me direct your attention to the new year.

Fear of what 2026 holds is real, perhaps because of the tumultuous 2025. It was a very bad, awful, scary, and painful year. I feel like the big bad wolf knocked on my door so many times.

For me, fear of the unknown is like walking into shallow water, anticipating stepping on or into something I can't see in the dark, and thinking I'm going to get hurt. The big bad wolf has been known to sneak up behind me and push me into deep waters where I find myself floundering. The Grinch isn't the only mean one; the big bad wolf is, too.

For the past several years, I have chosen a WOTY (Word of the Year). For 2026, it's DELIGHT. Honestly, I wrestle with that word. It sounds like such a light word after such a heavy year. Perhaps it's what I need. So, of course, I started researching it.

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## Carmel celebrates 50 years as a city at tonight's council meeting

**The REPORTER**

Today, Jan. 5, the City of Carmel will mark an historic milestone: the 50th anniversary of its first-ever City Council meeting. To commemorate the occasion, the City Council and Mayor Sue Finkam will recognize the foundational leaders who transitioned Carmel from a town to a city, during the council meeting.

Carmel's transition to a city began with a vote by residents in November 1974, following state legislation that allowed towns to be designated Fourth Class Cities. After the first municipal election in 1975, the inaugural council took their seats exactly 50 years ago today.

The special recognition will include the presentation of a formal resolution that recognizes the full seven-member body that served as the inaugural Common Council: David Coots, Dr. Walter Dean, Minnie Doane, James Garretson, Stan Meacham, Jane Reiman, and Fred Swift.

Four surviving members



Photo provided by City of Carmel  
**The first Carmel City Council are sworn in by Judge Phillip Correll. (From left) Mayor Albert Pickett (seated), Fred Swift, David Coots, Dr. Walter Dean, Minnie Doane, James Garretson, Stan Meacham, Jane Reiman.**

of that historic body – David Coots, James Garretson, Jane Reiman and Fred Swift – are expected to attend the ceremony. These individuals moved Carmel beyond its small-town roots, establishing the framework that

allowed the community to flourish into a world-class city.

"As we celebrate 50 years since becoming a city, we are reminded that our current success is rooted in the work of those who first led the way," Mayor

Finkam said. "It is an honor to stand alongside these pioneers and an honor to recognize the original seven who are an example of true public service."

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## HSE school board approves new teacher contract

Submitted by HSE Schools

On Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025, the Hamilton Southeastern Board of School Trustees approved the 2025-26 teacher contract by a vote of 7-0, completing the collective bargaining process for the upcoming school year.

This year's negotiations occurred amid declining enrollment, rising health insurance costs, higher employer costs related to the state teacher retirement system, and the impact of SEA 1 legislation.

"This approval brings closure to an important process and allows us to move forward together," Superintendent Patrick Mapes said. "We appreciate the commitment shown by everyone involved and remain focused on supporting our staff and students in the year ahead."

The full agreement is available at [hse-schools.org/community/public-notice](https://hse-schools.org/community/public-notice).



## Arcadia farm offers fun-filled New Year's Eve for families

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

A northern Hamilton County farm made sure families had another option to ring in 2026, with farm animals.

New Year's Eve usually means dinner, parties and the ball drop. In Arcadia, families celebrated with yaks at Woolly Yak Ranch & Winery.

"It's actually a bit of a creative concoction that we came up with. We thought about the kids because we get an awful lot of kids that come out here," said owner Christopher Lammer.

Lammer and his wife invited fam-

ilies out for this sold-out event to ring in New Year's Eve at noon Wednesday.

One visitor, Evan Maxfield held his child as he said, "It was something unique, something fun for her since she'll be asleep by midnight, something for her to experience New Year's or Noon Year's."

Woolly Yak Ranch & Winery is on 25 acres. Another visitor, Emily Bohne, said, "I didn't know this place existed. So, it's really cool, really a lot of fun."

Families enjoyed refreshments, party hat decorating, a balloon drop and animals, of course. Lammer said the yaks "are a cow, but they're kind of Asia's ver-



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WISH-TV photo

People flocked to see "Asia's version of a cow," according to Lammer. The Lammers, who host field trips and other educational opportunities, are parents themselves.

The Lammers, who host field

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Photo provided (From left) Carmel Rotary Club Auction Chair Tyler Smith; auctioneer Jeff Worrell; winning bidder Scott Osborne; sculptor Peter Beering; artist Randy Sorrell; winning bidders Gail Bardach, Sarah Luedtke, and Susie Steel; and craftsman Gary Sexton.

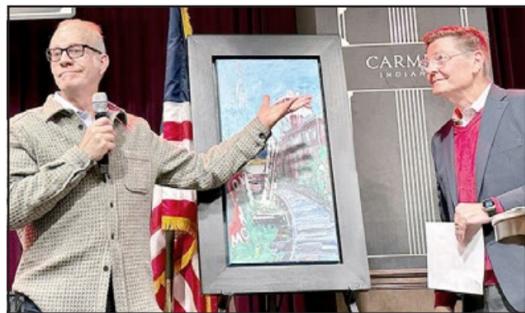
# Carmel Rotary boasts big turnout at Holiday Luncheon

Submitted by **Dubbie Buckler**  
Rotary Club of Carmel

The annual Carmel Rotary Club Holiday luncheon held Friday, Dec. 12 filled every seat at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael, with more than 90 Rotarians and guests attending.

A silent auction with a bountiful array of items was followed by a live auction of select pieces. All auction items were donated by club members and raised more than \$5,000 to support Rotary's many charitable projects. Rotarian Jeff Worrell served as live auctioneer for the spectacular painted and hand-crafted items donated by members Peter Beering, Randy Sorrell, Ranj Puthran, Gary Sexton, plus two magnificent "experience the arts" baskets donated by the Center for the Performing Arts and the Carmel Symphony Orchestra.

Also, Carmel Rotarians' generosity again earned accolades from WRTV-6 station executives for the large number of new toys club members donated for the WRTV Annual Toy Drive at the club's Dec. 5 meeting. WRTV-6 Managing Account Executive Ryan Jensen, also a Carmel resident, thanked Carmel Rotary for its longstanding support, commending the club for annually being one of the top organizations in



Photos provided Rotarian and artist Randy Sorrell (left) describes the Carmel landmarks pictured in his painting onstage with Rotarian auctioneer Jeff Worrell.

central Indiana for donating such large numbers of toys. Jensen shared that WRTV-6, originally established in 1949 as WFBM-TV, is the oldest television station in Indiana, and the WRTV Toy Drive has served tens of thousands of Hoosier families since 2001. This year's WRTV 25th annual Toy Drive, the longest running holiday toy drive in the state, again supported organizations across central Indiana providing toys for their families in need and this year is partnering with the Salvation Army to handle distribution.

The Rotary Club of Carmel, founded in 1972, regularly contributes to local community projects and non-profits including the Merciful H.E.L.P. Center, Crooked Creek Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Carmel Summer Lunch Program, Trinity Free Clin-

ic, and many more. Carmel Rotary is active in the Youth Exchange Program, hosting incoming high school students from abroad and sponsoring outbound local high school students from Carmel to countries around the globe. Carmel Rotary is proud to present and provide the leadership for CarmelFest, Carmel's annual Fourth of July parade and celebration.

Carmel Rotary is also involved in service projects around the globe, with the major focus areas of: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution; Disease prevention and treatment; Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health; Basic education and literacy, and Economic and community development. The longstanding primary goal of Rotary International and all clubs is the eradication of polio from the face of the earth.

# Have your say in Hamilton County's hazard planning

## The REPORTER

Hamilton County is updating its Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP). This federally required plan helps identify natural hazards, assess risks, and develop strategies to reduce damage and protect residents during disasters.

The public's input is needed. A second hazard mitigation meeting will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Silos 37 Pavilion

at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

During this meeting, participants will:

- Review the results of the county's Hazard Vulnerability Assessment
- Discuss updated, hazard-specific data for Hamilton County
- Help develop mitigation goals and strategies to



minimize social, physical, and economic losses resulting from disaster-related impacts to our community

Your participation is important, and you can make Hamilton County a safer and more resilient place. For more information, call the Hamilton County Emergency Management Office at (317) 770-3381.

# IU Health Fishers welcomes Riker Horban, first baby of 2026

## Submitted

Just after 3 a.m. on New Year's Day, Riker Horban became the first baby born in 2026 at IU Health Fishers. Riker, the son of Taylor Malone Horban and Brian Horban, weighed eight pounds, four ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches.

"Overall, my team here was great. I loved it," said Taylor, who was induced on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

As the couple rings in the new year and prepares to bring Riker home, they're most excited to introduce him to their young twin girls.

"We're excited to have his little sisters with him," Taylor added. "They're



Photo provided by IU Health Fishers baby obsessed." With the opening of the new medical tower at IU Health Fishers this October,

the team is now able to deliver babies at the hospital.

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# Indiana volunteers honor America's veterans with annual wreath-laying

By CYNTHIA SEQUIN  
For The Reporter

Despite facing Indiana's first major snow and ice storm of this season, volunteers, military service members, and other officials from across central Indiana gathered on Saturday, Dec. 13 at Crown Hill National Cemetery in Indianapolis to lay wreaths on the graves of veterans.

About 200 people, including volunteers from Indianapolis, Carmel, Westfield, Fishers, and Noblesville, honored the 5,000-plus veterans buried in Crown Hill, which is the sixth largest private cemetery in the U.S. The National Wreaths Across America organization named the site as Indiana's official location for wreath-laying. It is the ninth consecutive year the cemetery received this designation. David Ziemba of Indianapolis is an organizer of the program.

"I had the opportunity to work in D.C. in the early 2000s and became involved in this program at Arlington National Cemetery. It changed my life," Ziemba said. "When I returned to Indiana I stayed involved because we would not be who we are or the country we are without the



Photos provided by Margaret Hentz

(LEFT) Indiana National Guard members stand before the Field of Valor Memorial as part of the 2025 Wreaths Across America. (RIGHT) Volunteers laying wreaths on veterans' graves in Crown Hill Cemetery. Volunteers Gerrie Bonarrigo-Burton (in front) prepares to place a wreath on a veteran's grave as Julie Morrison in back lays a wreath on another grave.

sacrifice of all those buried in these cemeteries – around the world. I'm teaching my own sons about the importance of what this means."

Maj. Gen. Lawrence "Larry" Muennich, Indiana National Guard adjutant general was the keynote speaker. U.S. Army Soldiers, civilian employees and family members from the Indiana National Guard, U.S. Army Financial Management Command and volunteers were in attendance. An opening ceremony was held at the Field of Valor me-

morial prior to the laying of the wreaths. Volunteers said each veteran's name aloud as they placed the wreaths.

Joining Muennich were Command Sgt. Maj. Joshua A. Brown Indiana National Guard, and other guardsmen. Indiana officials in attendance at the event included Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard Attorney General Todd Rokita, and a representative from the office of Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett.

"We do this to remember the fallen, honor those who

have served and teach our children the value of freedom," said Margaret Hentz, one of several volunteers from the Carmel-based Jonathan Jennings Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Volunteers from the Carolyn Scott Harrison DAR also were present.

Similar events honoring buried American veterans were held around the globe. There are about 6,000 U.S. veterans' cemeteries and volunteers laid more than 3.1 million wreaths on graves this year, according to Ziemba.

# Two more Westfield fire fighters are now certified paramedics



Photo provided by Westfield Fire Department

Congratulations to Westfield firefighters Macguire Bernath and Logan Cicenias, who recently graduated from the IU Health Paramedic Education Program. Since January, Bernath and Cicenias have put in hundreds of hours in the classroom, lab, hospital, and on 911 ambulances. That work paid off and both are now licensed Indiana paramedics and nationally certified by the National Registry of EMTs. They will begin onboarding on a Westfield Fire Department ambulance as they step into their advanced role, bringing even more skill and clinical depth to the city's EMS system.

