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Noblesville Elks: 125 years and still paying it forward

By Terri Sigman-Kennedy
Noblesville Elks

Noblesville Elks #576 partners with many deserving organizations in Noblesville and surrounding communities. Last year the Noblesville Elks proudly celebrated 125 years in the Noblesville community.

One of the many organizations the Elks partners with is Prevail, Inc.

With many fundraising efforts on going, the Elks Activities Committee chaired by Loyal Knight, Treva Vallier, has partnered with Prevail. The Committee's efforts include raising funds with special events like our Paint and Sip, a Christmas Angel Tree, and a grant received from Elks Grand Lodge.

This week, the Elks pictured above presented a check to Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger in the amount of \$2,720.

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



Photo provided
(From left) Past Indiana Elks State President Geoff Robinson, Joyce Scott, Andrea Grubb, Tina Boram, Elks Activities Committee Chair Treva Vallier, and Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger.

power those they serve. Since the beginning, Prevail has been committed to empowering survivors and fostering a safe community free of violence.

"We are grateful for the long-term partnership with the Noblesville Elks Lodge #576

whose annual Angel Tree funds make a direct and meaningful impact for survivors," Wanninger said Prevail. "Together, we are creating lasting change and helping survivors move forward with hope."

The Noblesville Elks proud-

ly supports the efforts and the differences Prevail has made in the many they serve.

For more information on Prevail, visit prevailinc.org.

For more information on the Elks, visit elks.org or call (317) 773-4182.

Could I have this dance?

For the last 12 years, my readers have come to expect a schmaltzy column in February, the anniversary month of our wedding. I don't want to disappoint anyone, but I also want to give you a warning ... you are entering the love story of Chuck and Janet.



COLUMNIST
JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

In January 2014, Chuck and I walked into the Hamilton County Judicial Center to apply for our marriage license. Chuck was 74, and I was 58.

I wondered why you needed a license to get married. Of course, I asked Google.

A marriage license confirms that a person is legally eligible to marry, verifying that they are not already married to anyone else, are not closely related, and meet the age requirements. We checked all the boxes.

Our ages should tell the powers-that-be we knew what we were doing. Chuck was happily married for 51 years before his wife, Nancy, passed away from cancer. I was married for 24 years, 11 months, and five days before I signed the "he doesn't love you anymore" papers. I had been single for 14 years.

We both had broken hearts. Then our hearts met.

Love feels different at 58 and 74. Love should be a soft place to fall, a place of trust and security. We seem to have a deeper understanding of what love truly is because of our past relationships. We appreciate the tenderness of a love where patience is paramount. If history has taught us anything, it is to love well and to live in the moment.

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Almost Maine in Westfield

It's almost a lot of things, but it's all entertaining

By STU CLAMPITT
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Nine stories surrounding the appearance of the Northern Lights focus on the theme of "almost" when Main Street Productions (MSP) stages *Almost Maine* at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., from Feb. 5 to 15.

The Reporter spoke to MSP Director Kathy Watson about things you can definitely expect in a play about nine almosts.

"It's very different," Watson told The Reporter. "It is nine vignettes instead of one whole play. All of the stories take place at the same time around town around 9 p.m. on a January Friday night. All the stories relate to love – some good, some bad. We've got new beginnings and maybe some endings, but then there's a special moment which could be good or bad in each story when the Northern Lights put their magic into the mix."

Almost Maine has a very large cast. Watson and her assistant director, Bill Miller, are juggling 17 actors for 19 roles.

"The play was written for four people but the playwright said you can use as many as you want," Watson said. "I've seen the show in the past and, for me especially, the first time I was quite confused because I didn't know it was vignettes. I



Reporter photo by Bill Miller

This February, this particularly large cast will take you to almost all the way to Maine.

thought it was one show and it was confusing to see the same actor come back out [as someone else] when I was expecting the storyline to continue. But they're all their own separate little moments."

With each vignette running 10 to 15 minutes, the large cast gives everyone involved a chance to be at center stage, but it also takes some of the pressure off for new actors.

"I thought this will help if it's somebody new that usually has just a little bit part," Watson said. "There's only two people in these [vignettes], so they are actually like the lead in their story. One person that I have in

this show was in the last show, *Death of a Salesman*, and she said she was in Act II for 17 seconds. That was her entire role! She has one of the longer stories in our show. I have two that are my favorites out of the nine, and she's in one of them."

While Watson's take on this production is very friendly to new actors, she also has a lot of returning actors who have been involved in community theater for many years. Thanks

to the quality of her directing and the playwright's dialogue, actors have come from far and wide to be a part of this play.

"We have 17 actors coming from all around," Watson said. We have some from Noblesville, some from Carmel, some from the south side and far west side of Indianapolis, and we have one person from Greenfield."

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Laughter & pizza: a perfect pair

Submitted

You are invited! Shawn Reynolds, Marty Simpson, and Kari Jones are incredibly funny, family-friendly, top-rated, and nationally known comedians who will entertain us at this year's 10th annual Pizza and Punchlines free community event



Set for Saturday, Feb. 7 at IMMI Conference Center, 18880 East St., Westfield, come enjoy pizza from our own Greek's Pizza in Westfield starting at 6 p.m., followed by the comedy show at 7 p.m.

Shawn Reynolds – a dad of six, including an adopted son with an incredible adoption story – brings a unique perspective that leaves people saying, "He is the BEST comedian we've ever heard!"

Marty Simpson's comedy comes from more than 30 years of marriage, the struggles of getting older, two grown kids, and a decade of coaching football and teaching high school drama.

Kari Jones is a comedian, actress, and entertainer with one mission: she wants to help people have hope and find joy through laughter!

This free event is offered by Cross-Roads Church at Westfield as part of

See *Punchlines* ... Page A3

Sheridan students get a look at their futures

Submitted by
Sheridan Community Schools

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Sheridan High School held another Future Fair for high school students and eighth graders.

These college and career fairs are put on each quarter for students to gain insight into the businesses, schools, and opportunities that await them.

At this quarter's Future Fair, students had the opportunity to learn about the various career paths while interacting with the representatives from the local businesses and organizations. Through the conversations, students are able to form a personal connection and gain real-world insight into the different pathways.

These experiences help bridge the gap between high school and post-graduation life while allowing students to better understand what they are capable of.

Students got to meet and make connections with the following businesses and organizations:

- Davis Homes & Davis Mortgage
- First Farmers Bank & Trust
- Architectural Glass & Metal Co., Inc
- Lennar Homes
- Parallel Design Group
- SKYLAKE Adventures
- Ivy Tech Community College – Hamilton County
- Butler, Fairman, Seufert (BF&S Civil Engineers)

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Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan students were able to meet with representatives from 15 local businesses and organizations at the Future Fair on Jan. 20.



Abby Sheller makes Hamilton Heights history

Submitted

On Saturday, Jan. 24, the Hamilton Heights Forestry Team traveled to the Boone County Fairgrounds to compete in the Indiana State Forestry Contest, an event that brings together top young forestry students from across the state. Hamilton Heights was proudly represented by one high school team and middle school student who qualified for this year's state competition – and she made history.

The Hamilton Heights High School Sr. Forestry team, consisting of Annie Sheller, Maddie Higgins, Lilly Higgins, and Emery Brown, was the state runner-up.

Abby Sheller, a seventh grader at Hamilton Heights Middle School, earned first place, winning the Indiana State Junior Forestry Contest and outperforming a field of 80 competitors, the majority of whom were eighth graders. Sheller's outstanding performance marks the first state individual forestry title in Hamilton Heights history, a milestone achievement for both Abby and the program.

The state contest challenges students to demon-



Photo provided

Abby Sheller, a seventh grader at Hamilton Heights Middle School, is all smiles after winning the Indiana State Forestry Contest, becoming the first FFA Forestry Contest state champion in school history.

strate their knowledge of tree identification, seed identification, diseases, insect damage, and management practices. Sheller's dedication, preparation, and passion for the subject were evident as she excelled across all components of the competition.

"I felt I would get in the Top 5 this year but was really excited to learn that I came in first place," Sheller said.

Sheller's dad, Adam, who

is the FFA Forestry Coach, said he was really proud of the team and Abby and the hard work they put into preparing for this contest.

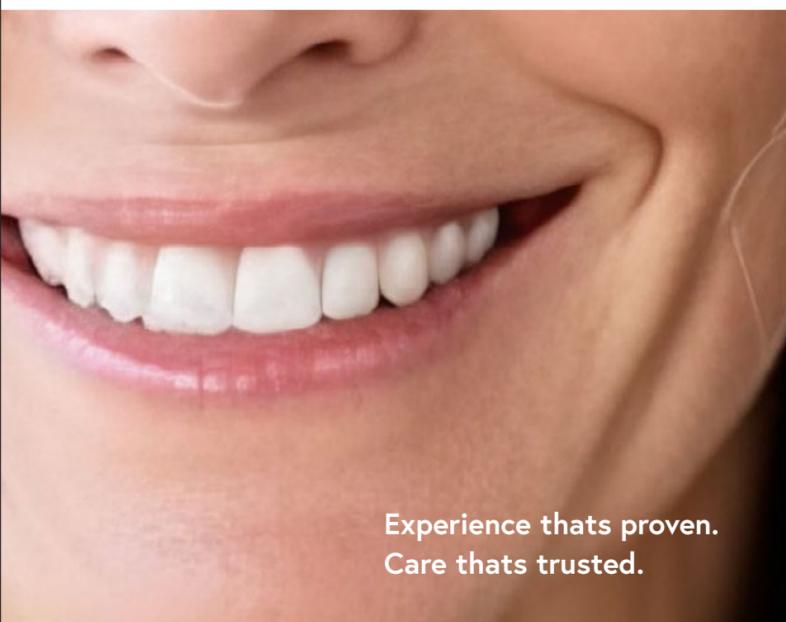
"However," he confessed, "I didn't think the group did very well and we headed out shortly after the competition. "You can imagine our surprise when we learned that Abby earned first and our and the seniors brought home a second place!"

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A strong community's foundation is great teachers and great schools. Sheridan is lucky to have two of those teachers in Angie Viehe (above left) and Libby Doublestein (above right).

Sheridan honors two teachers for their many years of service

The REPORTER

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) boasts great teachers, many of whom spend large parts or all of their careers in the district.

Two of those teachers are Angie Viehe, a Kindergarten teacher for 13 years, and Libby Doublestein, a Fine Arts teacher for 19 years.

Angie Viehe

Viehe's Kindergarten

class proudly hosted an Alphabet Fashion Show to celebrate completing learning all 26 letters, a milestone worth celebrating and a reflection of the engaging learning that is happening in her classroom.

Viehe truly embodies what it means to be an exceptional educator. As a Kindergarten teacher, she is known for being able to do it all with patience, passion, and kindness. She inspires her students, colleagues, and families throughout our community. To know her is to love and respect her.

SCS is fortunate to have Angie Viehe shaping young

learners and setting such a high standard for excellence in education.

Libby Doublestein

SCS recognizes Libby Doublestein for 19 years of dedication to the district, namely her outstanding efforts to the Fine Arts programs, particularly choir, band, and drama productions.

Doublestein has helped students find their voices and a lifelong love for music. As SCS prepares to create a new space for the choir program through the upcoming construction, the district is fortunate to have her passion and leadership guiding the way.

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PIZZA 6 PM | SHOW 7PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7



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Congratulations to Kiera Rhinas (left) and Kaylee Roberts and for representing Hamilton Heights with excellence at the IMEA Honor Band.

Roberts & Rhinas represent Heights with distinction

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Two outstanding members of the Hamilton Heights High School Band, Kaylee Roberts (Euphonium) and Kiera Rhinas (String Bass), recently represented Hamilton Heights with excellence at the Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA) Honor Band. Their selection followed a highly competitive audition process that rec-

ognizes some of the most accomplished high school musicians in the state.

The IMEA Honor Band brings together top performers from across Indiana for an intensive weekend of rehearsals, sectionals, and collaboration, culminating in a showcase concert led by esteemed guest conductors. Participation in this ensemble is considered one of the highest honors for student musicians in Indiana.

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Sheridan Community Schools launches Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

In conjunction with Hardwood Homecoming festivities, Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) launched its first distinguished alumni class.

SCS has a long tradition of excellence, which has been built through the dedication, talent, and leadership of its students, alumni, and employees. The inaugural class includes 11 individuals who have inspired generations both in the classroom and in the community. These individuals have made a difference and left their mark on Sheridan. Their passion and commitment to everything Sheridan reflects what it means to be a Blackhawk.

The class will be formally inducted during the Hardwood Homecoming doubleheader game on Friday, Jan. 30. Along with the other numerous festi-



ities throughout the week, these individuals will be honored for their achievements and lasting impact on SCS. Please join in on the festivities as these remarkable individuals are recognized and celebrated for their dedication to the

Sheridan Blackhawks:
Al Youmans
Larry "Bud" Wright
Dr. Paul Waitt
John Perrine
Karen (Kinkaid) Christian
Kenneth Biddle
Kent Harris

Martha (Richardson) Rocky
Randy Brimberry
Sharon Brimberry
Mary Alice (Bowen) Godby

You can read the full version of this story, including details for each of the inductees listed above, at ReadTheReporter.com.

County Commissioners respond to HB 1001

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners are closely monitoring House Bill 1001, legislation introduced at the Statehouse aimed at addressing Indiana's growing shortage of affordable housing.

Editor's note: You can read the bill online at iga.in.gov/legislative/2026/bills/house/1001/details.

The Commissioners have issued the following statement regarding the proposal and its potential impacts on local communities:

We are gravely concerned about the significant impact House Bill 1001 will have on Indiana's communities.

By preempting local planning and zoning authority, this legislation undermines the ability of local governments to shape the growth and development of their neighborhoods according to the unique needs of their residents. Local officials are best positioned to evaluate land use, manage infrastructure, and protect community housing interests.

House Bill 1001 strips away these critical decision-making powers, creating uncertainty for businesses and homeowners alike.

Centralized, one-size-fits-all mandates ignore the diverse character and challenges of Indiana's counties, cities, and towns. This bill threatens to erode public input and local accountability, reducing the opportunity for residents to have a voice in the future of their communities.

We urge lawmakers to reconsider HB 1001 and prioritize local control, thoughtful planning, and meaningful public engagement. Indiana's strength lies in its communities – their distinctive identities and the empowered local leaders who know them best.

Let's protect that by respecting local autonomy and opposing unnecessary state preemption.

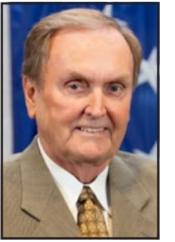
Hamilton County Commissioners
 Christine Altman (President),
 Mark Heirbrandt, and Steve Dillinger



Altman



Heirbrandt



Dillinger

Volunteer Fair set at Carmel Clay Public Library

The REPORTER

The Carmel Clay Public Library (CCPL) will hold its third annual Volunteer Fair from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.

Adults and teens seeking volunteer opportunities will be able to speak with representatives from nearly two dozen local organizations. Participating organizations include the Good Samaritan Network of Hamil-

ton County, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, and the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

"We created the Volunteer Fair to make it easier for people to explore meaningful ways to contribute to the community," CCPL Communications Manager Christy Walker. "Instead of searching online or calling around, people can talk with local organizations face-to-face



and find a volunteer opportunity that feels like the right fit. It's a simple idea, but it can have a big impact for both volunteers and the groups they support."

The Volunteer Fair will take place at the Main Library at 425

E. Main St. Registration is not required.

More details about the event, including a list of participating organizations, can be found at carmelclaylibrary.org/events.

ALMOST

In addition to Watson and Miller setting up an environment that so many actors want to be part of, there is also a performance with space set aside for those with impaired hearing to come enjoy the show.

"We're having a special performance that will have an American Sign Language interpreter Sunday, Feb. 8," Watson said. "If you purchase tickets online, if you scroll down to the bottom of the page, we have a place where

you can make comments. Just let us know you're interested in that because there will be a designated section where those patrons will sit so that they can be right in front of the ASL interpreter."

If you'd like to see the mag-

ic of the Northern Lights in Westfield, *Almost Maine* stages at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., from Feb. 5 to 15. Go to BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org/showtickets or call (317) 402-3341 for tickets.

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THIS DANCE

We danced ... and I knew. I wanted Chuck to be my partner every night. It felt right, and I wanted to dance with him for the rest of my life. Those moments were magical. He was all I would ever need. Oh, Anne Murray, you sang it well.

I had waited 14 years. He was the man God knew I needed. He always smiles when I tell him he was and is the answer to my prayers, actually above and beyond.

God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams. Ephesians 3:20-21, The Message Bible

God gave me that promise long before I met Chuck.

Most mornings, we can be found at our kitchen table. We sit catty-corner from each other, sipping our coffee. I'm usually on my second cup because I rise early to have my devotions and write. If I'm not going anywhere that day, I change into my writing pajamas, which are a bit dressier than the ones I sleep in.

Chuck reads *The Indianapolis Star* and does the crossword puzzle. He amazes me with his word knowledge. I amaze him

with my Janetisms. A Janetism is a phrase or word not found in a dictionary. Some of them I inherited from my mother. Audreysisms are fascinating words that make total sense ... when explained.

Chuck has always seemed to enjoy my cooking, which is mostly Southern comfort food. He refuses to try my chocolate gravy over biscuits. My new book, coming soon, will include the recipe, along with a few others.

We make each other laugh. Like the time I found out he rearranges the dishwasher after I load it. Sometimes, I might re-fold the towels and his whites after he folds them. He notices, and then we laugh.

On occasion, I make "suggestions" about his driving. It's more like a sound or a way of trying to press the invisible brake on my side of the car. I know how much he "appreciates" my help. You know I wrote that with a bit of sarcasm. I say to Chuck as I put my hand on his, "I'm just trying to be a blessing." He says, "Oh, I'm blessed, alright." And we laugh. Then he sings, "Count Your Blessings."



Photo provided

Then-Hamilton County Clerk Tammy Baitz issues Janet & Chuck their marriage license in January 2014.

There is no one else I would rather have in my life to drive me crazy. There is no one else I would rather have sitting catty-corner to me at the kitchen table. And ... there is no one else I'd rather dance with for the rest of my life.

Have you ever written down your love story to share with your children and grandchildren?

Do you have a song that reminds you of how much you love/loved someone?

Have you ever been a

"blessing" to your husband while he was driving?

 The new book will have questions at the end of each chapter for book clubs or small group discussions. Stay tuned.

Janet Hart Leonard can be contacted at janet.hartleonard@gmail.com or followed on Facebook or Instagram (@janet.hartleonard). She is the recipient of the Reporter's Spring 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. Visit janet.hartleonard.com.

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Guerin Catholic Fine Arts to perform original musical

Submitted

St. Theodore Guerin High School announces that the first performance in the new Our Lady of Champion Fine Arts Center will take place at 7 p.m. March 6, 7, 13, and 14, and at 2 p.m. March 7 and 14.

Providence: *A Love Story* was written by Fine Arts Director Marcia Murphy to honor the school's patroness and intercessor, St. Theodore Guerin. The music was composed and arranged by Music Teacher Sarah May. This collaboration has also leaned heavily on Assistant Fine Arts Director Angie Goour and Theatre Teacher Mike Panasuk.

The musical tells the story of two Sisters of Providence: St. Theodore Guerin (1798-1856) and Sister Theodosia Mug (1860-1943). Though they never met during their lifetimes, they were deeply connected through their shared love of God and unwavering trust in Providence.

Ellen Phillips, Sister Theodosia's mother, was a student of Mother Theodore during the 1850s, and Mother Theodore prepared her for her First Communion. Years later, Ellen sent her daughter, Theodosia, to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Terre Haute, the school founded by Mother Theodore.

Theodosia eventually became a Sister of Providence and was appointed the official biographer of Mother Theodore Guerin. While compiling her manuscript, Sister Theodosia became the recipient of the first documented miracle attributed to St. Theodore Guerin.

Throughout the musical, audiences witness the challenges both women faced and how they continually chose to trust in Providence. The story is brought to life through beautiful music that captures both their struggles and their triumphs.

Murphy's inspiration for the show stems from her deep friendship with St. Theodore Guerin. Her desire to share this inspiring story – to encourage others to seek Mother Guerin as an intercessor and to let this saint's example guide their faith – is her ultimate desire.

Tickets are available at GuerinCatholic.org/fine-arts-events.

PUNCHLINES

their For Our Neighbor strategy designed to help us all meet, know, enjoy, and serve local neighbors. Find out more online at ForOurNeighbor.Life.

Find out more about Pizza & Punchlines at crchurch.org/pizza-and-punchlines-comedy.

Want more laughs? PopCorn and Punchlines is CrossRoad's next big free event featuring eight nationally known comedians. The fun is set for Friday, May 29 at IMMI Conference Center in Westfield. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with comedy starting at 7 p.m.

CrossRoads Church's Lead Pastor Eric Lohe believes that free pizza and comedy acts are a perfect mix to bring the community together in the midst of a cold and dreary winter.

Seeking to meet, know, enjoy, and serve local neighbors,



Photos provided

These three great comedians are ready to make you laugh at this year's Pizza & Punchlines, set for this Saturday, Feb. 7 at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 East St., Westfield.

CrossRoads Church at Westfield provides free pet food every first Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m., free Zumba every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m., Shepherd Center's Together Today for senior adults every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Celebrate Recovery – a faith-based recovery

program – every Thursday night from 6:15 to 9 p.m., all on their campus at 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield.

CrossRoads also sponsors the well-attended and immensely popular Wild, Wild Westfield Fall Festival and Premier Chili Cook-off, this year being held from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept.

26 on their campus. This past summer, CrossRoads Church hosted 300 high school students from all over the country for a week to do 45 free home repairs (bit.ly/3Ao6CDL) for local Hamilton County residents.

Find out more about CrossRoads Church at Westfield at crchurch.org.

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Jack Russell announces candidacy for Hamilton Heights School Board At-Large

Submitted
Jack Russell, a long-time Hamilton County civic leader, has announced his candidacy for Hamilton Heights School Board At-Large in the November 2026 election.



Russell

"Hamilton Heights schools shape the future of our students and community," Russell said. "I'm running to strengthen academic excellence, prioritize student safety and well-being, and ensure strong fiscal stewardship."

Russell brings more than a decade of public service and leadership experience, currently serving on the Hamilton Heights

Education Foundation, Invest Hamilton County Board of Directors, Hamilton County Tourism Commission, and the Cicero Fire Merit Board. He previously served on the Cicero Plan Commission and Cicero Town Council.

Professionally, Russell has spent 10 years in the commerce world, including eight years with OneZone Chamber of Commerce, where he serves as President & CEO.

A lifelong Hamilton County resident, Russell lives in Cicero with his wife, Emily, and their four children.

Devon Wellington running for Indiana House of Representatives

Submitted
Democrat Devon Wellington of Noblesville recently announced her candidacy for the Indiana House District 29 seat.