# Local students selected for Indiana Thespians' first All-State Musical

Submitted

Four students from Hamilton County have been selected to participate in *Suffs*, Indiana Thespians' first-ever All-State Musical and one of the first student productions of the Broadway hit nationwide.

The Hamilton County students selected for the All-State cast and crew are:

- Kate Boice, a senior at Noblesville High School
- Jack McNally, a sophomore at Carmel High School
- Ellie Seago, a senior at Noblesville High School.
- Ben Witherbee, a sophomore at Carmel High School

*Suffs*, written by Shaina Taub, tells the story of the American women's suffrage movement and the fight for passage of the 19th Amendment. The musical won the 2024 Tony Awards for Best Book of a Musical and Best Original Score, both for



Indiana Thespians

Taub's work.

Indiana Thespians was named one of just 12 high school programs nationwide to receive the *Suffs*: The Young Are at the Gates grant from the Educational Theatre Foundation and Musical Theatre International. The grant provides complimentary licensing and production materials for performances in the 2025-26 school year.

The Indiana Thespians production of *Suffs* will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 and at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at Avon High School, 7575 E County Road 150 South, Avon, as part of the Indiana Thespians State Conference.

Tickets are general admission and available to the public at [inthespians.booktix.com](http://inthespians.booktix.com).

# Carmel Clay Public Library has all sorts of nifty gadgets you can borrow

The REPORTER

Why buy when you can borrow?

That's the idea behind the Carmel Clay Public Library's (CCPL) Gadget Collection. Library cardholders can borrow any of dozens of gadgets for one week, just like they would books.

Gadgets include things like a telescope, radon detector, VHS to DVD converter, stud finder, soil tester, bike repair kit, crochet needle kit, Wi-Fi projector, portable air compressor, and even hiking poles.

The Reporter found this fascinating, and we thought our Carmel readers should know there is more than books to check out at CCPL.

Learn more at [carmel-claylibrary.org/gadgets](http://carmel-claylibrary.org/gadgets).



Photo provided by CCPL

# BABY

The first baby born on New Year's Day receives a special gift basket. It contains a variety of items for the baby and family.

The opening of the tower marks completion of IU Health's Fishers Community Impact Project, which nearly doubles the size of the

IU Health Fishers campus and workforce. Along with a new Labor and Delivery unit, the tower also houses Mammography, Breast Sur-

gery, Endocrine Surgical Services, an outpatient OB-GYN suite, Special Care Nursery, Medical-Surgical Inpatient unit and more.

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# DELIGHT

*Delight: To find something that gives great pleasure. To see what is enjoyable. Did you know that manna is a synonym for delight? It can also mean rejoice. Oh, how my heart needs to rejoice.*

So how do I find "delight" in the new year?

First, I look for the manna. Scripture says to ask God for our daily bread, a.k.a. manna. I need to look for the things that give me delight every day.

Things that delight me:

Running into an old friend at the coffee shop. That first sip of a Crème Brule Latte at Bica Café. Hearing laughter coming from the table behind me. I delight in eavesdropping. Sometimes I want to say, "Could you speak a little louder?"

Starting a new book that has made its way to the top of my TBR stack (To Be Read). Then, savoring the last few pages of a delicious, sweet novel. I have a love/hate relationship with heart-grabbing reads. I don't want them to end, as I've made friends with the characters. Then they have to leave.

Hearing my favorite worship song on the radio. My heart knows every lyric. (Thank you, Megan Woods, for "The Truth.")

Reading a scripture and thinking, "God knew I needed that promise." The Psalms are always my favorite dwelling place.

Getting a message from a dear friend who I have never met yet knows my heart well. Writer friends, you know who you are.

Delighting in a kindness I saw shown either to me or someone else.

Sometimes the heaviness of hard days blinds me to the delights in my days. I need to be more aware and take notice. Delights are great weightlifters.

So, in 2026, I will find delight in each day. I will be keeping a journal of my daily delights.

If ever I need to be reminded to take notice of the good I find in each day, I only have to listen to the worship song, "Oceans":

*In oceans deep, my Faith will stand. Your grace abounds in deepest waters. My soul will rest in your embrace. You've never failed, and you won't start now. For*



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

I am Yours and You are mine.

"And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts, and your mind in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7 ESV

Here's to a happy and blessed 2026 for each one of us!

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# YAKS!

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"We live in an age nowadays where cell phones and iPads all kind of rule the day, especially for the youngsters and all. So, to get them outside and give them a little space to run around, to give them new things to explore, it's definitely an educational experience," Lammer said. "We've been very blessed. We're very fortunate, and we're happy to have the resources that we have here,

and we're most excited to be able to share it with the community."

Woolly Yak Ranch & Winery is at 3124 E. 266th St., in rural Arcadia. The farm's hours are on its website, [woollyyak.com](http://woollyyak.com). Admission and parking are free.

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# 50 YEARS

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The 1974 referendum marked the moment residents chose to move beyond their small-town roots, a move that required a new level of municipal sophistication and planning.

"In 1974, the people of Carmel voted to codify a new future, and on Jan. 5, 1976, this group of seven individuals was tasked with a city from the ground up," Council President Matthew Snyder said. "They turned a referendum into a reality, establishing the framework that allowed us to grow from a small, but well-respected town into the greatest city in the world that we love today. This resolution is our way of ensuring their names and their foresight are never forgotten."

These original coun-

cilors helped oversee the critical transition years, establishing the early services and infrastructure that facilitated Carmel's growth.

"It is rare to have the opportunity to say, 'thank you' in person to the architects of your community fifty years after the fact," Councilor Jeff Worrell said. "This is a powerful reminder that the decisions made in this chamber have an impact that spans generations. We owe them a debt of gratitude for the hours they spent in these seats when the 'City of Carmel' was just a new and ambitious idea."

The community is invited to witness this historic recognition at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5 during the City Council meeting.

# That's a wrap

It seems like the blink of an eye since I was wrapping up 2024, yet here I am trying to remember all that I did in 2025. Reflecting on the year, I thought, *did I do much this year?* Funny how our minds have trouble grasping all that went into an entire year.



**AMY SHINNEMAN**  
Disability in the City

to see my steady progress since starting the stem cell treatments five years ago. When living with a progressive muscle disease, the smallest bits of progress matter. Tiny glimmers of hope to keep me going.

I continued my freelance work with Hamilton County Tourism and reviewed several places around the county for accessibility. There were some fun assignments, and I am excited to continue with them in 2026 for our third year together.

We dropped our youngest off at college. The fact that his older brother was also there helped to soften the blow. We started our chapter as empty nesters and slowly accepted our new normal. There are still many moments of missing the days when they were little.

We decided to take an empty-nester trip and headed to one of our bucket list places. Maine did not disappoint. The highlight of the trip was visiting Cadillac Mountain for sunrise. Much to our amazement, it was a very accessible mountain top experience. That was a top spiritual moment for me.

The most meaningful moment of 2025 was crossing the finish line of the Indianapolis Monumental Half Marathon as a family of four, with a team of close to 50 runners, running for Team Humbly Courageous. We are still reminiscing about that day, and the meaning behind it all.

Life often throws things in our paths that we feel we cannot live through, yet somehow, we do. The impossible becomes possible. I am eternally grateful for this time in my life. As my mom said the other day, "our cups runneth over." Yes, Mom, they sure do, hardships and all.

After writing this column, I received The Reporter's Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. That was certainly the cherry on top of 2025! The most beautiful surprise.

May we all ring in 2026 with the humble courage to forge ahead.

Until next time ...

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# Major milestone reached for Reimagine Pleasant Street Project

## Pleasant Street partially opens between 13th & 19th streets

### The REPORTER

The Reimagine Pleasant Street project hit a major milestone as the new road is now partially open between 13th and 19th streets, creating a critical east-west connection for Noblesville.

One lane of Pleasant Street is now open in each direction as construction continues for Phase 2. This phase of the project is the final segment to link State Roads 32 and 37 in Noblesville.

As part of Phase 2 construction, crews are widening Pleasant Street to four lanes, building a new bridge over Wilson Drain, and reconstructing the roundabout at 19th Street and Pleasant Street to a two-lane roundabout. Crews are also raising the lowest point of the road to reduce the risk of flooding in the area. When this work is complete, Pleasant Street

will become an emergency access route, making Noblesville a safer, more resilient community. Construction continues in the area, and the entire corridor will be fully open to traffic in early 2026. Trails in the area remain closed until construction is complete. For more information about the project, please visit [ReimaginePleasantSt.com](http://ReimaginePleasantSt.com).

“Having this portion of the road open to traffic is a major achievement for the Reimagine Pleasant Street project,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “This project has been four decades in the making, and we look forward to seeing the lasting impact Reimagine Pleasant Street will have on Noblesville.”

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# Atlanta & Cicero receive road funding

### Submitted by Office of Speaker Todd Huston

Hamilton County communities received over \$870,000 in state funding for local road and bridge projects, according to House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers).

The Community Crossings Matching Grant Program, established through a law House Republicans passed in 2016, offers funding to local communities for road repairs, bridge maintenance, intersection upgrades, and other infrastructure projects. Nearly

200 communities received \$100 million in state matching grants for this round of funding.

Local grant recipients include Atlanta (\$447,907.20) and Cicero (\$426,107.20).

“Community Crossings is an opportunity for our local governments to partner with the state to make needed investments in their infrastructure,” Huston said. “I’m glad to

see these funds coming to Cicero and Atlanta to make our roadways safer and stronger for residents, local businesses and visitors.”

Huston noted that to be eligible for funding, smaller municipalities must contribute 20 percent in local funds, while larger communities are required to provide a 50 percent match. State guidelines also ensure that half of the

available matching funds each year are directed to communities in counties with populations of 50,000 or fewer. Since 2016, the Community Crossings program has invested over \$2 billion in enhancing local roads and bridges.

Visit [in.gov/indot/communitycrossings](http://in.gov/indot/communitycrossings) to view a full list of grant recipients and learn more about the program.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) represents House District 37, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

# Let's all start the new year mentally well

*“Promise me you'll always remember – you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” – Christopher Robin from Winnie the Pooh*



**SHARON McMAHON**  
Be Well

In recent years, a brighter light has been shone on mental illness, which statistics show has grown exponentially. Harvard researchers said the research results demonstrate the high prevalence of mental health disorders worldwide, with 50 percent of the population developing at least one disorder by the age of 75.<sup>1</sup>

Dear readers, I am not, nor wish to indicate in any way, that I am qualified to expound on mental illness or disorders. That scientific area of study is best left to professionals who can identify, diagnose, and treat said disorders.

To add a historical perspective, it was not that many years ago that mental health illness was met by shunning those who suffered from it or incarcerating individuals to remove them from society. Women, in particular, were often met with that fate. And one

only has to watch any commercial television to be bombarded with the many ads for depression medications. Medical science, thankfully, has discovered remedies for clinical depression which has saved lives and brought hope to many.

That being said, I would like to focus my first column of the new year on *mental wellness* which is defined as “an internal resource that helps us think, feel, connect and function; it is an active process that helps us to build resilience, grow and flourish.”<sup>2</sup> I particularly like this definition as it uses the word resource and the word active.

And please, readers, I ask you to not equate “happiness” with inner peace and wellness. Happiness is circumstantial while true mental wellness is not situation-based, in my opinion. Let’s talk about some positive actions or decisions which can both spark and maintain that wellness.

**Physical activity** – this can be anything from walking around your house to running a marathon! There is no “one size fits

all” here but a balanced activity schedule which takes you and your current fitness level and your goals into perspective. If you try too hard, too soon, you will lose the incentive. Find what motivates you, challenges you, makes you breathe more deeply, and kicks those feel-good endorphins into gear! Practicing deep breathing will help you cope with stress as well.

**Social media/news feed** – I hope you all are nodding on this one! Both have their place but please use restraint; try actually having live conversations more often instead of text conversations.