Wellington

"I am running because I believe every single Hoosier in District 29 deserves a representative who listens to their concerns and fights for their priorities," Wellington said. "I have listened, and the families of District 29 have made their priorities clear: they want a more affordable life, strong public schools, and real economic opportunities for themselves, their children,

and future generations." Wellington, a Noblesville resident since 2023, is an educational policy advocate consultant and small business owner. She volunteers with her kids' school, on Noblesville school district boards, and with MadVoters. She and her husband, David, have one son and one daughter.

A campaign launch party is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 6 at Forest Park Lodge in Noblesville. For more information email info@votedevon.com or check out VoteDevon.com.

Gaylor Electric recognized for workforce education

Submitted

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) recently highlighted Gaylor Electric's ongoing commitment to developing and educating its workforce. The feature showcases the company's dedication to creating long-term career opportunities and strengthening the skilled-trades pipeline through innovative training and employer-led education initiatives.

"At Gaylor Electric, we are intentional about building careers," CEO Chuck Goodrich said. "Our investment in training and development ensures our people have the tools, support, and opportunities they need to grow and succeed throughout their professional journey."

"You have to invest in your people because the only way you're going to



Photo provided by Gaylor Electric

Gaylor Electric is investing in the future of its workforce. Gaylor University Director Jeff Bryant (far left) is shown here with students, as well as Gaylor Electric CEO Chuck Goodrich and Gaylor Electric President Jim Crews (far right).

grow and lead the industry is by investing in education," Gaylor University

Director Jeff Bryant said.

You can read the full story online at tinyurl.com/GaylorDWD.

Visit Gaylor.com for

more information.

Learn history of Roberts Settlement at upcoming Westfield Rotary meeting

Submitted

The Rotary Club of Westfield invites you to a presentation at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at the Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St., to hear from Bryan Glover, Vice President of the Broad of Trustees for Roberts Settlement.

Meet Indiana's Black Pioneers

Seeking security and opportunity, those individuals who made Roberts Settlement home in 1835 set in motion a legacy of remarkable history and heritage that remains vibrant nearly two centuries later. Family descendants nurture this legacy as they walk in the footsteps of



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Rotary Club of Westfield



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

Roberts Chapel was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996.

their Black Pioneer ancestors. Learn about the Legacy Walk. Roberts Settlement is located at 3102 E. 276th St., Atlanta.

Crosser Family Foundation awards \$479K to nonprofits supporting Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The Crosser Family Foundation, a fund of the Hamilton County Community Foundation, has announced \$479,376 in grants awarded to 18 nonprofit organizations. In collaboration with the staff at Hamilton County Community Foundation, the advisors of the Crosser Family Foundation support organizations focused on the communities of Hamilton County.

"Our family is committed to investing in organizations that work tirelessly to strengthen Hamilton County," said Craig Crosser. "Each of these nonprofits brings unique expertise and passion for the important issues facing our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to support their efforts and advance this vital work."

"The Crosser Family Foundation continues to demonstrate what thoughtful philanthropy can look like when it is rooted in partnership and community," said Danielle Stiles-Polk, President of Hamilton County Community Foundation. "We appreciate their trust in HCCF and are proud to help steward their vision for Hamilton County."

Some of the organizations receiving support include:

- **BeeFree:** BeeFree Bakes Company is creating pathways to employment for adults with autism and disabilities through a hands-on, 10-week workforce training program. With support from the Crosser Foundation, the organization will expand its reach and connect more graduates with inclusive employers in the community.
- **Fueled for School:** Grant funding will support the lease of Fueled for School's warehouse, the central hub for storing food, packing meals, and coordinating deliveries to children in need. This investment ensures stable operations and allows more resources to go directly toward providing nutritious meals that fuel learning and success.
- **Noblesville Schools Education Foundation:** This grant will support strengthening programs that advance student success and educator well-being across Noblesville Schools. Funding will sustain mental health supports, educator mentorship, and academic tutoring, expanding equitable access to critical resources for more than 10,500 students and 1,800 staff.
- **Noblesville Youth Assistance:** The Noblesville Youth Assistance Program

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Full List of Grant Recipients	
Organizations	Award Amount
Noblesville Youth Assistance	\$90,000
BeeFree Bakes Company	\$60,000
Noblesville Schools Education Foundation	\$60,000
Fueled for School	\$51,176
Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County	\$25,000
Teter Retreat and Organic Farm	\$25,000
Trinity Free Clinic, Inc.	\$25,000
Ben's Ranch Foundation Inc.	\$20,000
Prevail, Inc.	\$20,000
Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville	\$17,500
Indiana Peony Festival Inc.	\$15,000
Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County	\$15,000
Conner Prairie Museum, Inc.	\$13,000
Noblesville Sisters Cities	\$12,000
Noblesville Diversity Coalition, Inc.	\$10,000
Noblesville Main Street, Inc.	\$7,500
Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People	\$7,000
Same As U Inc.	\$6,200
TOTAL	\$479,376

will use grant support to sustain its tutoring program for Noblesville students, providing academic support for middle school youth and early intervention for elementary students. The program focuses on helping second and third graders achieve state-mandated reading proficiency benchmarks required for promotion to the next grade, setting students up for long-term academic success.

About the Crosser Family Foundation
The Crosser Family Foundation, a fund of Ham-

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Your overall health is like a three-legged stool

"Build up your weaknesses until they become your strong points." – Knute Rockne

Who does not have "football on the brain" these days? Between IU's amazing and record-breaking season and the current playoffs and upcoming Super Bowl, most of us are "football focused." And the quote above by the legendary Coach Rockne, while referencing football players' challenges and attributes, could also speak to our own challenges and how we can interpret and meet those.

This column will focus on how our physical weaknesses, or what we consider them to be, challenge us and how we can turn those into strong points. Although I certainly do not have credentials



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

Please do not hesitate to reach out to licensed mental health care professionals if you are in need.

One of the analogies I use when explaining to my class members or a client about how we can visualize our fitness plan is that of the three-legged stool. As we know, a stool with one or two legs cannot stand. A stool with at least three legs and a seat (of course!) is stable.

One of the three legs is flexibility, the ability to bend, turn, reach, and stretch. A

which allow me to speak professionally on mental health issues, I believe it is true that those issues can be addressed by modalities which include professional counseling and possibly even medications.

second leg is strength. As we age our muscles naturally begin to atrophy and they require resistance to sustain or build strength. Thirdly we need aerobic conditioning. Our lung capacity diminishes with age and adequate oxygen levels are critical for both our physical breathing and nourishment for our brain cells.¹

Of course, any operational stool needs a seat! I like to think of the seat as an analogy for nutrition. Proper nutrition is the foundational seat for the three "legs" of the stool mentioned above – flexibility, strength, and aerobic conditioning – and which will allow the stool to be stable and durable as we strive for optimum health and fitness.

A key component of this healthy endeavor is knowing a baseline of your overall health. You can obtain this by a complete physical with

your licensed physician and a report of your bloodwork which your physician will share with you and make recommendations. After this you will know more about any "weaknesses" or what I prefer to call "challenges."

Dear readers, once those are addressed and you commit to a program following the three-legged stool analogy mentioned above, your perceived weaknesses can indeed become your *strong points!*

Need inspiration? Tune in to the opening ceremonies of the 2026 Winter Olympics on Feb. 6! Go USA!

¹ brainfacts.org
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.

Obituaries

Harriet Guilkey Teboe Wise

June 17, 1926 – January 30, 2026

Harriet Guilkey Teboe Wise, 99, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, January 30, 2026, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. She was born on June 17, 1926, to Arza and Orpha (Garverick) Guilkey, the sixth of nine children.

Harriet spent her first eight years of school in a one-room schoolhouse. While growing up, she was involved in Rural Youth, a Junior Leader in 4-H, and a majorette at Noblesville High School. She graduated in 1944.

After graduation, Harriet began her working career at Barker Implement in Noblesville. She rode her bicycle to work. Harriet was the Noblesville City Clerk Treasurer from 1955 to 1959. She worked at Second Ward Elementary as a secretary to Everett Latham and was there until the school closed in 1968. In 1969, Harriet became a secretary for the Hamilton County Highway Department and remained there until 1980.

Harriet was a member of the Eastern Star and had served as Worthy Matron. She was also a member of Profit & Pleasure Extension Homemakers, Senior Citizens Organization, and First Friends Church in Noblesville. Harriet was Alumna of the Year at the Noblesville High School Alumni Banquet in 2018.

Harriet was married to Harold Teboe in 1948 until his passing in 1998. She married Phil Wise in 2002, and he passed away in 2020. Besides her parents, Harriet was preceded in death by brothers, Carol, Roland, Dallas and Max; and sisters, Phyllis Mendenhall, Pat Paskins, and Ruth Stoops.

Harriet is survived by her stepson, Brian (Jeanne) Wise; stepdaughter, Ann (Mark) DiJulio; step-grandchildren, Christie (Brian) Congdon, Julie Morton, Doug DiJulio, and Cara DiJulio; four step-great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara (Richard) Lawson; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, with funeral services at noon, on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Friends Church, P.O. Box 375, Noblesville, IN 46060 (noblesvillefriends.org).
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Mary Lou Day

October 13, 1929 – January 28, 2026

At the age of 96, Mary Lou Day passed peacefully from this world into the next in the early morning of Wednesday, January 28th, 2026. Born in the living room on the Wheeler homestead in Westfield, Indiana, on October 13, 1929, she never lived more than a mile away from where she entered this world.

Her parents, Charles Paul and Esther (née Wise) Wheeler, named Mary Lou after her two grandmothers, Mary and Louisa, who were present at her birth. An only child, she grew up actively helping on the family farm – from gathering eggs (her least favorite chore), to helping in the fields, to pushing her cats down the lane in her baby buggy – the same one her great-grands have enjoyed pushing around her house 90 years later.

A part of the "old" Westfield, Mary Lou was a graduate of Westfield High School in 1947 and went on to further her education at DePauw University, where she obtained a BS in foreign languages in 1951. On December 28, 1952, she married James Donald Day, a fellow Westfield alum, although a year ahead of her in school. Their wedding took place immediately following Don's return from serving his country in the Korean War. "I hardly recognized him," she said upon his return. They were married for 68 years before Don passed in the winter of 2020. Don and Mary Lou were blessed with two children along the way, son Kevin and daughter Becky.

Her professional life after college began at Eli Lilly, where she served as a personal assistant. She later went on to serve as the private secretary for the State of Indiana. The bulk of her employment took place at Westfield High School, where she served as the administrative assistant for the school guidance counselor for 18 years.

Don and Mary Lou lived out part of their retired life during the winter months in Largo, Fla., at Lee's Travel Park, where they spent a few months each year for many years enjoying time with friends and the warmth of the Florida sunshine. She loved when her family would come for spring break and enjoyed showing them off to her fellow winter-avoidant comrades.

Mary Lou enjoyed attending any and all kinds of social or sporting events involving her children, grandchildren, and ultimately great-grandchildren. She loved sporting events at Westfield High School when Kevin played ball and Becky was in the band, as well as Purdue football games and Colts games at the Hoosier Dome. When her grandkids attended Purdue, she and Don purchased a small motorhome to come up to tailgate – likely the only "dry" tailgate in the lot. She loved feeding and hosting all the kids, fully embracing her role and introducing herself as, "Mamaw," to anyone who happened to show up. Her proud tailgate attendance record totaled 25 kiddos, and not one ever left hungry.

Her love was often shown and given through her cooking. From homemade chicken and noodles or dumplings, to cherry pie (her son-in-law's favorite), to cowboy cookies (the grandkids' favorite), brownies, and her famous (to us, anyway) yeast rolls, cinnamon rolls, sugar cream pie, pecan pie, and wonderful Christmas candies like peanut brittle, fudge, and divinity. She made sure to let us know when she was trying a "new recipe." Mary Lou always made sure anyone she could serve never left on an empty stomach. She carried that same act of service into her volunteering at Christ United Methodist Church in Westfield through fish fries, spaghetti dinners, and funeral suppers, as well as actively helping with and baking for the Westfield Lions Club Fish Fry.

Mary Lou enjoyed gardening and was never afraid of yard work or keeping things nice. It was nothing for her to wax a truck or a car well into her 90s, paint miles of board fence at the farm, or fill every crack in the cement driveway by hand. Much to the family's chagrin in her later years, she would sneakily purchase more hedge trimmers or pruning supplies to continue caring for her outdoor plants.

She never met a stranger and could carry on a conversation with anyone while making them feel totally part of her world. Some may say she missed her calling in sales, as she could always convince you to take one more cookie and remind you, "There's plenty!"

Her faith played a large role in her life, as she was known by God with Jesus as her Savior. She was a lifelong member of Christ United Methodist Church in Westfield, where she was also part of the Women's Society. Mission work was close to her heart, and she supported numerous mission groups over the years. She also had a deep love and appreciation for agriculture, shown through her membership in the Hamilton County Farm Bureau, where she proudly shared that her father was a founding member.

She will be fondly remembered as a tough, loving, independent, hardworking, thrifty, people-first human whose greatest joy in life was her family, where she served as wife, mom, and loving Mamaw.

She is survived by her two children Kevin (Ann) Day and Becky (Dave) Weiss; four grandchildren, Nathan (Renee) Day, Chris (Sarah) Weiss, Kristen (Ryan) Yutzky and Cameron (Rachel) Day; seven great-grandchildren; Henry Day, Lyla Day, Madeline Weiss, Annabelle Weiss, Lyle Yutzky, Wade Yutzky, and Clara Day; and close cousin, Helen Bray.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Day, her parents, and her close cousin Phil Wise.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Doug Shoemaker will officiate. Mary Lou will be laid to rest next to Don at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

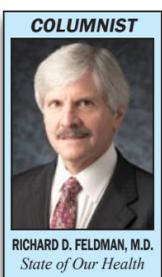
In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Hamilton County 4-H Council, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060.
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Factors to consider when choosing menopausal hormone replacement

Menopausal hormone replacement therapy (MHT) was once routinely used to relieve symptoms of menopause and protect against osteoporosis, heart disease, and possibly Alzheimer's disease. It was thought that it generally preserved health and quality of life. That all changed in 2002 with the publication of the large "definitive" study, the Women's Health Initiative (WHI), which cautioned that the risks of MHT outweighed the benefits.

The unfavorable findings led many medical authorities to abruptly reverse their recommendations regarding MHT. The standard of care changed. Women were no longer necessarily offered hormones to relieve their hot flashes and other menopausal symptoms.

Some physicians, including myself, questioned the new recommendations based on the study's design and findings of harm that were overly generalized to all menopausal women regardless of age, clinical situation, and the specific MHT regimen prescribed. The



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State of Our Health

promotion and interpretation of the findings were misinterpreted, exaggerated, and misleading. The authors inexplicably appeared bent on portraying a negative view of hormone therapy.

The potential benefits of hormone therapy are due to the effect of estrogen. Progesterone must be added to protect against uterine cancer from the effects of unopposed estrogen in women with a uterus. But progesterone is primarily responsible for many of the negative effects of MHT.

Importantly, the average age of women initiating MHT in the WHI was 63 years. The study included relatively few women in their late 40s and early 50s, the typical age at the beginning of menopause and initiation of hormone therapy. It appears that MHT has a very different safety profile when initiated at or near the beginning of menopause rather than at older ages as was done in the WHI.

The WHI study did show an increased risk of coronary artery disease with combined estrogen/pro-

gesterone therapy initiated in older women; younger women did not manifest such an increase. Only the oldest women initiating estrogen alone experienced some adverse cardiovascular effects.

The risk for stroke, thromboembolic events, and dementia with MHT was slightly increased for both estrogen/progesterone and estrogen alone, especially in older women. Breast cancer was also slightly increased with combination therapy but not with estrogen alone.

Beneficial aspects of hormone therapy include reduced hip fractures, improved bone density, and possibly decreases in colon cancer and diabetes.

I always thought the pendulum would swing back in favor of wider use of hormone therapy. That pendulum has indeed swung with the publication of a recent *Journal of the American Medical Association* article and other articles in the medical literature in recent years reevaluating the WHI findings. Here's my take on this complex and somewhat controversial clinical situation:

Women with vasomotor symptoms (such as hot

flashes), aged 50 to 59 or within 10 years of the start of menopause, should not be discouraged from initiating MHT. In these age groups, there is no significant increase in cardiovascular risk with estrogen alone or with combination estrogen/progesterone. Some caution should be exercised for initiating therapy in the 60s and avoided for women in their 70s as cardiovascular risk is demonstrated at age 70 and older. I am hesitant to continue MHT as patients approach age 70.

MHT should be initiated for menopausal vasomotor and other menopausal symptoms but not for chronic disease prevention. I still believe that increased cardiovascular risk and the risk of breast cancer are greatest with estrogen/progesterone combination therapy.

Consult your physician about what is appropriate for you after consideration of your specific clinical situation and health and chronic disease status.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

How it feels matters, too – even in winter

This morning in Noblesville, the thermometer told a simple story: it was about -6°F outside. But the moment I stepped out my front door, reality whispered something different: more like -14°F against my face and fingers.

That's the magic (or mischief) of winter "feels like" temperatures: they remind us that what something is and what it feels like can be very different.

Meteorologists call this number the "feels like" temperature because it accounts for wind chill: the way wind steals warmth from our skin faster than the thermometer can measure. A gentle breeze makes cold air feel colder, and a brisk one can make familiar winter air downright biting.

In other words, while the official temperature gives us a number, the "feels like" number gives us experience.

I found myself laughing a little at how icy the air felt – not because it was funny in a burst-of-laughter way, but because it was so distinct from the modest number on the weather screen. It got me thinking about



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

how in life we often focus on the "official" version of something: the label, the statistic, the simple fact. But we forget that another person's felt experience may be something very different.

Maybe you remember the snowstorms that swept across Indiana a few weeks ago – heavy, shimmering, and breathtaking from the warmth of a window seat. For me, the fresh-fallen snow made me feel both cozy and cautious that day. For some, it inspired joy and play; for others, it meant slippery roads, nervous walks, and anxious planning. The snow didn't change, but how each of us experienced it did.

That difference – between how things are and how they feel – isn't just weather lore. It's a gentle metaphor for community.

We live in places with neighbors who see the same sunset but feel it differently. We sit at the same table, yet come with stories that shape how we dig into the food and conversation. Just as winter has its "feels like" number, our shared life together has



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

unspoken temperatures – emotional, cultural, and personal – that influence how we move through our days.

Recognizing this doesn't dilute reality. It enriches it. It invites us to listen with care, to ask not just "What is it like?" but "How does it feel for you?" It reminds us that empathy isn't only about agreeing with everyone's perspective, but about valuing the diversity of those experiences.

So today, as the cold challenges us to zip up coats and pull on gloves, let it also remind us of a kindness

that's just as essential as staying warm: the willingness to consider how others feel in the same world we share.

In a season that tests our tolerance for cold, maybe it can also teach us warmth of understanding.

"We are more alike than we are different; let us honor each other's experience as we walk together through every season of life."

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

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A teachable moment

Just out of college, I moved to Memphis, Tenn. Struggling to find work, I connected with a temporary agency. One assignment I received was a job as an assistant in a high school classroom.

My anxiety was high as the day approached. I was desperate to find work in my new city but had serious doubts going into this one.

Stepping into the hallways of a high school where I knew no one was about as terrifying of an experience as I could think of. My awkward gait often preceded my reputation. I feared being around kids because their filters were often not fully functioning.

I told myself I would not take offense no matter what I heard. Deep down, I knew there was no truth to that. I knew it would hurt like hell to hear unsolicited and brutal opinions about my body. It always did.

As I entered the classroom, I met the head teacher. He pointed me to my desk in the back of the room. The way he looked me up and down sent a chill throughout my body. It was as if his eyes were warning me to get the heck out of there.

I heard some giggles and comments as I limped my way back to my new desk. There were a few “what is wrong with her” remarks as I unsteadily made my way through the crowded desks.

I nervously began to set out my supplies. As I pulled open one of my desk drawers, I saw several cockroach-



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

es running around. I quickly shut the drawer and decided against putting my things inside the desk. That was too permanent a move for a temp anyway.

It was at the exact moment that I discovered I am deathly afraid of cockroaches. I almost fainted.

I busied myself by carefully arranging a few supplies on top of the desk. As I went to set my bag on the floor a student warned, “I wouldn’t put that there.” Right about then I saw more roaches crawling along the edge of the room near my desk.

I smiled and thanked him for the warning.

On a normal basis I felt completely uncomfortable in my own skin. The position I was in, multiplied that by a million. I wanted to escape from that room, from myself.

The bell rang and the teacher approached the front of the room. He introduced me as the temporary classroom assistant. He began his lesson and the students quickly became restless. There was a lot of talking and it was escalating in a concerning direction.

The next thing I knew, two students were arguing. When they stood up to go towards each other, the teacher was understandably panicking. I knew it was not going to turn out well.

With my desk in the back of the room and all the student desks in front of me I felt trapped. Technically I wasn’t alone. I had the roaches by my side.

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Senate Bill 238 is essential to protect Tipton’s fiscal future

Tipton is a community that takes pride in delivering reliable, high-quality services while living within our means. As we have strategized city operations over the last two years, our focus has been on fiscal responsibility both in the short- and long-term.

Like many communities across the state, we have both short-term problems and long-term opportunities – both which require financial resources. We have worked diligently to address these short-term problems and I’m proud of our team that has worked so hard to realize these changes. We are near a point where we can focus more of our attention and resources on long-term opportunities, but all of that is at serious risk.

Last year’s Senate Enrolled Act 1 (SEA 1) made sweeping changes to Indiana’s tax structure. While most of the public conversation focused on property taxes, SEA 1 fundamentally reworked the Local Income Tax (LIT) system – a change that has significant and unintended consequences for communities like ours. In Tipton’s case, the new formula is projected to reduce our LIT revenue by nearly 45 percent once the system



KEGAN SCHMITTER
Mayor of Tipton

fully phases in. For a city our size, this is a financial shock from which we cannot simply “budget our way out.”

Our present forecasts estimate that Tipton will receive approximately \$7.1 million in property and local income tax revenue in 2026. In 2027, the revenues in those buckets are estimated to drop to approximately \$5.8 million, which is an 18 percent combined loss. This type of revenue reduction will have significant adverse impacts on city services and our ability to be strategic with future planning.

Cities don’t plan month to month. We plan years ahead, crafting strategies to address utility infrastructure, industrial park expansion, quality-of-life investments, public safety, fleet management, downtown revitalization, housing, and more. Long-term capital planning, infrastructure replacement cycles, police and fire readiness, bond obligations, and quality-of-life investments all rely on stable and predictable revenues. When that stability disappears, so does the ability to serve our residents effectively and responsibly.

Tipton has worked hard to build momentum. Our

community-driven “Tipton Thrives” initiative is helping to shape a downtown renaissance. We’re reinvesting in neighborhoods, improving streets and sidewalks, expanding housing opportunities, and caring for our parks, trails, and amenities that make Tipton an attractive place for families and businesses. All of this depends on a revenue system that supports – not undermines – local progress.

If LIT revenues drop nearly in half, we will face difficult and painful choices, such as:

- Delaying or canceling infrastructure projects,
- Postponing equipment replacement for police, fire, street, parks, cemetery, and golf course,
- Holding vacancies unfilled, even when they represent essential positions across the city, and
- Scaling back or eliminating quality-of-life programs that our community depends on.