**Friends & family** – spending time with those who are special to you and with whom you can share positive reinforcement and pleasantries will help you find fun and enjoyment.

**Volunteering** – from personal experience I can share with you that when you focus on the needs of others and you can make a difference in their lives and well-being you will find that you are uplifted.

**Good food** – yes, it is true! Good, nutritious and wholesome food and a solid eating plan in place will allow your brain to avoid the

junk food/sugar fog that can cloud your thinking as well as do harm to your body.

**Nature** – while nature does not always cooperate, we should spend time outside as much as we can, away from traffic noise and chaos. Birds are very interesting to observe and have intricate social interactions.

**Meditation** – whether you find this in prayer, introspection, focus on the breath, find time each day to quiet the mind.

Other endeavors include personal goals; whether that is cleaning your closet or writing a novel, taking (or teaching!) an art class or learning a musical instrument, or spending time walking, petting or grooming your pet.

Let’s look at 2026 as the opportunity to be well – physically, mentally, emotionally, and focus on self-care.

<sup>1</sup> [hms.harvard.edu](http://hms.harvard.edu)  
<sup>2</sup> [universityhealth.com](http://universityhealth.com)  
Happy New Year!  
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.*

### Meeting Notice

The Clay Township Board of Trustees will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.

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# DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship program accepting applications through Jan. 31

### Submitted

Undergraduate and graduate students studying music can apply for the DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship through Jan. 31, 2026.

Sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the scholarship provides a one-time \$5,000 award to one student annually who is pursuing undergraduate or graduate study in music.

Marian Anderson (1897-1993) was a groundbreaking African American con-

tralto and an inspiration for civil rights.

“This scholarship pays tribute to Marian Anderson’s life, and the Daughters of the American Revolution seeks to honor her legacy through aspiring musicians,” DAR President General Ginnie Sebastian Storage said. “Her legacy lives on in others who aim for excellence in musical studies, are committed to their communities, and willing to stand up for what is right.”

Applicants should be accepted or currently enrolled

in an accredited university or college in the United States and have a concentration in music in their course of study. Music performance, composition, theory, or education are all areas that students may be specialized in to qualify for the scholarship. They should have a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the institution.

Applications are available at [dar.org/outreach/education/scholarships](http://dar.org/outreach/education/scholarships).

Applications require references sent through the application system, so students need to request their references ahead of the Jan. 31 application deadline.

In honor of Ms. Anderson’s commitment to the community throughout her life and her willingness to share her incredible talent with the world, applicants are asked to write a personal statement describing their humanitarian or volunteer contributions on behalf of their community and/or country.

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# Carmel Fire Department continues commitment to mental health response

Submitted by Carmel Fire Department

A few weeks ago, members of Carmel Fire Department (CFD) completed Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training hosted by Fishers Police Department and the Hamilton County CIT Committee. This intensive week-long training focused on critical topics such as mental illness in adults and children, PTSD, self-care, addiction, and substance abuse disorders, active listening, and de-escalation techniques.

CFD now has over 30 firefighters CIT-trained, strengthening the department's ability to provide safe, compassionate, and effective care to individuals in crisis.

Also participating were partners from Hamilton County Police & Fire agencies, IU Health PD, and Hamilton County Dispatch.

The CIT program is a key part of CFD's mission to take care of the community with empathy and professionalism, ensuring first responders are equipped to handle mental health emergencies with the utmost care.



Photos provided by Carmel Fire Department

# Westfield Washington Schools job fair set for Jan. 15 at Shamrock Station

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) will hold a job fair from 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 15, 2026, at Shamrock Station, 333 W. Hoover St, Westfield.

Meet school leaders, connect with the hiring team, and take advantage of on-the-spot interview opportunities. It's the perfect chance to take your next step with WWS.

- WWW is hiring:
  - Instructional Assistants
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- Bus Drivers & Bus Aides
  - Early Learning Center Workers
- Can't wait for the job fair? Apply online [appt-track.com/wws/onlineapp](https://www.wws.org/onlineapp).

## Obituary

### Donald L. Moehn

May 9, 1929 – December 30, 2025

Donald L. Moehn, 96, passed away peacefully Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at Magnolia Springs Assisted Living in Carmel. He was born in Springfield, Ohio, on May 9, 1929, son of William E. and Juanita E. (King) Moehn.

In October of 1949, Don and Marguerite Barch were married at the Naval Receiving Station in Washington, D.C. They enjoyed 73 years of marriage. The couple made their home in Washington, D.C. area until 1972 when they moved to Carmel. Don and Marguerite were active members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. Don was very active in the Carmel Clay Kiwanis Club and Hamilton County Red Cross. Prior to moving to Carmel, he had been active in the Oxon Hill Maryland Lions Club.

Don attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, before serving in the U.S. Navy for seven years. He was attached to the U.S. Naval School of Music in Washington, D.C., where he served as Registrar and a member of the Faculty Band playing the trombone. Don learned radio and TV services by self-study during that time and became a television service technician after leaving the Navy.

Don made his career in the life insurance industry for 35 years. He received his CLU Designation from the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa., in 1967. In 1993, he retired from Indianapolis Life Insurance Company as Director of Education and Training after serving as a Regional Vice President and General Agent.

As an accomplished stained-glass artist, Don recreated original Tiffany patterned lamps as well as designing his own lamps and panels. He was also interested in 35mm photography and produced multi-image slide shows for training applications. Don was self-taught in everything he learned with his motto being "nothing beats a try but a failure."

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his wife, Marguerite in 2022; and brother, Jimmie R. Moehn.

Survivors include his loving daughter, Sandy (Phil) Robinson; grandson, Andrew (Krist Ecret-Forrester); and granddaughter, Rebecca. The family wishes to thank the caring private duty nurses as well as the staff at Magnolia Springs for their patience and loving care of Don. A Celebration of Life Service will be announced soon.

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

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

# Stolz retiring from Fishers Fire Dept.

The REPORTER

The Fishers Fire Department invites the public to celebrate the retirement of Fire Fighter Ronnie Stolz at 8 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026, at Station 393, 10501 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Stolz will be honored for his commitment to his city with a flag presentation and walk-out ceremony.

Congratulations and thank you for your service, Ronnie Stolz.



Stolz

# Ford retiring as Courthouse Deputy

The REPORTER

Congratulations to Courthouse Deputy Kenny Ford on his retirement after 24 years of service to the people of Hamilton County.

In a statement from the Sheriff's Office, Ford was noted as having been a "steady, reliable presence and a valued member of our community. His commitment, professionalism, and heart have made a lasting impact on everyone he's served alongside ... We are deeply grateful for his many years of hard work and dedication."

Congratulations, Deputy Ford. Best wishes in your well-deserved retirement.



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### Sharon Sue Wade

June 30, 1941 – December 22, 2025



Sharon Sue Wade, 84, Fishers, passed away on Monday, December 22, 2025, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on June 30, 1941, to Wilbur and Lola (Kellems) Batch in Huntington, Ind.

Sharon was a homemaker and member of American Legion Post #470 Auxiliary. She was a country music fan and enjoyed trips to Nashville, Tenn., and Branson, Mo. She loved attending concerts and dancing with her sisters. She seldom declined an invitation to dine out and hosted many large family gatherings with homecooked meals.

She is survived by her husband, Carol "Grub" Thomas Wade; daughter, Marsha (Dale) Day; son, Tim (Brenda) Wade; grandchildren, Rachel (Chris) Day, Grace Wade, and Thomas Wade; brother, Donald (Angie) Batch; and sisters, Linda Kost and Debra Batch.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Drew Day; and brother, Gerald Batch.

Visitation took place Monday, January 5, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Birdseye Cemetery in Birdseye, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Foundation, P.O. Box 3356, Indianapolis, IN 46206-3356 (rileykids.org); or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 (stjude.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Vickie Jean Lynch

August 12, 1949 – December 25, 2025



Vickie Jean Lynch was born on August 12, 1949, in Indianapolis. She took her final breath on December 25, 2025. Vickie was a resident of the greater Cicero area for the major part of her life. Throughout her life, Vickie was a beacon of joy and laughter for all who knew her. Her empathetic nature and loving heart were cherished by those around her. Despite being divorced, Vickie remained a loyal individual, always holding onto her family and friends with steadfast dedication.

Vickie was employed as a School Bus Aide, a role she passionately filled as she loved to care for children. Her love for children was evident in the care and attention she extended to the kids on her bus. Vickie's funny and lively spirit made her a favorite among the children she took care of. During her free time, Vickie treasured reading books and crocheting, but what mattered most to her was taking care of her family. Those moments she spent with her loved ones were her most cherished.

Vickie is survived by her son, Jody (Jocelyn) Lynch; her daughter, Stella (Mike) Harrison; her grandchildren, Mike and Carrie Harrison; her brothers, James Powers and Cody Powers; her sisters, Joy Lapoint, Bonnie Evans, and Lisa Murezec; and her great-grandson, Hunter Lee Allen. She was preceded in death by her mother, Velma Powers; her father, James Powers; and her brother, George Powers. Vickie loved her step grandchildren as her own. Her legacy will live on in the memories and hearts of those who loved her.

Services will be under the direction of Hartley Funeral Homes – Cicero. We invite you to honor Vickie's memory by sharing your stories, photos, and memories on her memorial page. It is through these shared experiences that we can truly celebrate the funny, empathetic, loving, and loyal person that Vickie was, and always will be, in our hearts.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

### Darlene Joyce Thompson

July 9, 1932 – December 29, 2025



Darlene Joyce Thompson, 93, Carmel, originally from Lincoln, Ill., passed away on Monday, December 29, 2025, at Carmel Health & Living in Carmel with her son, Dave, and granddaughter, Halie, at her side. As a believer in Jesus Christ, she left us saying she was ready to go when Jesus would call her home and was blessed with a peacefully passing when he called.

Darlene was born on July 9, 1932, to Monty and Mabel Clayborn in Springfield, Ill. At the age of 3 she lost her mother to cancer, and along with her brother, Monty, and sister, Norma, was raised in the Lincoln Orphan home until the age of 18 when she graduated from Lincoln Community High School. She also had a younger brother, Frank, who was raised by her Grandma and Grandpa Scott of Springfield, Ill., because he was too young to be placed in the care of the Lincoln Orphan home. Darlene married the love of her life, Paul Thompson, after high school. After being alongside Paul during his four years in the Air Force that took them many places, they returned to Lincoln, where Paul would later become the owner of Central Plumbing and Heating in Lincoln and Darlene would bring them their one and only son, Dave. In 1973, Darlene lost Paul unexpectedly. Darlene went on to marry Larry Anderson of Lincoln and spent many years with him prior to his passing.

Darlene spent many years supporting Paul in his plumbing business and raising their son, Dave. However, what became her most precious joy in life was her four granddaughters, Kylie, Halie, Courtney, and Maggie, by whom she was known lovingly as Granny. She wore the badge of Granny honorably and always would be a very important part of their lives right up to her passing. She instilled in them that even though there can be hard times and even sad times, there will always be a new day tomorrow, and if you have love in your heart you will get to that new day.

Darlene is survived by her son, Dave (Linda) Thompson; and four granddaughters.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Monty Claybourn, Norma Jean Chasco, and Franklin D. Claybourn, daughter-in-law Lisa (mother of grandchildren).

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill., on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at noon (CST) with a brief graveside service.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### David Allen Linville

January 16, 1954 – December 26, 2025



David Allen Linville, born on January 16, 1954, in Noblesville, passed away peacefully on December 26, 2025, at the age of 71. David was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend whose presence will be greatly missed. Known for his funny, smart, loving, and thoughtful personality, David brought joy to all who knew him.

David married the love of his life, Elvira, on December 26, 2004, and they resided in Cicero. His career as a pipe fitter at Chrysler Transmission Plant in Kokomo, spanned many years, culminating in his retirement in 2015. During his time at Chrysler, David was recognized with many awards, reflecting his dedication and hard work. Before his employment at Chrysler, he owned and operated Linville Plumbing Heating and Cooling, a respected business in the Noblesville community.

David was a man of many interests. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, enjoyed watching the History Channel, and loved working in his yard and around the house. His joy for life was evident in his love for riding his scooter and golf cart, and traveling with Elvira. David was never happier than when he was coaching his son, Zach, in sports during his youth or working on projects in the house with Elvira. He also had a soft spot for his pets, Cielo, Dulce, Alice, and Catita.

David was also a man of faith, his belief and trust in God being a guiding light throughout his life, especially in the final months as he planned to be baptized at the Cicero Seventh Day Adventist Church.

David is survived by his wife, Elvira; son, Zach and his wife Brandi; grandchildren, Noah, Emma, Mia, and Elijah; brothers Larry (Cathy) Linville and Don Linville; step-brothers, Gary Linville and Rick (Lisa) Linville; and sister, Barbara (Ed) Lacharite. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lois and Clyde; siblings Betty Macharetti, William "Herbie" Linville, Paul Linville, Diana Linville, Alvin Linville, Shirley Burnell, Sandy Oliver, as well as his step-brothers Lee and Tommy Linville.

Visitation and services were held Saturday, January 3, 2026, at the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church, 24445 State Road 19, Cicero, with Pastor Aaron Clark officiating. The services were under the direction of Hartley Funeral Homes – Cicero.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the Seventh-day Adventist Indiana Academy to help with students' tuition. Donations can be made at [iasda.org/donate](https://iasda.org/donate).

In memory of our beloved David, we invite you to leave memories and upload photos to the memorial page. David's spirit and legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched over his 71 years.

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### Nancy J. Duke

May 12, 1957 – December 26, 2025

Nancy J. Duke, 68, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 26, 2025, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on May 12, 1957, to A. Donald and Doris (Rhoads) Duke in Chicago, Ill.

She is survived by her sister, Jan (Hugh) Macdonald-Smith; nieces and nephews, Ryan Duke, Kelly Curry, Joshua Collins, and Alex Macdonald-Smith; and several great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Pamela Duke.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be at Carmel Cemetery in Carmel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamilton-humane.com).

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### Camilla "Sue" Gatewood

September 30, 1944 – December 26, 2025



On December 26, 2025, Camilla "Sue" Gatewood, originally born Camilla Sue Budreau on September 30, 1944, in Fowler, Ind., left us to continue her journey in the eternal. Sue resided in Cicero, where she lived a full, vibrant life. She was a loving and thoughtful person whose generosity knew no bounds. Her compassion was a beacon of light in the lives of many, her heart full of kindness and understanding.

Sue led an accomplished and fulfilling life, both professionally and personally. She spent her working years as a receptionist in a bustling architectural firm, meeting countless faces with her warm and inviting smile. She was widowed, but her marriage was a testament to enduring love and companionship. Sue was an avid quilter, crafting beautiful pieces that mirrored her intricate personality. She also enjoyed reading romance novels, immersing herself in tales of love and adventure. Her greatest joy, however, was her family. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the recipients of her boundless love and attention, and she cherished her time with them.

Sue is survived by her daughter, Tina Childers; granddaughters, Stefanie (Kyle) Dunagan, Samantha (Todd) Childers, and Sabrina Childers; great-granddaughters, Serenity Childers, Sandra Dunagan, and Para Warner; and brother Jerry (Sally) Budreau. She was predeceased by her parents, Clifford and Rosa (Brewer) Budreau; son, Gino Cortellini; and siblings, Sonny Budreau, Steve Budreau, and Sandy Budreau. Her memory will continue to live on in their hearts and the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Camilla loved her animals dearly and always made time for them. She was a beacon of warmth, love, and nurturing, and she will be dearly missed. Her life, a beautiful tapestry of love, giving, and compassion, will be celebrated and remembered.

The Celebration of Life for Camilla will be held at The Benton House, 312 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis, in Historic Irvington, from 1 to 4 p.m. January 18, 2026, where friends and loved ones can gather and share wonderful memories together.

We encourage you to share your favorite memories of Camilla and upload photos to her memorial page. By doing so, we keep her memory alive and pay tribute to the remarkable woman she was.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

### Keymanee Katrell Rippey

November 8, 2002 – December 20, 2025



Keymanee Katrell Rippey, lovingly known to all as "Key," was a bright light whose life was filled with love, ambition, and deep purpose. On December 20, 2025, that light was tragically taken from us, leaving behind a heartbreak that words can hardly express and a void that will never be filled.

Keymanee was born on November 8, 2002, in Indianapolis, to Walter Max Rippey III and Marissa Ann Cunningham. From a young age, it was clear that Key carried something special – his vibrant spirit, determination, and genuine love for his family were evident in everything he did.

Keymanee meant many things to many people: a beloved son, brother, cousin, nephew, grandson, and uncle. Above all else, he was a proud and devoted father to his precious one-year-old daughter, Kasani Kaor. She was his heart, his motivation, and his greatest joy. Everything Key did was with her in mind, and his love for her showed through his constant efforts to provide, protect, and be present.

Sports played a big role in Keymanee's life. He began playing little league football at Tabernacle, later continuing with the Ravens and Spartans. As he grew older, he also developed a strong love for basketball. Competitive by nature, Key carried his passion for sports throughout his life and found joy in sharing that love with his younger brothers, always encouraging them to push themselves and have fun.

Keymanee was always striving for more. He balanced school, work, sports, and family with a level of responsibility well beyond his years. He worked throughout most of high school and proudly graduated from Fishers High School. After graduation, with guidance from his uncle Dailon Rippey, he pursued a career in HVAC, a path that quickly became a passion. Starting at DEEM as a PM Technician, Key's dedication and work ethic helped him advance to Service Technician in just over a year. He earned his universal license and was completing his final year of schooling toward his journeyman license. Those who worked alongside him admired his reliability, his eagerness to learn, and his willingness to step up whenever help was needed.

Key had a way of pulling people toward him without even trying. His smile could light up a room, his laughter was contagious, and his sense of humor made even the hardest days feel lighter. He showed up for people, always dependable, always willing to help, and always offering encouragement when it was needed most.

His family was at the center of Keymanee's world. Growing up surrounded by 11 siblings and bonus siblings has helped shape him into the patient, caring, and loving father, son, and brother he became. He treasured time with his brothers and sisters, whether that meant playing games, friendly competition, or simply sharing laughs. Being present for his family was never a chore, it was who he was.

Keymanee is lovingly survived by his parents, Walter Max Rippey III, Marissa Ann Cunningham, and Tiana Rose Rippey. He leaves behind his cherished siblings: Walter Rippey IV, Lateanna Smith, Sequoia Smith, Anesia Rippey, Frank Rippey, Kamari Rippey, Karter Cunningham, Laiah Rippey, Kingsten Rippey, Karsen Rippey, and Kairo Rippey, along with his beloved bonus sisters, Anita Rippey and Alexis Rippey. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Keith Cunningham and Theresa (Myron) Atkins, and his paternal grandparents, Walter Rippey Jr. and Anita Hudgins. Bonus Grandparents Gary and Tina Mitchell. In addition, he leaves behind a loving circle of aunts, uncles, Jaylen, Corey, and Amayia Wilson and many other cousins who will always cherish his memory and the joy he brought into their lives.

There was truly never a dull moment with Keymanee. He lived unapologetically as himself, spreading joy, love, and laughter everywhere he went. While his time here was far too short, his legacy lives on through the memories we hold close, the love he gave so freely, and most importantly, through his beloved daughter, Kasani Kaor.

Visitation and a funeral service were held Friday, January 2, 2026, at Flanner Buchanan – Hamilton Memorial Park (Prairie Waters), 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery, with a repass following back at the funeral home.

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*Girls Wrestling*

**Royals win first-ever team sectional title**

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton Southeastern girls wrestling team won its first-ever team sectional championship Friday, Jan. 2 at the Muncie Central sectional.

The Royals edged out Carmel for the team trophy, scoring 170 points to the Greyhounds' 164. Both teams also had several wrestlers finish in the top four of their respective weight classes, which advances them to this Saturday's regional, also at Muncie Central.

Southeastern had seven girls advance to regional, including three champions. Junior Lilliana Rodriguez claimed the 105-pound class, advancing to the semifinals with a forfeit before winning her next two matches by fall. Rodriguez pinned Blackford sophomore Hannah Jernigan in 56 seconds to win the final.

Senior Lindsey Lannen won the 120-pound division, getting two pins to reach the final, where she beat Cowan senior Emma Jones in a 6-0 decision.

Senior Fanta Sall was HSE's second champion. She reached the semifinals with a forfeit, then made two quick pins in her next

two matches, beating Fishers freshman Isabella Denney with a 49-second fall in the championship match.

Charlotte Drago was the runner-up at 100 pounds. Marinelli Rodriguez was third at 115 pounds, then two other Royals wrestlers took fourth: Norah Tolbert at 110 and Kendall White at 155.

The Greyhounds moved six wrestlers out to the regional, including one champion. Senior Daniela Ramirez-Zarate won the 155-pound championship with three pins, including a second-round fall over Eastbrook sophomore Averie Stephenson in the final bout.

Carmel had three wrestlers finish as runners-up: Grace Sharp at 115, Masha Newsome at 125 and Laila Mack at 140. Paisley Lloyd sophomore Hannah Jernigan in 56 seconds to win the final.

Fishers placed eighth as a team with 66 points and qualified three for the regional. Denney's runner-up finish at 235 made her the Tigers' leader; she will be joined at regional by Jamariah Patton (third at 130) and Anjali Dhanda (fourth at 135). Noblesville scored 38



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**(LEFT)** The Hamilton Southeastern girls wrestling team won its first-ever team sectional championship Friday, Jan. 2 at Muncie Central. The Royals scored 170 points, claimed three individual champions and advanced seven to this Saturday's Muncie Central regional. **(RIGHT)** Noblesville's Tiffany Manglona placed third at 110 pounds.

points and had two regional qualifiers. Tiffany Manglona was third at 110 and Azzurra Moretti placed fourth at 105.

**At Muncie Central**

**Team scores:** Hamilton Southeastern 170, Carmel 164, New Palestine 158, Jay County 153, West-Del 108.5, Blackford 84, Eastbrook 82.5, Fishers 66, Monroe Central 62, Daleville 55.5, Muncie Central 51,

Noblesville 38, Cowan 34, Yorktown 33, Winchester 14.

**Individual results**

**100 pounds:** 2. Charlotte Drago (HSE), 4. Tess Self (C).  
**105 pounds:** 1. Lilliana Rodriguez (HSE), 3. Azzurra Moretti (N).  
**110 pounds:** 3. Tiffany Manglona (N), 4. Norah Tolbert (HSE), 5. Aneet Kaur (F).  
**115 pounds:** 2. Grace Sharp

(C), 3. Marinelli Rodriguez (HSE), 6. Olivia Benefield (N).  
**120 pounds:** 1. Lindsey Lannen (HSE), 5. Anallyn Penquite (C), 6. Rama Abd Rabbou (F).  
**125 pounds:** 2. Masha Newsome (C), 5. Savannah Scott (HSE).  
**130 pounds:** 3. Jamariah Patton (F).  
**135 pounds:** 4. Anjali Dhanda (F), 6. Giabella Romano (C).  
**140 pounds:** 2. Laila Mack (C),

6. Jaelyn Fowler (HSE).  
**145 pounds:** 1. Daniela Ramirez-Zarate (C), 6. Katherine Lee (HSE).  
**155 pounds:** 4. Kendall White (HSE), 5. Elena Cuomo (C).  
**170 pounds:** 5. Kelly O'Hara (C), 6. Evelyn Loy (HSE).  
**190 pounds:** 5. Josie Belloti (C).  
**235 pounds:** 1. Fanta Sall (HSE), 2. Isabella Denney (F), 3. Paisley Lloyd (C).