These choices might not be immediately visible, but they compound quickly – and they cost taxpayers more in the long run.

That is why I am urging Tipton residents, and our partners across the region, to support **Senate Bill 238** as introduced. SB 238 provides the targeted, responsible fixes needed to prevent the fiscal cliff SEA 1 inad-

vertently created.

SB 238 includes three essential corrections:

1. Adjusting the Local Income Tax formula to prevent a municipal funding crisis.
2. Allowing municipalities with populations above 2,000 to participate in the countywide municipal services LIT rate.
3. Eliminating the requirement to re-adopt LIT rates every year.

These are not dramatic policy shifts. They are practical, well-considered adjustments developed in collaboration with municipal leaders, financial experts, and Aim’s Balanced Solutions Initiative. They preserve the intent of SEA 1 while ensuring that local communities aren’t financially destabilized by it.

Tipton wants to be a strong, reliable partner to the State of Indiana. We want to continue our work of strengthening our downtown, supporting economic development, maintaining public safety, and building a high-quality community where people want to live and invest.

But without the fixes in Senate Bill 238, our ability to deliver on those commitments is in real jeopardy. This bill is essential to protecting the progress we’ve made – and to ensuring that Tipton continues to thrive in the years ahead.

Shine on, Christmas Light People

As I drove home on State Road 19 from Cicero one evening last week, I looked over to see a house still decorated to the hilt with Christmas lights. You may know the one – it’s north of Forest Park.

The old me would have said something like, “Are you kidding? It’s January 22 for goodness sakes.” But the new me grinned with delight.

I remember scoffing to my friends decades ago when I saw Christmas lights still up in February. “What is wrong with people?” I asked. “It’s almost Valentine’s Day! Time for hearts and stuff, not red and green lights.”

Growing up, my mother took every single Christmas item down – lights and all – on New Year’s Day. In my opinion, it put a damper on the start of the year. I wasn’t ready to see everything get stacked up in boxes and



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

put away for the next 11 months. The house always looked bare afterwards.

I vowed that I’d wait until at least Epiphany weekend, and I’ve continued to do that today. I also like to put up my Christmas decorations the day after Thanksgiving and not one minute earlier. I prefer to give Thanksgiving its own time.

But that’s me. I know many people start dragging out the tree, ornaments, stockings, and other Christmas décor on Nov. 1. I admit, it does sound nice to enjoy lights and everything for two months – or longer in some households – vs. just one.

My husband John actually changed things in our house last spring by purchasing and installing Govee Permanent Outdoor lights. He was tired of our only Christmas lights being

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Ginny and Thomas never expected to live in Indiana, especially under these circumstances – to get a call like this one, learning they were to be guardians of their grandchildren, but understanding that it meant uprooting their lives and moving from Texas to Indiana.

They did this knowing that they had zero support system here in Hamilton County. No friends, no jobs, and no leads. They just had to be here for family, drawn here by circumstances, they packed up and headed north.

Every so often we get to see God wink. What I mean by that is that something so unexplainable, so diametrically opposed to logic or something so improbable that the only possible explanation is that it was divinely orchestrated. In other words, a “God Wink.”

On the first and third



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

Thursday mornings of every month, Feeding Team opens our offices to the public from 10 a.m. to noon to give away groceries that aren’t available in any of the pantries. This includes produce

and meat in addition to some of our normal food distributed. It is meals for a few days. While we promote this community service on social media and in local press media, it is still sparsely attended. We average just a handful of families for each open pantry.

Ginny and Thomas just hit town the day before and coincidentally happened across The Feeding Team post about open pantry the next day. They described it as a Godsend, food to take care of them and their newly expanded family until they could get settled. I am merely reporting what happened. That said, the odds that complete strang-

ers from one thousand miles away found a Feeding Team post, found the office, and secured groceries for their family, must be astronomical.

Welcome to Hamilton County, folks. You are going to be alright.

This is the challenge and the work: getting a consistent food supply, distribution, and promotion to needy neighbors is not easily accomplished. It takes dozens of volunteers every month. To each reader, you too can easily be a part of the solution. It’s as easy as taking a can of spinach (or anything else for that matter) and putting it in a pantry near you. Simple, right? Anonymous neighbors, sometimes in town from Texas, are blessed by your generosity.

One last note: Ginny and Thomas are not these folks’ real names. We make it a policy not to ask questions or be nosy. In many cases, like this one, folks just want to say thank you and part of that means telling

FeedingTeam.org
Facts
78 pantries
20,000 meals per month
Over 30 volunteer families

their story. Feeding Team is a no-questions-asked food source for anyone, regardless of your situation or story. We are here to help serve the community to the best of our abilities.

With over 44,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, **FeedingTeam.org** is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us. Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

Swipe fees are squeezing small businesses. Indiana finally has a chance to do something about it

Running a small business in Noblesville means wearing every hat imaginable. From accountant, marketer, customer-service rep, and sometimes even janitor, I’ve learned to adapt to just about everything.

But one thing I can’t adapt to, no matter how hard I try, is the relentless rise of swipe fees that chip away at every sale we make.

If you own or manage a business, you know exactly what I mean. Every time a customer pays with a card, which is nearly every time, a percentage of that transaction vanishes into a system we don’t control and can’t negotiate. It’s one of the most frustrating, least transparent costs we face, and it hits small businesses the hardest.



BLAKE FOGELSONG

That’s why State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler’s (R-29-Noblesville) House Bill 1215 on swipe-fee practices matters. She listened to the concerns of small business owners, nonprofits, and community leaders who are tired of being squeezed by fees that feel more like a tax on doing business than a service charge. Her bill doesn’t try to overhaul the entire payments industry. Instead, it focuses on fairness and transparency, especially when it comes to charitable contributions, where swipe fees quietly siphon dollars away from the very organizations working to strengthen our communities.

Rep. Shonkwiler deserves credit for stepping into an issue that’s easy for policymakers to overlook but impossible for small

businesses to escape. She’s doing exactly what good legislators should do: paying attention to the details that affect everyday Hoosiers.

Now the bill needs a fair hearing.

Speaker Todd Huston has long emphasized Indiana’s commitment to being a great place to do business. Giving this legislation a hearing would be a meaningful extension of that commitment. A hearing doesn’t guarantee passage, but it does ensure that the voices of small businesses, nonprofits, and donors are heard and that the issue gets the thoughtful consideration it deserves.

To my fellow business owners: this is one of those issues that can slip under the radar because we’re all so busy keeping our doors open. But swipe fees hit every one of us, every day, in every transaction. If we don’t speak up, nothing will change.

Pay attention to this bill. Ask questions. Share your experiences. Let lawmakers know how these fees affect your margins, your growth, and your ability to serve your customers. The more they hear from us, the harder it becomes to dismiss this as a niche concern.

Indiana prides itself on being a state that supports small businesses. Addressing swipe-fee fairness is part of living up to that promise. I’m grateful that Rep. Shonkwiler stepped forward, and I hope Speaker Huston will help ensure this legislation gets the hearing it deserves.

If we stay engaged, this is a fight we can win. And with persistence, House Bill 1215 can one day become law.

Blake Fogelsong is the Owner and Director of Operations for Clancy’s Hospitality, as well as an INRLA Board Member.

Hamilton County expands real-time crime data center

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The real-time crime information center has expanded, the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office said Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Officials say the center serves as a centralized hub for real-time crime data, video surveillance, and coordination between agencies across the county. The expansion includes a drone program for first responders, which allows drones to launch automatically and respond to emergencies in under 90 seconds.

Brian Niec is director of the Hamilton County Real Time Information Center, located in the sheriff’s office facilities off Cumberland Road north of State Roads 32 and 38 in Noblesville. The center opened in

November 2024.

“When that emergency gets reported, to the point in time where the patrol responds, there’s a gap of 5 to 10 minutes of nothing, of no information, of no intelligence, no technology. That’s where we help fill that gap. We are doing research on the suspect. We are doing research on vehicles involved. We are doing research on that address or that place to try and feed that information to responding officers and making them more aware of what’s going on.”

Officials say the technology has already helped solve cases and improve public safety.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/hamilton-county-expands-its-real-time-crime-data-center.

Altrusans help local homeless

By CAROL RADER
For The Reporter

The Altrusa Club of Hamilton County focused its January meeting on making sleeping mats for homeless people in Hamilton County.

All year, members of Altrusa and their friends collect plastic grocery bags to be made into sleeping mats. On special occasions and recently for our January meeting, we dedicate time to make these plastic bags into serviceable mats. The plastic bags are cut into strips and the strips are then attached together and rolled into balls. These balls are ready to crochet into six-foot mats that provide a more comfortable and warmer place than lying directly on a street or lawn.



(LEFT) Members Gloria DelGreco and Kari Disney tied the strips together to make into a ball. (RIGHT) Guest Gloria White cutting the bags into strips.

Member Brenna is crocheting the mats this month.

At our Feb. 9 meeting at MCL in Carmel, Omalara Makini will lead us in a

conversation about human trafficking.

Anyone interested helping with this project or becoming a member of Altrusa may contact Sharon by email at sharon@justnoteworthyevents.com.

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IU Health Fishers welcomes Nolan Gegner as 100th baby

The REPORTER

The Maternity team at IU Health Fishers recently delivered the 100th baby born in the hospital's new medical tower.

Nolan Gegner, the son of Justine and Mike Gegner, was born on Jan. 14, weighing eight pounds and four ounces and measuring 20 inches long.

"We purposefully came to IU Health because we knew it was high-quality care," Mike, Nolan's father, said. "It's clear IU Health Fishers has done an amazing job of recruiting great talent. Even though it's a new unit, all the nurses were fantastic. They are a well-oiled machine."

The opening of the medical tower in late October marked the completion of IU Health's Fishers Community Impact Project, which nearly doubled the size of the IU Health Fishers campus and workforce. Along with a new Labor and Delivery unit, the tower also houses Mammography, Breast Surgery, Endocrine Surgical Services, an outpatient OB-GYN suite, Special Care Nursery, Medical-Surgical Inpatient unit and more.

"Watching our team come together over the last three months to begin caring for our community has been one of the greatest opportunities in my life," said Hannah Devenney, manager of clinical operations for Obstetrics. "We are establishing a presence of trust and safe,



Photo courtesy IU Health Fishers
Mike and Justine Gegner welcomed their son Nolan on Jan. 14 at IU Health Fishers.

high-quality care in our community for women and their families. I can confidently say this is why every one of us are here and why we show up every day."

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Megan Brooke Ndlovu

February 26, 1991 – January 23, 2026



Megan Brooke Ndlovu, 34, Westfield, passed away on Friday, January 23, 2026, surrounded by the family who adored her. Born on February 26, 1991, in Vincennes, Ind., to James and Barbara (Lomas) Tredway, Megan grew into a woman whose kindness, compassion, and quiet strength touched every life she encountered.

Megan was a graduate of East Richland High School, Olney, Ill. She graduated with honors and was very athletic, having played tennis, basketball, and softball. A dedicated learner with a gift for helping others find their voice, Megan graduated Summa Cum Laude from Eastern Illinois University and earned her Master of Science in Communication Disorders. She went on to serve as a Speech-Language Pathologist at Ascension St. Vincent, where she approached each patient with patience, empathy, and unwavering commitment. Her colleagues knew her as a steady presence; her patients remembered her as someone who truly listened.

As a child, Megan accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. She attended CrossRoads Church At Westfield where she grew in her faith.

On June 16, 2016, Megan married Mbongeni Ndlovu. Together they built a home filled with laughter, respect, and deep affection. Megan's greatest joy came from being a mother to their two daughters, Aubrey and Maddyx, who were the light of her days and inspiration. She was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend.