Photos by Bob Cross

Hamilton Heights wrestlers Isabella Bailey (above) and Natalie Head (above right) were runners-up in their respective divisions at the Huskies' wrestling sectional on Friday, Jan. 2.

**Hawks, Huskies get multiple regional qualifiers**

**The REPORTER**

Sheridan and Hamilton Heights' teams each had multiple wrestlers advance out of their respective sectionals on Friday, Jan. 2.

Sheridan competed in the Crawfordsville sectional, where the Blackhawks finished fifth as a team with 109 points.

Sheridan picked up two individual championships. Senior Devyn Pewarski won at 135 pounds, beating Greencastle junior Deasia Tyler by a 16-8 major de-

cision in the final. Pewarski got a pin in the semifinal.

Senior Adriana Hamersley was the 145-pound champion. After a forfeit, Hamersley won her next two matches by fall, beating Terre Haute North sophomore McKinley Fisher in the championship bout.

Aubrey Koch placed second at 115 pounds, joining the other two at this Saturday's Kokomo regional.

Four other Blackhawk wrestlers were place-

winners at the sectional. Ryleigh Hampton (at 120), Ellie Eaton (at 130) and Eva Todd (at 140) all finished fifth, while Gracie Stowers placed sixth at 110.

The Huskies hosted their own sectional, scoring 79 points to take seventh place. Heights had four wrestlers finish in the top four, sending all of them to this Saturday's Kokomo regional.

Two Huskies were runners-up in their divisions: Isabella Bailey at 145

pounds and Natalie Head at 170 pounds. Heights also had two fourth-place finishers: Raelynn Trent at 135 and Amaelia Cordero Ballinger at 155.

Maya Tottleben finished fifth at 130 pounds.

"I'm super excited. I'm proud of them," said Heights coach Markaela Pugh. "They wrestled hard. They fought. Had some calls maybe not go our way, but we still got it done and we still got four out of six going on, so I'm happy."

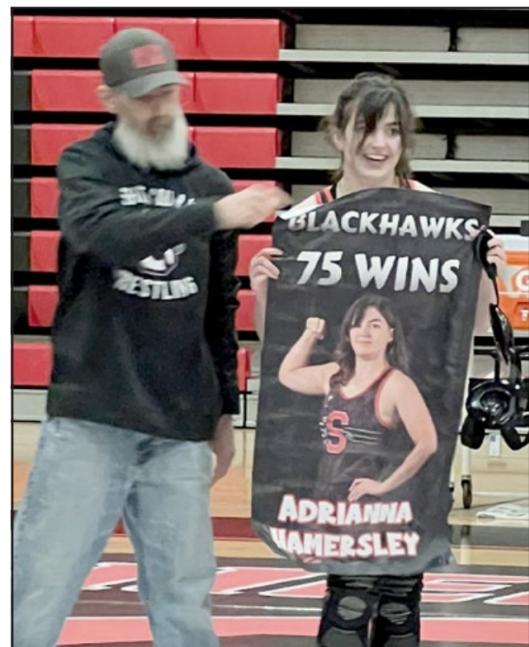


Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Adrianna Hamersley was honored for her 75th career win. She is pictured with her father and Sheridan coach Jason Hamersley.

**Hamersley gets 75th win**

**The REPORTER**

The Sheridan girls wrestling team hosted Frankfort on Monday, Dec. 29 for the Blackhawks' Senior Night meet.

The Hot Dogs won 39-30, with Sheridan winning five matches, all by pin. Aubrey Koch won at 115 pounds, followed by Ellie Eaton at 130 and Devyn Pewarski at 135.

Two Sheridan wrestlers bumped up a weight class and also got pins: Eva Todd at 145 and Adrianna Hamersley at 155. It was Hamersley's 75th career win.

"They're doing awesome," said Sheridan coach Jason Hamersley. They've grown in numbers by five girls this year, and their middle school program has 15 come out to callouts."

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The Sheridan girls wrestling team hosted its Senior Night meet on Monday, Dec. 29, taking on Frankfort in a dual meet.

Basketball

# Friday games feature tournaments, county rivalries



Photo by Joshua Herd

Fishers' Tristan Breland scored 19 points for the Tigers during their 99-53 win over Fort Wayne Wayne Friday, Jan. 2 in the first round of the Tigers' Holiday Tournament. Fishers played two games on Saturday, Jan. 3; results from those games will appear in our Tuesday email edition.

Photos by Joshua Herd

Hamilton Southeastern's Abby Orme (above left) and Carmel's Sydney Bonds (above right) were part of a county rivalry game when the Greyhounds traveled to the Royals' gym on Friday, Jan. 2. Southeastern won the game 46-36.

Photo by Joshua Herd  
**(RIGHT)** Hamilton Southeastern's Erika (Roudebush) Mundt was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame on Friday, Jan. 2, prior to tipoff of the Royals' game with Carmel. Roudebush graduated from Southeastern in 1999 and helped the Royals to their first-ever sectional championship. Roudebush scored 1,276 career points and earned Associated Press Third Team All-State honors. She played college basketball at Cleveland State University, where she was the Horizon League MVP in 2002 and the Vikings' scoring leader during her junior and senior seasons.



## Hamilton County High School Friday Night Basketball Scores

### BOYS

Noblesville 53, Warren Central 32  
Crown Point 81, Hamilton Southeastern 70  
University 56, Bethesda Christian 40  
Fishers Invitational  
Fishers 99, Fort Wayne Wayne 53  
Ray Furney Classic, Lawrenceburg  
Plainfield 71, Guerin Catholic 39  
Guerin Catholic 63, Castle 29

### GIRLS

Hamilton Southeastern 46, Carmel 36  
Chicago Invitational  
Fishers 41, New Trier (Ill.) 32  
Marist (Ill.) 62, Fishers 47

See Friday night basketball coverage in our Tuesday digital edition and online at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).

# Stidham's 3 gives HSE win at Paul Loggan Tournament

## The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's Kayla Stidham only made one 3-pointer during the Royals game with Valparaiso Monday, Dec. 29 at the Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament at North Central.

But it came at the right time.

Stidham drained her 3-pointer with one second left in the contest and it lifted Class 4A No. 4 Southeastern to a 53-50 win over the Vikings. That basket helped the Royals get past a tough Valparaiso team which is ranked eighth in 4A and nearly stole the game from HSE in the final seconds.

The Royals were leading 50-46 with 30 seconds left when Valpo's Lilli Barnes made a floater. After a timeout, the Vikings stole the ball and it wound up in the hands of Barnes, who made a layin to tie the game at 50-50.

Southeastern quickly got the ball to their side of the court, with Haylee Mezera catching it on the left side. Mezera passed to Abby Orme, who passed to Antonette Green, who sent



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

**(LEFT)** Hamilton Southeastern's Kayla Stidham scored 20 points, including the game-winning 3-pointer, during the Royals' 53-50 victory over Valparaiso at the Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament Monday, Dec. 29 at North Central. **(RIGHT)** Southeastern's Piper Brinley stays focused on defense.

the ball to Stidham on the right corner outside the arc. Stidham shot the ball and was right on target.

Valparaiso led 11-7 after the first quarter with Barnes, a Ball State recruit, scoring six points. Stidham, a Bowling Green State recruit, helped the Royals come back in the second pe-

riod with seven points, that helped HSE lead 20-18 at halftime.

The scoring picked up for both teams in the third quarter, which finished with Southeastern ahead 40-37. Kennedy Holman, a Florida recruit, scored eight points but was injured during the quarter and would not return

to the game. Stidham made all six of her free-throw attempts during the third, with Green and Orme both making a triple.

Stidham scored five points in the fourth, including her game-winning 3, giving her 20 points for the contest. Orme finished with 13 points, making three tri-

ples along the way. Holman scored 10 points.

The Royals won their second game at the Paul Loggan Tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 30, beating Decatur Central 50-44.

Southeastern led 11-9 after one quarter and 25-22 at halftime. The Hawks came back in the third peri-

od to take a 35-34 lead, but the Royals finished strong with 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Stidham had another outstanding game, pouring in 30 points and collecting six rebounds. Piper Brinley added 10 points and five rebounds, while Orme pulled six rebounds.

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Boys Basketball



(LEFT) Carmel's Julian Vogt scored 13 points for the Greyhounds during their 58-45 win over Lake Central on Tuesday, Dec. 30. (RIGHT) Aiden Dickerson scored six points for Carmel during both of the Greyhounds' wins at the Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament.

Reporter photos by Julie Brown

# Carmel sweeps two games at Paul Loggan Tournament

**The REPORTER**

The Carmel boys basketball team won both of its games at the Paul Loggan Memorial Tournament this week at North Central.

The Class 4A No. 7 Greyhounds started on Monday, Dec. 29 by beating defending 4A state champion Jeffersonville 55-43. The two teams were tied at the end of the first quarter (16-

16) and at halftime (27-27), with Cash Daniels scoring eight points in the first half. Ben Bremer made a pair of first-quarter 3-pointers.

Carmel took control in the third period, outscoring the Red Devils 18-5. Evan Harrell scored nine points in the third, with Bremer making two more triples. The Hounds added 10 more points in the fourth quarter

to clinch the victory.

Harrell finished with 15 points, while Bremer's four 3s translated into 12 points. Daniels scored eight, while Julian Vogt and Aiden Dickerson both contributed six points.

Carmel returned to North Central on Tuesday, Dec. 30 to play Lake Central and won that game 58-45. The Hounds led 14-9 after

the first quarter and 25-21 at halftime.

Both teams scored 18 points in the third, which included six points from Harrell. But Carmel ran away in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Indians 15-6. Harrell added eight more points and finished with 20 points overall.

Daniels and Vogt both scored 13 points.

# Blazers score another win over Bethesda Christian

**The REPORTER**

University's boys returned home to The U Center Friday, Jan. 2 and picked up their fourth win of the week, defeating Bethesda Christian 56-40. The game was the Trailblazers' second win in four days over the Patriots, having won the championship game of the Bill Hawkins Classic 80-39 on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

The teams got off to a sluggish start Friday with University holding a 9-8 lead late in the first quarter before back-to-back three pointers from Josh McGee and Blake Gray staked the Trailblazers to a 15-8 lead. Bethesda Christian's Liam Swan, who missed the Tuesday game due to illness, scored all of the Patriots points in the first quarter, including a bucket with eight seconds left to make it 15-10 at the break.

University cranked up the defense in the second quarter to take control of the game. The Trailblazers held Bethesda Christian to just one field goal and six total points in the quarter. Uni-

versity outscored the Patriots 9-2 in the last 2:25 of the half for a 28-16 lead.

A 9-2 run to open the third quarter removed all doubt for University. Josh Henderson grabbed a rebound and went the length of the floor for a basket and a 37-18 lead. The Blazers led 43-24 after three quarters and eventually stretched the lead to 24 on three occasions, the last at 53-29 with 3:20 remaining. The Patriots scored 11 of the game's last 14 points.

Henderson led University with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Gray had 13 points and McGee added 11 points and handed out a team-high six assists.

Swan had a game-high 18 points for Bethesda Christian.

University improved to 7-2 with the win. Bethesda Christian is 6-4.

The Trailblazers are next in action Tuesday night at Brebeuf Jesuit, the start of a three-game week. University will host Seccina on Thursday and travel to Covenant Christian Saturday.



Photo provided

The University boys basketball team won the Bill Hawkins Classic at Bethesda Christian on Tuesday, Dec. 30, beating the host Patriots 80-39 in the championship game.

# Blazers wins Bill Hawkins Classic

**The REPORTER**

The University boys basketball team overwhelmed host Bethesda Christian 80-39 to win the championship game of the Bill Hawkins Classic on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

The Trailblazers outscored the Patriots in each

quarter, jumping out to a 21-10 lead after the first period. Josh Henderson led the way with seven points in the first.