Megan's life was defined by generosity – of spirit, of time, of love. She had a way of making people feel seen and valued, whether through a thoughtful word, or a warm embrace. Her presence brought comfort; her absence leaves an ache that words cannot fully express.

Though Megan's time here was far too short, the legacy she leaves – of compassion, dedication, and love – will continue to echo in the lives she touched and with everyone who knew her.

Megan will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

Survivors include her loving husband of nine years, Mbongeni "Bong" Ndlovu; children, Aubrey Ndlovu and Maddyx Ndlovu; parents, James and Barbara Tredway; sister, Melissa (Bryan) Vinson; brother, Jeremy Brown; nephew, Nathaniel Vinson; father-in-law, Vusa Mabheni; uncle, Kelvin Lomas; aunts, Sue Tredway, Pam Tredway, and Joyce Tredway; grandmother, Joyce Ndlovu; and beloved cousins.

Megan was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Robert and E. Mae Lomas; paternal grandparents, Bernard and Betty Tredway; mother-in-law, Thenjiwe Ndlovu; aunts, Karen Lomas, Bev Johnson, and Ann Tredway; uncles, John Tredway and Joe Tredway; cousins, Lucas Heckler and Tony Tredway; and nephew, Baby Vinson.

Family and friends gathered Friday, January 30, 2026, at CrossRoads Church At Westfield, 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield, where the Celebration of Life Memorial Service followed.

Megan's final resting place is in Carmel Cemetery, Carmel.

In memory of Megan, donations may be made to the Memoriam of Megan Ndlovu in care of CrossRoads Church At Westfield, 19201 Grassy Branch Rd, Westfield, IN 46074 (secure.myvanco.com/L-YR0F/campaign/C-168KV). Envelopes will be available at the church.

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

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Boneta Joyce Hancock

July 27, 1942 – January 22, 2026



With a heart overflowing with love, an unyielding dedication to her faith, and a spirit that radiated generosity, Boneta Joyce Hancock, fondly known as Joyce, left an indelible mark on the world.

Born on July 27, 1942, near Rover, Mo., Joyce's journey was one filled with joy, love, and an unwavering commitment to her family, her faith, and the cause of education. On January 22, 2026, she completed her earthly journey, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire and guide many.

Joyce's life was a testament to her loving and thoughtful nature. She married the love of her life, Steven Hancock, on May 24, 1967, and together they created a beautiful family, residing in Noblesville after living in various places, including New Orleans, La.; Hamilton and Cincinnati, Ohio; and West Hills, Inglewood, and Lakewood, Calif.; and Lawrence and Cicero, Ind.

Joyce was a dedicated mother to her children, Stefani (Doug) Hancock-Barnes and Scott (Rosalia) Hancock; a doting grandmother to her many grandchildren, Bryce (Lisa) MacDonald, Daniel (Kate) Hancock, Gabriella (Mark) Gonzalez, Jacquelyn (Joey) Peay, Henry Grant III, Joseph Hancock, Joshua Johannsen, Maria Hancock, Michaela (Dom) Xayasomloth, Hayley (Isiais) Diaz, and Samantha (Austin) Hill; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was also a beloved sister to Wilda (Bob) Pingel, Mary Jo (Roger) Freeman, and Mark (Pam) Willard, and a cherished aunt to several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Bertha Willard.

Joyce's passion for education saw her serving in many roles throughout her career, including as the Vice Principal of Lawrence Christian School and as a Professor at Cincinnati Christian Seminary. She loved her profession, but her love for teaching extended beyond the classroom. She found joy in teaching her grandchildren, and her hobbies of scrapbooking, reading, and gardening were avenues for her to impart wisdom and create lasting memories. She loved to sing and perform with her sisters, and she found fulfillment in being a part of her church groups and small groups. Her faith was the bedrock of her life, and she served her church community by teaching Sunday School and running several different Sunday Departments.

Joyce's life was a beautiful melody of love, faith, and dedication. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew her. Friends and family gathered to remember Joyce during visitation hours on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service was held at the same venue on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. A private burial took place following the services at Hamilton Memorial Park.

In commemoration of Boneta's life, we encourage you to share your memories, stories, and photos on her memorial page. Each shared memory is an affirmation of the love she spread and the lives she touched.

Services are under the direction of Hartley Funeral Homes – Cicero.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Paul J. Lund

July 18, 1931 – January 16, 2026



Paul J. Lund, 94, formerly of Herscher, Ill., passed away following a short illness at Majestic Care of Carmel on Friday, January 16, 2026. He was born on July 18, 1931, in rural Gardner, Ill., to the late Theodor and Maren Lund.

While in high school, Paul played the accordion throughout the central Illinois area. After graduating from Dwight High School, he enlisted in the Navy. He served from 1951 to 1955 in the Medical Corps at Naval bases in Honolulu, Hawaii, Bremerton, Wash., and Astoria, Ore. While in the Navy, he met his future wife, Arlene Metzger, who also was serving in the Navy at the time. They were married on September 4, 1954, and were married just short of 65 years.

Paul worked in sales and service for 15 years at Hendrix in Herscher, 12 years at Home Appliance in Kankakee, and 15 years at Bade Appliance in Bradley. He served 41 years as Pilot Township Clerk, helped organize the Herscher Townhouses senior citizens complex on South Main Street and was a former president of the townhouse board, served 15 years as a member, and former president of the Herscher Chamber of Commerce, served 12 years on the Trinity Lutheran Church Council, former treasurer of the Herscher Sanitary District, was the Grand Marshal for the 2009 Labor Day parade and for 51 years he was part of the "Before Sunrise Cleanup Crew" at the village park following the Labor Day festivities.

Upon retirement, Paul worked on the grounds at the village park, enjoyed winters in Arizona and gardening. He was a certified Master Gardener through the University of Illinois, an active member of the Herscher Area Historical Society and the Central Illinois Green Club. In 2016 he and his wife traveled to Washington, D.C., as participants in the Indy Honor Flight program for veterans. In recent years he enjoyed an active life in his 55 and older community in Noblesville with family and friends.

Survivors include his daughter, Marina (Dan) Papineau of Westfield; son, Steven Lund of Lafayette, Ind.; grandson, Brendon (Trista) Papineau of Troy, Ill.; granddaughter, Brianne (Mark) Ellison of Westfield, Ind.; great-grandchildren, Violet, Lillian, and Liam Ellison; and Analee and Liam Borah; brothers, Henry Lund and Harold (Bev) Lund both of Dwight, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul is preceded in death by his wife, Arlene; brother and sister-in-law, Francis and Dorothy Lund; and his sisters-in-law, Edith Lund, Dorothy Edens, and Darlene Lotspeich.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Monday, February 9, with the memorial service starting at 11 a.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St., Westfield.

The second visitation will be at 1 p.m. Friday, February 27, with the memorial service starting at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 255 E. 3rd St., Herscher, Ill. Burial with military honors will follow at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Herscher.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Herscher American Legion, 102 S. Oak St., Herscher, IL 60941.

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TEACH

The argument became physical and finally ended up on top of my desk! My carefully placed items flew in all directions. I scooted my chair back as close to the wall as possible, but that was only a few inches. It was an out-of-body experience. I knew I had

nothing to give in that moment to stop the situation. My weakness was on full display. I could not protect myself or do anything to stop the fight happening just in front of me.

I imagined scenarios throughout my life when my weakness would hinder me from getting myself out of dangerous situations. This was not one of the imagined situations.

Finally, the teacher broke up the fight and sent the students to the principal's office. By the time lunch rolled around, I was still reeling from the events that had taken place since my arrival that morning.

Uncharacteristic of me, I broke the rules. I went against every ounce of people pleaser in me. I walked out of that school as quickly as my legs would take me, which was a snail's pace. A quick snail.

I told myself I would eat lunch in my car to regroup and then head back in and finish the day. Once I was in the safety of my car, I felt myself starting it and putting it in reverse. I told no one that I was leaving. I felt immense guilt, but not enough to stop me.

I made the generous decision to gift the roaches my pencil holder and other desks items.

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From that point on, I started to speak up for myself at my work environments. It came slowly, but that was a turning point for me in realizing the importance of self-advocacy, in all areas of my life.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. She is the recipient of the Reporter's Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

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SHINE

the ones on our tree in the front window. He wanted to shine lights for all occasions throughout the year. John has had a great time with them and even changed the lights to red and white for the recent IU games.

We all are facing big and small troubles in life, most of which are out of our control. Sometimes it seems like the world is just a gigantic mess. Maybe the Christmas Light People (as I like to call them) are trying

to lift their spirits and that of so many others who walk or drive by.

And don't many of us say every holiday season that we should keep Christmas in our hearts all year long? Perhaps some people are reminding us to do just that by keeping Christmas glowing on their houses, lawn, etc. as well.

As we all endure the most challenging part of winter, including the lowest temps, highest snowfalls,

from Page A6

and seemingly never-ending darkness, maybe the Christmas Light People are onto something. Why not continue to turn on joyful lights in this time of darkness?

Shine on, Christmas Light People. Shine on.

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

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Boys Basketball

Blackhawks clinch share of HHC title; Millers beat Royals



(ABOVE LEFT) Sheridan crowned its Hardwood Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the Blackhawks' boys basketball game with Taylor Friday, Jan. 30. Ji Warren was named Queen and Devon Hamilton was named King. (ABOVE RIGHT) Sheridan's Chance Spencer scored six points for the Blackhawks during their 59-53 win over Taylor. With the victory, the Blackhawks clinched at least a share of the Hoosier Heartland Conference championship.

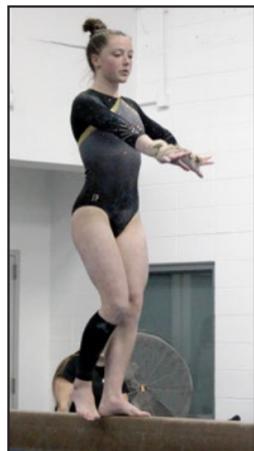
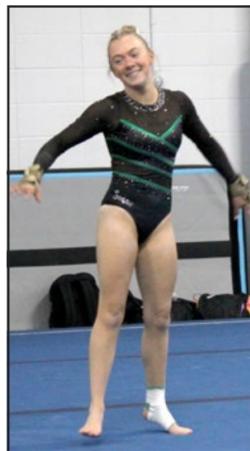
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(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville's Adam Fine scored 12 points during the Millers' Hoosier Crossroads Conference win over Hamilton Southeastern Friday, Jan. 30 at The Mill. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Maverick Young scored nine points for the Royals.

Photos by Joshua Herd

Gymnastics



Reporter photos by Richie Hall (LEFT) Westfield's Madie Doran is the lone senior on the Shamrocks' team this season. (RIGHT) Noblesville's Valorey Bittles placed second on the vault and floor exercises.

Rocks, Millers gymnasts have high scores and potential

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

Dunkin. "We've got 14 girls and there's just a lot of talent on our team."

CARMEL – The Noblesville and Westfield gymnastics teams met on Thursday, Jan. 29 for a dual meet at Hollywood Cheer and Tumble in Carmel.

The Rocks are a very young team, with only one senior, Madie Doran.

Both teams are already well into their seasons, which have so far produced high scores and high hopes for the post-season tournament. The Shamrocks won the dual over the Millers 101.275-99.375.

Meanwhile, sophomore Sonoma Fischer led the way for Westfield, winning the all-around and three individual events: the vault, uneven bars and floor exercise, with 9.05s on the vault and floor.



Fischer

Westfield coach Ally Dunkin said the season has been going "fantastic" for the Shamrocks.