University extended its lead to 41-22 at halftime. Jaxen Bennett threw in two 3-pointers, while Blake Gray and Henderson both added

five more points.

The Blazers poured in 24 points in the third quarter to lead 65-37. Faisal Mohamud scored seven points, while Henderson added another six points. University's defense took over in the fourth when it outscored Bethesda 15-2.

Four Trailblazers reached double-digit scoring, led by Henderson's 18 points. Mohamud scored 16, with Gray and Bennett both contributing 11 points. Gray and Henderson were both named to the All-Tournament team.



Photo by Dwight Caster

Sheridan's Devon Hamilton scored 28 points in two games for the Blackhawks during their holiday tournament on Saturday, Dec. 27. Hamilton had 13 points in Sheridan's win over Lewis Cass and 15 in the Hawks' loss to Liberty Christian.

# Celebrating the Hoosiers at Buffalouie's

By RICHIE HALL  
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Buffalouie's in Carmel was the place to be Thursday, Jan. 1 as the restaurant held a watch party for the Indiana University football team.

The Hoosiers trounced Alabama 38-3 to win the Rose Bowl for the first time ever and advance to the semifinals of the College Football Playoff. Indiana plays Oregon in the Peach Bowl this Friday in Atlanta.

Pictured is Patt Elff of Carmel. Elff is a member of the Carmel Runners Club and she was happily running around Buffalouie's after the Hoosiers scored another touchdown.

Nick Williams, owner of Buffalouie's, told The Reporter that the restaurant has celebrations for "all the games" and noted there was a "lot of energy" among the over 100 fans watching the game that night.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Buffalouie's got its start in Bloomington in 1987

and recently celebrated the one-year anniversary

of its Carmel location, 43 W. Main St. The restaurant

will have another party for the Peach Bowl as well.

# Sheridan splits game at own tournament

**The REPORTER**

The Sheridan boys finished 1-1 at their own Holiday Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 27.

The Blackhawks opened with a 63-51 win over Lewis Cass in the first round. The Kings led 16-15 after the first quarter, but Sheridan outscored them in the other three.

Trey Page kept the Hawks in the game during the first period with three 3-pointers, then kept going in the second period with 12 more points. Page was part of a 22-point second quarter that moved Sheridan in front 37-33. Jax Peerman added six points, giving him 10 for the first half.

Devon Hamilton stepped up in the third quarter, scoring eight points to help the Blackhawks extend their lead to 51-43. Sheridan finished the game with 12 points in the fourth.

Page totaled 25 points, including four 3s. Hamil-

ton was next with 13 points, while Peerman scored 12.

Sheridan fell in the championship game to Liberty Christian, 65-57. It was the Blackhawks' first loss of the year.

Sheridan led 14-12 after the first quarter, with Hamilton scoring five points. The Lions took over in the second period, pouring in 18 points for a 30-20 lead, then moved ahead 46-32 after three periods.

The Hawks made a comeback in the fourth quarter, pouring in 25 points, but Liberty Christian was able to hold them off. Peerman scored 12 points in the fourth, with Desh Donathan adding nine points in that quarter.

Donathan and Hamilton both scored 15 points. Peerman scored 14, all in the second half.

Sheridan is 6-1 and is off until Jan. 9 when it plays at Hoosier Heartland Conference game at Tri-Central.

Swimming

Carmel teams win own Invite

The REPORTER

The Carmel swim teams hosted their own Winter Invitational on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Both the Greyhounds girls and boys teams won their respective divisions. The Carmel girls scored 875 points to finish first, while the Carmel boys got a push from St. Charles Preparatory from Columbus, Ohio. The Hounds still won, scoring 731 points to St. Charles' 665.

"We love having St. Charles come over here," said Carmel coach Chris Plumb. "Their head coach and I swam with each other in college. He has a great boys team, we got a great boys team, so it's good to see a lot of close races. Good, friendly competition."

Carmel's girls won six events, starting with the medley relay. Leah DeBosch, Molly Sweeney, Ellie Clarke and Sophia Floyd won that race in 1 minute, 43.68 seconds.

Clarke picked up two more wins, in the individual medley and backstroke. Haley Morris finished first in the 200 freestyle, while freshman Helayna Weller led a Greyhound sweep of the top five in the 500 free.

Carmel also claimed the 200 free relay. Sweeney, Clarke, DeBosch and Floyd won that event in 1:35.64.

In the boys meet, Trent Allen and Yi Zheng both won two individual events. Allen was first in the 200 and 500 freestyles, while Zheng won the IM and breaststroke.

Complete Carmel results now follow.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Carmel 875, Fort Wayne Carroll 604, Homestead 506.

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Leah DeBosch, Molly Sweeney, Ellie Clarke, Sophia Floyd) 1:43.68, 4. Carmel "B" (Helayna Weller, Madelyn Yonkus, Haley Morris, Natalie Powers) 1:50.94, 6. Carmel "C" (Avery Aiello, Laura Russo, Emma Kou, Claire Cate) 1:55.88.

200 freestyle: 1. Morris 1:52.32, 2. Floyd 1:53.80, 5. Powers 1:58.48, 6. Katie Daily 1:59.37, 7. Sabrina Ledwith 2:00.37, 12. Kate Kistler 2:03.61.

200 individual medley: 1. Clarke 2:00.02, 2. Sweeney 2:01.56, 5. DeBosch 2:08.21, 8. Yonkus 2:13.84, 10. Isabelle Harger 2:15.49, 12. Payton Clark 2:18.10.

50 freestyle: 2. Lucy Enoch 25.11, 4. Alexis Sereno 25.68, 6. Kohana Owen 25.83, 7. Cate 25.99, 9. Aiello 26.62, 11. Tiffany Neff 26.74.

100 butterfly: 4. Morris 58.44, 6. Maria Daily 1:00.41, 7. Story Hughes 1:02.36, 10. Kistler 1:03.19, 12. Cooper Wilson 1:03.92, 13. Haley Coleman 1:04.67.

100 freestyle: 2. Enoch 53.83, 3. Floyd 54.10, 5. Sereno 56.82, 6. Aiello 57.27, 8. Neff 58.12, 11. Mar- en Muse 59.95.

500 freestyle: 1. Weller



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel's Kate Kistler is congratulated by her teammates after swimming in the 400 freestyle relay at the Carmel Winter Invitational on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

5:10.69, 2. M. Daily 5:15.85, 3. Ledwith 5:18.25, 4. Powers 5:18.60, 5. K. Daily 5:21.79.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Sweeney, Clarke, DeBosch, Floyd) 1:35.64, 3. Carmel "B" (Hughes, Enoch, Yonkus, Ledwith) 1:40.67, 5. Carmel "C" (Owen, Ella Harrity, Sereno, Neff) 1:44.92.

100 backstroke: 1. Clarke 53.38, 3. DeBosch 57.34, 5. Weller 1:00.00, 6. Harger 1:01.08, 7. Coleman 1:02.58, 9. Hughes 1:03.81.

100 breaststroke: 2. Sweeney 1:03.30, 3. Yonkus 1:07.11, 6. Clark 1:09.29, 10. Cate 1:11.05, 11. Laura Russo 1:11.51, 13. Hailey Sheridan 1:14.36.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Carmel "A" (Ledwith, Weller, Enoch, Harger) 3:41.69, 4. Carmel "B" (Hughes, K. Dailey, M. Daily, Aiello) 3:50.13, 6. Carmel "C" (Kistler, Olivia Pangemanan, Coleman Wilson) 3:54.84.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Carmel 731, St.

Charles Prep 665, Homestead 434, Fort Wayne Carroll 222.

200 medley relay: 2. Carmel "A" (Carter Hadley, Yi Zheng, Jack Street, Donald Zhao) 1:30.80, 6. Carmel "B" (Drew DuBois, Luke Feller, Mack Allen, Austin Bruford) 1:37.89, 7. Carmel "C" (Aiden Jent, Juahn Sung, Brady Ladine, Carter Kellett) 1:39.91.

200 freestyle: 1. Trent Allen 1:37.16, 3. Lewis Zhang 1:40.25, 4. William Lathrop 1:43.12, 5. Bruford 1:43.52, 6. Linrui An 1:44.03.

200 individual medley: 1. Zheng 1:46.49, 4. Noah Moeller 1:52.21, 5. Allen 1:55.15, 9. DuBois 2:00.40.

50 freestyle: 5. Zhao 21.56, 7. Hadley 21.77, 9. Aaron Trinh 22.20, 10. Conner Fletchall 22.31, 16. Jent 23.77.

100 butterfly: 3. Street 40.23, 6. Eddy Zhu 51.19, 8. Moeller 51.51, 15. Shrey Aggarwal 55.48, 16. Kellett 55.89.

100 freestyle: 2. Hadley 45.74,

7. Fletchall 48.25, 8. An 49.19, 9. Trinh 50.07, 10. Orion Hughes 50.09.

500 freestyle: 1. Allen 4:20.77, 2. Zhang 4:31.74, 3. Bruford 4:33.21, 4. Zhu 4:36.40, 5. DuBois 4:47.45.

200 freestyle relay: 3. Carmel "A" (Zhao, Street, Zhang, Allen) 1:24.85, 4. Carmel "B" (Zhu, Cory Han, Lathrop, Trinh) 1:28.23, 6. Carmel "C" (An, Jent, Feller, Kellett) 1:30.43.

100 backstroke: 4. Han 51.02, 7. Street 52.56, 8. Lathrop 53.19, 11. Kellett 55.04, 12. Riley Sweeney 55.58.

100 breaststroke: 1. Zheng 54.53, 6. Zhao 59.83, 8. Feller 1:01.50, 9. Allen 1:01.80, 10. Sung 1:02.22.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Carmel "A" (Allen, Hadley, Zhang, Zheng) 3:01.00, 4. Carmel "B" (Lathrop, Han, Fletchall, Moeller) 3:10.30, 6. Carmel "C" (Zhu, DuBois, Bruford, Allen) 3:15.30.

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29D02-2509-PL-010049, wherein Centennial Homeowners Association, Inc., was Plaintiff and Pamela S. Appledorn, US Bank Trust National Association, Not in its Individual Capacity But Solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust, and Indiana Members Credit Union were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 19th day of February, 2026, at the hour(s) of 10:00am-12:00pm of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Rd, Noblesville, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot Number 490 in Centennial, Section 4, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded January 3, 2001 in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 539, and as Instrument Number 200100000470, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Commonly known as: 1027 Manassas Dr. Westfield, Indiana 46074

Township: Washington

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. All sales are subject to any first and prior liens taxes, and assessments legally levied and assessed thereon.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County

Thrasher Buschmann & Voelkel, P. C. Steven C. Earnhart, Esq. 8440 Woodfield Crossing Blvd, Suite 310 Indianapolis, IN 46240

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

R7240 1/5/26, 1/12/26, 1/19/26

HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Regional Utility District will meet on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session from 10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m. for discussion of the Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss the utility district business will immediately follow the Executive Session.