Fischer may be new to high school gymnastics, but she participated in club gymnastics for years.

"This is the biggest team we've ever had," said

"It's different, but I really like it," said Fischer. "And I like the community and it's fun."

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Football

Bud Wright returns to coaching

Sheridan legend hired at Southwood

The REPORTER

Larry "Bud" Wright is returning to the football sidelines as a head coach.



Wright

The Sheridan football icon has been hired as the new coach at Southwood High School, located about five miles southeaster of Wabash, Val Tsoutsouris, the sports editor of RTC4 in Rochester, broke the news with a post on X (formerly Twitter) just before 10 p.m. Wednesday,

Jan. 28. (tinyurl.com/BudWright-Southwood)

Wright spent 59 seasons as the Blackhawks' coach. He is the winningest football coach in Indiana with 463 career victories and led Sheridan to nine state championships.

Wright stepped down as the Blackhawks' coach in December 2024. He served as an assistant at North Miami during the 2025 season.

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NFL Flag Championships coming to Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus

The REPORTER

The NFL announced on Tuesday, Jan. 27 that the third annual NFL Flag Championships Presented by Toyota will move to Westfield from July 23 to 26, 2026, with the championship games scheduled

for Sunday, July 26. Operated by RCX Sports, this year's event will take place at the Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus, a 400-plus-acre sports complex featuring more than 30 multi-purpose fields in the Indianapolis metro area.

The NFL Flag Championships are the largest youth flag football tournament in the world, and this year's event marks the biggest iteration yet, with more than 350 girls and boys teams

from across the globe participating. The tournament has quickly become the premier stage for youth athletes to compete at the highest

Hamilton County High School Friday Night Basketball Scores

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- Guerin Catholic 55, Lebanon 53
- Hamilton Heights 62, Tipton 44
- Noblesville 56, Hamilton Southeastern 49
- Sheridan 59, Taylor 53
- University 79, Anderson Prep Academy 36
- Westfield 63, Avon 54

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- Franklin Central 43, Fishers 20
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Boys Basketball

Huskies take care of LCC

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

On Friday, Jan. 23, the Hamilton Heights boys basketball team hit the road to Lafayette to face Central Catholic in a Hoosier Conference game.

The Huskies grabbed their fifth consecutive win with a convincing 64-48 win over the Knights.

Heights started off with a 15-7 advantage after one quarter and didn't look back.

They held off the Knights in the second in a defensive quarter (8-4) for a 23-11 halftime lead.

It was a much higher

scoring second half. The Huskies scored 17 to LCC's 12 in the third for a 40-23 count.

Central Catholic outscored Heights in the fourth, 25-24, but the Huskies still cruised to a 16-point win.

Jackson Mikesell had a double-double with 19 points and 14 rebounds. Rees Knapp was right behind with 18 and Jack Kaka-suleff had 12.

A Saturday, Jan. 24 non-conference road trip to Bunker Hill went very well for Heights. The Huskies won their sixth consecutive game with a convincing 65-51 win over the Macon-

aquah Braves.

The two were knotted 13-13 after one quarter, but it wasn't long until Heights opened it up.

The Huskies outscored the Braves 14-8 in the second to take a two-possession lead to halftime, 27-21.

Heights came out scoring even more in the second half, besting Maconaquah 38-30 to roll on for the 14-point win.

Mikesell led the Huskies for the second game in a row with 22 and nine rebounds. Knapp scored 20 with six boards and Caleb Sullivan added 13 to go with grabbing five rebounds.

GYM

Doran's best score of the night was 8.80 on the floor, which placed her third in that event. She has a simple message for her young teammates.

"I just try and tell them to have fun, go out there, do their best. No worries at all, just do their best," said Doran.

Noblesville's Emmerson Leckrone had the Millers' event win, scoring an 8.325 on the balance beam. There are no seniors on Noblesville's team, but gymnasts like juniors Leckrone, Valorey Bittles and Hailey Nobbe are helping to lead the way. Bittles was second in the vault and floor events, while Nobbe placed second on bars.

"Emmerson, Hailey and Valorey are leaders on the team," said Millers coach Erica Eder.

"We're throwing some big skills, which naturally come with big falls," said Eder. "But we're getting big skills, so I think by the time sectionals come around we'll have those skills and be ready to show them off."

Team score: Westfield 101.275, Noblesville 99.375.

All-around scores: 1. Sonoma Fischer (W) 34.55, 2. Valorey Bittles (N) 33.825, 3. Hallie Walther (W) 33.40, 4. Emmerson Leckrone (N) 32.45, 5. Madie Doran (W) 31.575, 6. Vera Deichman (N) 31.125, 7. Avery Mason (W) 31.00.

Vault: 1. Fischer (W) 9.05, 2. Bittles (N) 8.95, 3. Walther (W) 8.875, T4. Hailey Nobbe (N) 8.65; Doran (W) 8.65, T6. Leckrone (N) 8.575; Avery

Mason (W) 8.575, 8. Kaleia Cole (W) 8.425, 9. Kelsey Atkinson (W) 8.35, 10. Sterling Southard (N) 8.25, 11. Deichman (N) 8.20, 12. Phoenix Rollins (N) 7.75.

Uneven bars: 1. Fischer (W) 8.75, 2. Nobbe (N) 8.425, 3. Bittles (N) 8.00, T4. Mason (W) 7.925; Walther (W) 7.925, 6. Cole (W) 7.525, 7. Deichman (N) 7.50, 8. Atkinson (W) 7.56, 9. Leckrone (N) 7.075, 10. Doran (W) 6.175, 11. Southard (N) 4.275, 12. Rollins (N) 3.975.

Balance beam: 1. Leckrone (N) 8.325, 2. Walther (W) 8.025, 3. Bittles 8.00, 4. Doran (W) 7.95, 5. Nobbe (N) 7.80, 6. Fischer (W) 7.70, 7. Deichman (W) 7.625, 8. Harper Roy (W) 7.225, 9. Lilly Martin (N) 6.85, 10. Southard (N) 5.75, 11. Mason (W) 6.575.

Floor exercise: 1. Fischer (W) 9.05, 2. Bittles (N) 8.875, 3. Doran (W) 8.80, 4. Walther (W) 8.525, 5. Roy (W) 8.50, 6. Leckrone (N) 8.475, 7. Mason (W) 7.925, 8. Deichman (N) 7.80, 9. Rollins (N) 6.65.

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Tigers get weekend sweep

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

The top-ranked Class 4A Fishers Tigers were in jeopardy of suffering their first loss of the season on Friday, Jan. 23, but then they flipped the switch.

Down 29-21 to host Avon at halftime, the Tigers roared back with a 25-point third quarter and

stymied the Orioles 19-2 in the fourth to win 65-50.

Senior Kai McGrew led the Tigers' comeback charge with a game-high 24 points followed by 15 points from Levi Walker. Junior Cooper Zachary finished with 11 points. Ethan Hillsman had 9 points.

Avon's Jediaiah Minnett paced the Orioles with a team-high 19 points. Wil-

liam Clore had 10 points.

There's no place like home for the unbeaten Fishers Tigers.

A perfect 8-0 inside The Jungle before Saturday, Jan. 24, the top-ranked Class 4A Tigers made it 9-0 to complete a back-to-back weekend sweep.

The Tigers led 20-8 after the first quarter and 47-21 by halftime to defeat visiting Fort Wayne Carroll, 80-37.

Zachary propelled the Tigers with a career-performance from 3-point range. The sharp-shooting guard buried his first five 3-pointers to start before sinking a career-high eight 3-pointers overall. Zachary finished with a game-high 28 points.

McGrew had 18 points. Hillsman added 12 points.

The Tigers posted 20-plus points in each of the first three quarters while holding the visiting Chargers to fewer than 10 points in three of four frames.

Carroll was led by Jack Van Order and Carter Middleton with eight points apiece.

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level, showcasing the growing popularity and international reach of flag football.

ESPN will once again provide live coverage of the tournament, bringing the excitement of youth flag football to fans everywhere. Starting Friday, July 24, through the championship games on Sunday, July 26, games will be available on ESPN, ESPN2, ABC, ESPN Deportes and NFL+, with select games also available on Disney+, Disney Channel, Disney XD, the ESPN App and ESPN on YouTube. Games will also be available in select international markets.

"As the nation's largest and preeminent youth sports campus in the country, we are thrilled to have been selected by the NFL for this world-class event," explained Greg Stremblaw, Co-Chief Executive Officer of Grand Park Sports & Entertainment. "As the operator of the campus, it has been a key objective of ours to diversify our sport base and we are investing significantly into flag football in multiple ways as part of a multi-faceted flag football vision. One of those objectives was to see the NFL Flag Football Championships make Grand Park home in a multi-year partnership with the NFL."

The move to Indiana continues the NFL's storied history with the region, which has hosted numerous marquee league events. Home to the Indianapolis Colts and the annual NFL Scouting Combine, the area has long been a hub for football innovation and talent development. Its world-class facilities and passionate fan base make it the perfect backdrop for the NFL Flag Championships, continuing the tradition of bringing the tournament to communities that live and breathe football.

"Hamilton County, Indiana, has built a reputation as a destination where champions play, and we are certain that this NFL Flag Championship at Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus will be one to remember," said Ham-

"We're thrilled to bring the NFL Flag Championships to Westfield, Indiana for what will be our biggest and most exciting tournament yet. Flag football's global growth, accelerated by its upcoming inclusion in the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, has been remarkable, and that momentum will be on full display with thousands of young athletes traveling from around the world to compete in the NFL Flag Championships. The greater Indianapolis area has a rich football tradition, and we are looking forward to creating even more unforgettable moments for these athletes and the community."

Peter O'Reilly, NFL EVP of Events, International and Club Business

"The NFL Flag Championship has quickly become a marquee event on our summer programming calendar, and this year's move to Westfield, Indiana marks an exciting next chapter. With an NFL-caliber facility at Grand Park and a strong football culture, Indiana provides a great setting for an event of this scale, and we're proud to showcase these young athletes and the continued growth of flag football across ESPN platforms."

Mark Gross, ESPN Sr. Vice President, Sports Production

"The NFL Flag Championships have truly become the premier global stage for youth football. Each year, the event continues to raise the bar in scale, competition, and overall impact. This year's championship will bring together more than 350 teams from around the world at a world-class venue. The energy, talent, and international reach we're seeing are a powerful reflection of the extraordinary momentum behind flag football's growth. We're incredibly proud to partner with the NFL to deliver an unforgettable experience for hundreds of young athletes and their families."

Izell Reese, CEO of RCX Sports

"For 50 years, our region has been known around the globe for our expertise and success in hosting the world's greatest sporting events, and we're proud to welcome the NFL Flag Championships to this storied tradition. The Colts are excited and completely invested in the growth of flag football in Indiana and around the world, so we look forward to working with stakeholders from Westfield, Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus and across the Indianapolis region to make this the best flag tournament to date anywhere."

Kalen Jackson, Colts Owner & Chief Brand Officer

ilton County Tourism President & CEO Karen Radcliff. "Our team looks forward to welcoming these world-class athletes to Hamilton County, thanks to collaborative efforts by our affiliate the Hamilton County Sports Authority and our partners throughout the region."

"We are honored to welcome the NFL Flag Championships to Westfield and to showcase Grand Park on an international stage," stated Westfield Mayor Scott Willis. "This event brings the world to our community and highlights why Westfield has become a premier destination for youth sports, hospitality, and unforgettable experiences."