R7248 1/5/26

SHERIDAN

APC Public Notice

This notice is to inform you of a public hearing to be held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission on January 15, 2026, 6:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss:

a. Resolution 2025-04: A Resolution and Order of the Advisory Plan Commission of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana Finding that the Declaratory Resolution Establishing the Comcast Fiber Project Economic Development Area and Allocation and Adopting An Economic Development Plan Therefore Complies With the Town's Development Plan

Attorney: Zach Niceley zniceley@kgriaw.com

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 R7249 1/5/26

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 January 15, 2026, 5:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss the following:

a. 25-V-12 507 S Ohio Street, Sheridan The Petitioner requests Variance of Standard to allow the minimum lot area from one (1) acre to zero and fifty-three (0.53) acre; and, landscaping standards in the EI: Enclosed Industrial District (Article 5.12 C and 7.5). 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 R7250 1/5/26

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON ) CIRCUIT COURT ) Cause No. 29C01-2512-MI-13443 ) IN RE THE MATTER OF: ) Klay Tyler Gabriel ) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ) CHANGE OF NAME ) Klay Tyler Gabriel, whose mailing ) address is: 967 Orlando Street, ) Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the ) Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby ) gives notice that Klay Tyler Gabriel ) has filed a petition in the Hamilton ) County Circuit Court requesting that ) their name be changed to Nikita Rose ) Gabriel. ) Notice is further given that the ) hearing will be held on said Petition ) on: April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. ) Klay Tyler Gabriel ) Petitioner ) Date: December 4, 2025 ) Kathy Kreag Williams ) Hamilton County Clerk ) R7242 1/5/26, 1/12/26, 1/19/26

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON ) CIRCUIT COURT ) Cause No. 29C01-2512-MI-014239 ) IN RE THE MATTER OF: ) David Shulkin ) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ) CHANGE OF NAME ) David Shulkin, whose mailing ) address is: 17929 Galvin Way ) Noblesville, IN 46062, in the ) Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby ) gives notice that David Shulkin ) has filed a petition in the Hamilton ) County Circuit Court requesting that ) their name be changed to David ) Chemrukov. ) Notice is further given that the ) hearing will be held on said Petition ) on: May 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. ) David Shulkin ) Petitioner ) Date: December 22, 2025 ) Kathy Kreag Williams ) Hamilton County Clerk ) R7243 1/5/26, 1/12/26, 1/19/26

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON ) CIRCUIT COURT ) Cause No. 29C01-2512-MI-013501 ) IN RE THE MATTER OF: ) Megan Sowerby Flynn ) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ) CHANGE OF NAME ) Megan Sowerby Flynn, whose ) mailing address is: 3799 Railhead ) Ave Westfield, Indiana 46074, in the ) Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby ) gives notice that Megan Sowerby ) Flynn has filed a petition in the ) Hamilton County Circuit Court ) requesting that their name be changed ) to Megan Lynn Sowerby. ) Notice is further given that the ) hearing will be held on said Petition ) on: April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. ) Megan Sowerby Flynn ) Petitioner ) Date: December 8, 2025 ) Kathy Kreag Williams ) Hamilton County Clerk ) R7251 1/5/26, 1/12/26, 1/19/26

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON ) CIRCUIT COURT ) Cause No. 29C01-2512-MI-14466 ) IN RE THE MATTER OF: ) Andrea Diane Pierce ) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ) CHANGE OF NAME ) Andrea Diane Pierce, whose mailing ) address is: 12235 Bubbling Brook ) Drive Unit 200 Fishers, Indiana ) 46038, in the Hamilton County, ) Indiana, hereby gives notice that ) Andrea Diane Pierce has filed a ) petition in the Hamilton County ) Circuit Court requesting that their ) name be changed to Andrea Diane ) Thornberry. ) Notice is further given that the ) hearing will be held on said Petition ) on: May 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. ) Andrea Diane Pierce ) Petitioner ) Date: December 31, 2025 ) Kathy Kreag Williams ) Hamilton County Clerk ) R7252 1/5/26, 1/12/26, 1/19/26

ARCADIA

Town of Arcadia Meetings 2026

Arcadia Town Council Meetings at 7 pm:

- Jan 5th
Feb 2nd
March 2nd
March 16th
April 6th
April 20th
May 4th
May 18th
June 1st
June 15th
July 6th
July 20th
August 3rd
August 17th
September 21st
October 5th
October 19th
November 2nd
November 6th
December 7th
December 14th
Arcadia Plan Commission Meetings at 7 pm:
January 12th
April 13th
July 13th
October 12th
Arcadia BZA Meetings 6:30 pm:
January 12th
R7253 1/5/26

HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT 2026 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

- January 12, 2026 10:00 a.m.
February 9, 2026 10:00 a.m.
March 9, 2026 10:00 a.m.
April 13, 2026 10:00 a.m.
May 11, 2026 10:00 a.m.
June 8, 2026 10:00 a.m.
July 13, 2026 10:00 a.m.
August 10, 2026 10:00 a.m.
September 14, 2026 10:00 a.m.
October 12, 2026 10:00 a.m.
November 9, 2026 10:00 a.m.
December 7, 2026 10:00 a.m.
R7247 1/5/26

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COURT NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA CAUSE NO 29D01-2508-AD-001073 IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: MOHAMED YASSER ABDELLAH MOHAMEDOSMAN MOHAMEDHAMZA, Minor Child. NOTICE TO NAMED FATHER Yasser Abdellah, who has been named the father of the child born to Huda Awad Osman Mohamed on September 9, 2013, or who claims to be the father of the child born to Huda Awad Osman Mohamed on September 9, 2013, is notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed on or about August 6, 2025, in the office of the Hamilton County Indiana Clerk of Court, Hamilton, Indiana 46060. If Yasser Abdellah wishes to contest the adoption of the child, the named putative father must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC § 31-19-10-1 in the above named court within fifteen (15) days after service of this notice. If Yasser Abdellah does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. His consent will be irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. He will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child, by affidavit or otherwise, in Indiana or any other jurisdiction. Nothing anyone says to Yasser Abdellah relieves the named putative father of his obligations under this notice. Under Indiana law, a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father. For purposes of this notice, Yasser Abdellah is a putative father under the laws in Indiana regarding adoption. This notice complies with IC 31-19-4-5 but does not exhaustively set forth a putative father's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes. 12/29/2025 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court 1/5/26, 1/12/26, 1/19/26 R7241

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION Estate No. 29D02-2509-EU-000431 In the Hamilton Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana Notice of Debra Lynn Schell, Deceased Estate is hereby given that Ryan Lee Schell was, on the day of October, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Debra Lynn Schell, deceased, who died on the 10th day of May, 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 Hamilton County, Indiana this 12 day of December, 2025. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court for Hamilton County, Indiana 12/29/25, 1/5/26 R7213

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2511-MI-13070 IN RE THE MATTER OF: BEENISH WAHEED NOTICE OF HEARING Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, BEENISH WAHEED, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from BEENISH WAHEED to BEENISH HOTIANA The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on April 24, 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: November 24, 2025 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court 12/29/25, 1/5/26, 1/12/26 R7212

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2511-MI-012288 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Steven Robert Avitabile NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Steven Robert Avitabile, whose mailing address is: 13940 broad mdw, Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Steven Robert Avitabile has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Steven Robert Avit. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: March 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Steven Robert Avitabile Petitioner Date: November 5, 2025 Kathy Kreag Williams Hamilton County Clerk 12/22/25, 12/29/25, 1/5/26 R7195

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 3 CAUSE NO. 29D03-2512-EU-000519 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS MATTHEW NIGHTENHELSE, Deceased. NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that Megan M. Fennell was, on December 2, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Thomas Matthew Nightenhelser, deceased, who died on October 11, 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, December 2, 2025. Kathy Kreag Williams, Hamilton County Clerk 1/5/26, 1/12/26 R7244

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1 CAUSE NO. 29D01-2512-EU-000550 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF TROY S. MILLER, DECEASED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that Gage S. Miller was, on the 19th day of December, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Troy S. Miller, deceased, who died on the 5th day of October, 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 Hamilton County, Indiana this 22nd of December, 2025. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1 Mark A. Frantz, #30623-64 DOWNS TANDY & PETRUNIW, P.C. 99 West Canal Street Wabash, Indiana 46992 Telephone: (260) 563-7474 1/5/26, 1/12/26 R7246

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SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D04-2412-MF-013610 wherein CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, was Plaintiff, and JUSTIN D. HENSON was the defendant(s), required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 19th day of February, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. LOT NUMBERED 26 IN FAIRVIEW SECOND ADDITION, AN ADDITION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 238, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. More Commonly Known As: 110 WATERMAN DR., NOBLESVILLE, IN 46060 Parcel No. 29-11-08-302-025.000-013 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff Travis P. Barry, 38072-45 KELLEY, KRONENBERG, P.A. Noblesville Township 110 Waterman Dr., Noblesville, IN 46060 Street Address The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. 1/5/26, 1/12/26, 1/19/26 R7238

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 9D04-2401-CC-000198 wherein Judgment Creditor, Guaranty Solutions Recovery Fund I, LLC, as assignee of BMO Bank N.A. f/k/a BMO Harris Bank N.A., was Plaintiff, and, Sarbjot Singh was Defendant, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the February 19, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. Acreage .32 Section 12, Township 17, Range 5 WEATHERSTONE Lot 34 Commonly known as: 13906 Ash Stone Court, Fishers, Indiana 46040 Township: Fall Creek State Parcel No. 29-15-12-002-034.000-020 Local Parcel No. 13-15-12-00-02-034.000 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff Tasha R. Roberts, Plaintiffs Attorney WONG FLEMING, PC 118 North Delaware Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 Telephone: (317) 631-0172 Facsimile: (317) 631-0178 Email: troberts2jwongfleming.com The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. 1/5/26, 1/12/26, 1/19/26 R7239

Legal Notice Plan Commission The Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission will meet on January 14th, at 7:00 PM in the Red Bridge Park Community building, located at 50 Red Bridge Park/697 W Jackson Street, Cicero Indiana, 46034, in order to hear the following petition: Docket No. PC-0126-02-C3 A Rezone application has been submitted concerning Article 8 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinances in order to: Rezone a parcel currently zoned "C3" (Business Park/Light Industrial) to "PD-C3". Project Address: 0 State Road 19, Cicero, IN 46034 Parcel Number: 03-06-12-00-00-009.008 Legal Description: Acreage 27.59 Section 12, Township 19, Range 4 The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be also mailed to Cicero/Jackson Plan Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner's Name: Nickel Plate Reliability Project LLC/Ron and Dawn Coverdale Date: 12/17/2025 12/29/25, 12/30/25, 1/5/26 R7211

CICERO

PUBLIC NOTICE Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format available at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions: • 2601-VS-01: 17531 Juliet Road, Dmytro Sudak by Direct Homes, LLC requests Variances of Development Standard to modify Minimum Lot Area, Minimum Lot Frontage, Minimum Lot Width, and Minimum Front Yard Building Setback for an existing legal nonconforming lot as well as an existing legal nonconforming structure and to encroach twenty-seven (27) feet into the thirty (30) foot Minimum Rear Yard Setback to accommodate a new detached Accessory Structure on 0.5 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Articles 4.2(C), 4.2(D), 4.2(E), 4.2(F); • 2512-VS-20: 19900 East Street, Community Health Network by Staley Signs, Inc. requests a Variance of Development Standard to modify sign standards on 53 acres +/- in the GB: General Business District; and • 2601-VS-01: East Side of Shelbourne Road, approximately 0.2 miles south of Little Eagle Creek Avenue, Hidden Pines Land Development, LLC by Old World Development Co. Inc. requests a Variance of Development Standard to modify the Minimum Lot Frontage from 250 feet to zero (0) feet for five (5) of six (6) proposed lots of a minor subdivision on 20.8 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Article 4.2(D)). Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170. Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals Westfield Community Development Department 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 www.westfield.in.gov 12/30/25, 1/6/26 R7233

WESTFIELD

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 qualified contractors will be applying EPA approved and registered herbicides to control vegetation that may interfere with the safe operation and maintenance of power lines. This vegetation management will be performed in/near Sheridan, Noblesville, Cicero, Carmel or near streets identified below: • Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of W 226th St & Six Points Rd to include the areas around & near: N & W of the substation, E of N 550 E, S of E 650 N • Beginning at the substation located at the intersection of SR 19 & E 216th St to include the areas around & near: N of Round Lake Rd, E of Longford Way, S of the substation, W of Edith Ave • Beginning at the substation located at the intersection of S SR 13 & E 196th St to include the areas around & near: N of E 156th St, E of Riverwood Dr, S of Newton Ave, 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 Little Chicago Rd, E of Scofield Ridge Blvd, S of the substation, W of S Harbour Dr • Beginning at the substation located at the intersection of Cherry Tree Rd & E 160th St to include the areas around & near: N of Haverton Way, E of Braemer Ave E, S of SR 32, W of the White River • Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of Greenspire Dr & Regency Ln to include the areas around & near: N & E of the substation, S of E Main St, W of Allisonville Rd 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 1/5/26 R7236

HAMILTON COUNTY

LEPC LEGAL NOTICE (PUBLIC NOTICE) The Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold its meetings for the year 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hamilton County EOC on the following dates: January 22, April 23, August 13, and October 15, and at such other times as shall be duly authorized by act of the committee or its chair. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Follow-up emergency notices may be issued. The Hamilton County Emergency Plan for Hazardous Materials Incidents, facility SDS sheets, and chemical reports may be reviewed during regular business hours at the offices of the Hamilton County Emergency Management, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN. Copies of documents may be obtained at these offices, and the committee may charge a fee for copying. For further information, please contact Pam Eldridge at (317) 770-3381. 1/5/26, 1/12/26, 1/19/26 R7164

Notice Concerning Personal Property Owned by a Deceased Person Notice is hereby given concerning personal property owned by a deceased person whose death was subject to a coroner's investigation on November 5, 2025. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-2-14-1(b)(2), the Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison provides this description of the deceased: John Leahy was a white male who was 81 years of age and resided on Rogers Road, Carmel, IN. John Leahy's personal property shall be delivered to the Hamilton County Sheriff for sale at any auction the Sheriff conducts under law and the receipts from the auction of the personal property shall be deposited in Hamilton County's general fund pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-2-14-11. Jeff Jellison Coroner of Hamilton County 1/5/26 R7235

SHERIDAN

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 qualified contractors will be applying EPA approved and registered herbicides to control vegetation that may interfere with the safe operation and maintenance of power lines. This vegetation management will be performed in/near Sheridan, Noblesville, Cicero, Carmel or near streets identified below: • Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of W 226th St & Six Points Rd to include the areas around & near: N & W of the substation, E of N 550 E, S of E 650 N • Beginning at the substation located at the intersection of SR 19 & E 216th St to include the areas around & near: N of Round Lake Rd, E of Longford Way, S of the substation, W of Edith Ave • Beginning at the substation located at the intersection of S SR 13 & E 196th St to include the areas around & near: N of E 156th St, E of Riverwood Dr, S of Newton Ave, 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 Little Chicago Rd, E of Scofield Ridge Blvd, S of the substation, W of S Harbour Dr • Beginning at the substation located at the intersection of Cherry Tree Rd & E 160th St to include the areas around & near: N of Haverton Way, E of Braemer Ave E, S of SR 32, W of the White River • Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of Greenspire Dr & Regency Ln to include the areas around & near: N & E of the substation, S of E Main St, W of Allisonville Rd 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 1/5/26 R7236

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29C01-2403-MF-003491 wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST, was Plaintiff, and JENNIFER SUZANNE RIDER, KEVIN EUGENE RIDER were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 5th day of February, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. Situated in part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 18 North, Range 6 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Fall Creek Township, City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, and being more particularly described as Lot 421, The Woods at Thorpe Creek, Section 5, Secondary Plat, as shown on plat recorded in Plat Cabinet 5, Slide 1151 and being Instrument Number 2020045498, Hamilton County, Indiana records. More Commonly Known As: 14746 Autumn View Way, Fisher, IN 46037 Parcel No. 29-12-31-013-002.000-020 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County Fall Creek Township 14746 Autumn View Way, Fishers, IN 46037 Street Address Phillip A. Norman #13734-64 Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45 PHILLIP A. NORMAN P.C. March 17, 2025 Date The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. 12/22/25, 12/29/25, 1/5/26 R7185

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D06-2409-MF-010135 wherein Groundfloor Properties GA, LLC was Plaintiff, and Bardwell & Sons Properties, LLC and Adrain Monte Bardwell, were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 5th day of February, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. LOT 40, IN TROY ESTATES, SECONDARY PLAT, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 IN PLAT CABINET 6, SLIDE 155, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021067927 AND CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2022006108, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.. More commonly known as: 4026 W 141st Street Westfield, IN 46074 Parcel No. 29-09-19-000-011.000-018 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. "Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 29D06-2409-MF-010135 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton, Indiana." Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County Plaintiff Attorney Zarkis V. Daroga (17288-49) Sottile and Barile, LLC 7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210 Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 Clay Township 4026 W 141st Street Westfield, IN 46074 Street Address The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. NOTICE SOTTILE AND BARILE LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 12/22/25, 12/29/25, 1/5/26 R7186

CARMEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CARMEL/CLAY BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA Notice is hereby given that the Carmel/Clay Board of Parks & Recreation (the "Board"), Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana will conduct a public hearing on January 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. local time, in the Community Room of the John W. Hensel Government Center located at 10701 N. College Avenue, Carmel, Indiana concerning a recommendation to award a public-private agreement for the development, financing and construction of Bear Creek Park (the "Project"), in accordance with Indiana Code 5-23 (the "Act"). Pursuant to the Act, the Board requested proposals and qualifications for developers to provide for the design, financing, and construction of the Project which is to be located on an approximate 26 acre site located at 14330 Shelbourne Road, Carmel, Indiana 46074 (the "Project Site"). If approved by the Board, the private developer selected will be given access to the Project Site for the purposes of constructing the Project. After review and analysis of proposals received, a recommendation has been made to the Board to award the public-private agreement to a development team composed of DLZ Indiana, LLC and Thieneman Construction, Inc. or related affiliates (collectively the "Developer"). Copies of the proposals received and a written explanation of the basis upon which the recommendation is being made are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the offices of the Carmel Clay Parks Department at 1411 E. 116th Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032. The above notice of public hearing is required by Indiana Code §5-23-5-9. The public is invited to comment on any of the matters herein noted, and all taxpayers, residents or interested parties who appear will be given a reasonable opportunity to express their views on the recommendation to award the public-private agreement to the Developer. Following the public hearing, the Board may adopt a resolution awarding the public-private agreement to the Developer. Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the hearing are encouraged to contact the Carmel Clay Parks Department at (317) 848-7275 no later than 48 hours prior to the hearing. Dated this 31st day of December, 2025. CARMEL/CLAY BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION R7207 1/5/26

SHERIDAN

VARIOUS ROADWAY RESURFACING AND REPAIRS TOWN OF SHERIDAN SHERIDAN, INDIANA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed Bids for the Various Roadway Resurfacing and Repairs project will be received by the Town of Sheridan at the Sheridan Town Hall, 506 S. Main St., Sheridan, IN 46069, until 5:00 pm local time Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Any bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. The Bids received on time will be publicly opened and read aloud at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the Sheridan Town Council Meeting. DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Various roadways throughout the Town of Sheridan will be either resurfaced and repaired or reconstructed as part of the Community Crossings Matching Grant program. Work includes, but is not limited to, milling, overlaying, excavating and replacing existing asphalt and subgrade, hauling and disposal or compacting of millings, asphalt patching, sidewalk replacement, driveway apron replacement, pavement markings, and ADA curb ramp replacement. BID DOCUMENTS: Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at Banning Engineering, Inc. Office, 853 Columbia Road, Plainfield, IN 46168. Copies of the documents are available for examining beginning at 12:00 pm local time on Wednesday, December 31, 2026. Paper copies will be \$50.00. Payments shall be made by check, money order or cash payable to Banning Engineering, Inc. Electronic copies may be obtained at Banning Engineering 317-707-3700 or by emailing Banning@banning-eng.com. There is no fee for electronic copies. INDIANA REQUIREMENTS: Bids shall be properly and completely executed on Bid Forms and in the order as identified and contained in the Contract Documents obtainable from the offices as stated above. Each bid shall be accompanied by a completely filled out Form No. 96, including attachment of Contractor's Financial Statement as stipulated in Section III, E-Verify Certification Form and acceptable Bid Security. Any bid not accompanied by the above-required items shall be deemed a non-responsive bid. Contractor must be INDOT prequalified. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within a period of 60 days following the date set for the receiving of bids. The Owner reserves the right to retain all bids for a period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The Owner further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the Contract to any Bidder, all to the advantage of the Owner or to reject all bids. BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check made payable to the Town of Sheridan or an acceptable bid bond in the amount equal to five (5%) percent of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana and whose name appears on the most current Treasury Department Circular No. 570. PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A virtual pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 am local time on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Provisions will be made to meet virtually at the discretion of the Owner. Invitations will be sent out to all official plan holders before the conference. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory. Final day for questions that will receive an answer is Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 12:00 pm local time. BONDS: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price will be required from the Contractor to whom the work is awarded. Owner: Town of Sheridan Location: 506 S. Main St., Sheridan, IN 46069 R7208 12/29/25, 1/5/26

HAMILTON COUNTY

Public Notice of Petroleum Release, Spill or Overflow For Immediate Release: 12/29/2025 Local health departments are required by statute (IC 13-23-16) to inform the public of the discovery of released regulated substances at an underground storage tank site or in the surrounding area under 329 IAC 9-4-1 (1) or a spill or overflow under 329 IAC 9-4-4 (a). The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was notified on 12/19/2025 00:00:00 of such a petroleum incident from the owner or operator of the JBS United located at 4310 W SR 38 in or near Sheridan in Hamilton County. For further information on the Underground Storage Tank program, please go to http://www.in.gov/idem/programs/land/lust/about.html or contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at 317/232-8900 or by e-mail at LeakingUST@idem.IN.gov. R7234 12/30/25, 1/6/26



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(TOP, FROM LEFT) Maya Fujisawa Keuling of Carmel, Wes Worobel of Carmel, Liam Powers of Hamilton Southeastern, and Sadie Foley of Carmel. (ABOVE, FROM LEFT) Quinn Wu of Carmel, Sloane May of Hamilton Southeastern, Macie Smith of Hamilton Heights, and Deacon King of Westfield.

# The Reporter names Fall Athletes of the Year

## The REPORTER

### GIRLS GOLF

**Maya Fujisawa Keuling, Carmel**

A freshman, Fujisawa Keuling had a splendid first season for the Greyhounds. She won sectional and regional championships before placing third individually at the state meet and helping Carmel to a fourth-place team finish.

### BOYS TENNIS

**Wes Worobel, Carmel**

Worobel, a senior and Butler University recruit, was an integral part of the Greyhounds' run to a team state championship. Worobel played No. 1 singles and finished the season with a 25-1 record against some of the state's best players.

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

**Liam Powers, Hamilton Southeastern**

The senior Powers was a consistent force for the Royals during the season. The Belmont recruit won titles at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet and Noblesville sectional, placed second at the county meet and finished fourth at the state meet.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

**Sadie Foley, Carmel**

Foley, a senior, helped lead the Greyhounds to their record-extending 21st state championship this fall. The Indiana University recruit placed third at state, also taking second at the Brownsburg regional and first at the North Central sectional.

### BOYS SOCCER

**Quinn Wu, Carmel**

Wu, a senior midfielder, helped the Greyhounds to their second state championship and first in 19 years. He was named the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's Boys Player of the Year after a season that included seven goals and seven assists.

### GIRLS SOCCER

**Sloane May, Hamilton Southeastern**

The senior May, a Michigan recruit, was a major part of the Royals breaking through to win their first-ever state championship. May was named the ISCA's Girls Player of the Year, scoring 15 goals during HSE's undefeated season.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**Macie Smith, Hamilton Heights**

Smith, a Huskies senior and West Virginia recruit, was part of Heights' best seasons in history. She powered them to a sectional and first-ever regional crown, blasting 560 kills and serving 58 aces, leading Heights in both categories.

### FOOTBALL

**Deacon King, Westfield**

King, a senior two-way player, is headed to Northern Illinois after an outstanding career for the Shamrocks, including back-to-back appearances in the Class 6A state finals. Despite missing some games due to injury, King rushed for 823 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also made 52 tackles as a rare 6A player who excels on both offense and defense.



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



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