Flag football is one of the fastest growing sports in the world, with 20 million players globally, and will make its Olympic debut in Los Angeles in 2028. Recently, NFL clubs voted to support financially the

development and launch of a professional flag football league. In addition, the NCAA recently approved the addition of flag football to the Emerging Sports for Women program, an important step in establishing flag as a varsity women's sport across the NCAA. Flag football is now offered for girls at the high school level in 38 states, and more than 100 colleges and universities have women's flag football programs.

In Indiana, the Colts have led the charge to grow youth flag football across the state, including launching the Colts Flag Football Leagues, a statewide network that connects young athletes to NFL Flag-sanctioned programs. The Colts have also committed \$1 million to support girls high school flag football and have advanced numerous initiatives designed to increase access and participation.

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Girls Basketball

Rocks cruise past Ben Davis

The REPORTER

Westfield had to wait a day to play its game at Ben Davis, but it was worth the wait.

The Shamrocks took care of the Giants 68-42 Wednesday, Jan. 28 in their regular-season finale. Westfield outscored Ben Davis in all four quarters, leading 19-9 after one and 35-20 at halftime.

MaKayla Hatcher was dominant in the second quarter, pouring in 10 points. Ellie Wheeler nailed two 3-pointers during the opening period.

The second half belonged to freshman Lillian Clark. She scored 17 points in that half, with nine in the third quarter and eight more in the fourth. Clark finished the game with 22 points, including three 3-pointers.

Hatcher was right behind with 21 points; she scored in each quarter. Wheeler finished with 15 points. Audra Parker scored seven.

Westfield is 17-7 and plays Hamilton Southeastern Tuesday in the first round of Class 4A Sectional 8 at Carmel.

51st annual IHSAA girls basketball sectional pairings

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

On Sunday, Jan. 25, the IHSAA had a blind draw to decide the pairings for the 51st annual girls basketball sectionals that will take place starting on Tuesday, Feb. 3. The semifinal matchups will be on Friday, Feb. 6 and championships on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Carmel will host the Class 4A Sectional 8 tournament on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

Zionsville plays the Fishers Tigers in Tuesday's first game, followed by Westfield against Hamilton Southeastern.

Carmel drew the first bye and plays the winner of the Zionsville-Fishers game in the first Friday semifinal at 6 p.m. Noblesville drew the second bye and faces the winner of the Shamrocks and the Royals in the second semifinal.

In Class 3A Sectional 24 at Yorktown, Jay County plays New Castle in the first game on Tuesday and Hamilton Heights meets up with Connersville in the second game. Friday's first semifinal features Delta against the Jay County-New Castle winner, followed by Yorktown versus the Huskies-Connersville winner. Sectional 25 at Leba-

non has seven teams in its field. Guerin Catholic gets a rematch with Brebeuf Jesuit in the lone game on Tuesday, Feb. 3. The two Wednesday, Feb. 4 games pit Tri-West against Danville, along with Frankfort battling host Lebanon.

The Golden Eagles-Brebeuf winner plays Crawfordsville in the first Friday semifinal. The second game on Friday pairs up the winners of the Wednesday games.

Hamilton County has a couple teams in Class 2A. Sectional 39 at Lapel is where Sheridan plays.

Elwood and Frankton play in the first game Tuesday, followed by Lapel against Sheridan.

Tipton drew the first bye and plays the Elwood-Frankton winner at 6 p.m. on Friday. The second semifinal has Taylor playing the Lapel-Sheridan winner.

Park Tudor hosts Sectional 42 where University will play.

Riverside and host Park Tudor open first at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. The second game has Covenant Christian facing Cardinal Ritter.

Monrovia has the first bye and plays Riverside-Park Tudor winner in the first Friday semifinal. University drew the second bye and faces either Covenant Christian or Ritter.

Huskies fall to Rensselaer in conference championship game

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

On Saturday, Jan. 24, the Rensselaer Central and Hamilton Heights girls basketball teams got together for an East vs. West showdown in the Hoosier Conference and they didn't disappoint.

The visiting Bombers escaped Arcadia with a 62-60 win to claim the Hoosier Conference championship.

The Huskies got off to a great start, leading Rensselaer Central 17-12 through

one quarter.

The Bombers came back in the second and Heights led 27-26 at halftime.

The second half was quite the battle between the two division leaders. But it would be the Bombers outscoring the Huskies 36-33 for the two-point road win.

The Huskies shot 50 percent from the floor and were led by Zoey Curry's 18 points. She was joined in double digits by Riley Suarez with 14, along with Addison Blum and Kamryn Rhoton both netting 11.

Arabians pull away from Millers

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

The Noblesville girls basketball team was on the road Thursday, Jan. 29 for the first of their two final regular season games.

The Millers gave the Arabians all they could handle for a good part of three and a half quarters. It took until midway through the fourth before Pendleton Heights was able to pull away for the 49-39 win.

The two battled back and forth in the first and Pendleton clung to an 11-7 edge.

Noblesville fought hard in the second, doubling up

the Arabians 12-6. Tied 13-13 late in the half, Aleah Magee banked a three with 2:30 left to make it 16-13. Maia Blower increased the lead to 19-13 with a three of her own with 53 seconds in the quarter and the Millers led 19-17 at halftime.

Pendleton would lead 33-30 through three, but they didn't take over until late in the period.

The Arabians found ways late in the game and pushed away for the 10-point win.

C.C. Quigley led with 20 and four rebounds. Blower had nine on three triples and Magee five boards and five assists.



Reporter photos by Julie Brown
(LEFT) Carmel's Bella Ramsey scored 15 points for the Greyhounds during their win over Cathedral 47-41 on Wednesday, Jan. 28. (RIGHT) Catherine Bassi scored 12 points for Carmel, including three 3-pointers.

Hounds come back, take care of Cathedral

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – A big play in basketball doesn't always have to involve scoring.

A steal works well, too. Carmel's Taylee Fisher came up with a takeaway with 30 seconds left in the Greyhounds' game with Cathedral, and that helped the Hounds clinch a 47-41 victory Wednesday, Jan. 28 on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

Carmel had to claw back from a large first-quarter deficit to get the win, which halted a four-game skid.

"I think we were down 9-1, and then I called a timeout," said Greyhounds coach Jess Darmelio. After

that, Carmel came roaring back, cutting the Irish's lead to 15-13 by the end of the quarter.

"Our kids have proven all year that they don't give up, they don't stop," said Darmelio. "They don't quit at all. They always keep fighting."

Cathedral led for the entire second and third quarters, but the Greyhounds never let the Irish's lead grow beyond five points. Bella Ramsey scored six points in the second, giving her 11 for the first half, which finished with Cathedral ahead 26-22.

Carmel kept it close in the third quarter, getting within 35-33 by the end of the period. Sydney Bonds

had four points, while Catherine Bassi opened the quarter with a 3-pointer, her third of the game.

The Greyhounds finally took the lead early in the fourth when Fisher nailed a 3 and put Carmel ahead 37-35. Tatum Triggs tied the game at 37-37 with a jumper.

Then, it was Maddy Wallace time. The sophomore drained a triple and put the Hounds ahead for good, at 40-37. But just in case, Wallace made a floater was up 42-37.

"Both of them [Fisher and Wallace] are very good at anticipating where the ball is, getting their hands in places to get deflections, get steals," said Darmelio.

"And I just think it shows they're at the right spot at the right time."

"Defensive effort was definitely what kept us in the game today," said Wallace. "It was an all-around effort. Communication really stepped up. A really good win for us."

Carmel led 44-41 with 30 seconds to go. Cathedral had the ball, but Fisher was there to make the steal, then made a free throw with 23.8 seconds left. Wallace finished the game with two free throws 13 seconds later.

Ramsey scored 15 points for the Hounds, while Bassi totaled 12. Wallace scored nine, Fisher had six points and Bonds finished with five.

Golden Eagles outlasts Crispus Attucks in regular season finale

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team knew by scheduling a fast-paced team like Crispus Attucks that they would be tested.

Balanced scoring, a lot of rebounding and sharing the basketball were big factors in being able to outlast

visiting Indianapolis Crispus Attucks in their regular season finale at home on Wednesday, Jan. 28 64-59.

The Golden Eagles got up 4-0 on a pair of quick Caroline Ford layups. But Attucks came back quick to take a 5-4 edge.

The lead changed hands another five times for six total in the first. The score was also tied on three

different occasions in the first eight minutes.

After Ford tied it at 17-17 with 10.8 left, the Tigers turned the ball over, leaving time for something to happen. Brinna Wolf bounced a pass to Ella Horvath in the right corner and the freshman drilled a three at the buzzer for a 20-17 lead heading to the second.

"I think the speed of the game was intense. There were points and times where I wanted to slow it down and bring it back out," said Guerin Catholic head coach Danielle Cardinal. "But we were getting layups, so it's really hard to look at your team and want them to slow down."

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Hamilton Heights Middle School launches Winter Guard Program



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Hamilton Heights Middle School announces the formation of its first-ever competitive Winter Guard team. Under the direction of Hamilton Heights Color Guard Director Guy Groves, this talented group of students will represent the district in the Indiana High School Color Guard Association (IHSCGA) circuit this winter, showcasing their artistry, precision, and teamwork through choreographed performances set to music. Catch them in action at the following contests in February: DeKalb (Feb. 14), Brownsburg (Feb. 21), and Carroll (Feb. 28). Additional contest info can be found at ihscga.org. "We're excited to cheer on these young performers as they take the floor for their debut season," said Mark Snelson, HHSC Director of Bands. (ABOVE) Winter Guard members polish their routine in preparation for their debut season on the IHSCGA circuit next month.

Girls Wrestling

HSE's Lannen reflects on qualifying for state

By RICHIE HALL
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At last week's Hamilton Southeastern boys wrestling meet, the Royals stopped for a moment to congratulate one of their girls wrestlers.

The congratulations were well-deserved, as Lindsey Lannen was the first HSE girl to qualify for an IHSAA-sanctioned state tournament. Lannen was in attendance watching the boys and she took a few minutes to speak to The Reporter about her accomplishments.

A 120-pound senior, Lannen began her run at the Muncie Central sectional on Jan. 2. She cruised through the bracket, making two pins to reach the final, which she won by a 6-0 decision. Lannen also helped Southeastern win the team championships, its first ever.

The Royals went back to Muncie Central on Jan. 10 for the regional. Lannen received a forfeit in the first round, which sent her to the quarterfinals, or the "ticket round," as the winner is guaranteed a top-four finish and a place at the state meet.

Lannen easily punched her ticket to state: she pinned Perry Meridian's Valeria Velez in the first round.

"It was unreal," said Lannen. "I remember getting my hand raised and just running off the mat, hugging my coaches. It was just unreal."

Lannen toughed out a 15-12 decision over Franklin Central's Madison Mink to reach the championship match, where she fell to Richmond's Claire Abbitt in a first-period pin. But she was on her way to the state meet, which took place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum on Jan. 16.

Right before wrestling begins, all of the state quali-



Photos courtesy HSE Athletics

Hamilton Southeastern's Lindsey Lannen was the first girls wrestler to qualify for the IHSAA-sanctioned state finals on Jan. 16.

fiers lineup for the Parade of Champions, which Lannen called "really cool." She noted the bright lights at the Coliseum as wrestlers walk out on to the floor.

"There's no way to really describe how it exactly feels, but it's such a neat experience to have been able to go state, the Parade of Champions and just be recognized for what I accomplished this season," said Lannen.

Lannen competed for the Royals wrestling team three years, beginning with her sophomore year. That was the last season girls wrestling in Indiana was a club sport; it became sanctioned by the IHSAA beginning with the 2024-25 season. As a result, Lannen got to see the changes that come with sanctioning the tournament up close.

"I think there's more recognition now," said Lannen. "I think people really see that this is an evolving sport, the fastest-growing sport in the country for high schoolers."

"As a club sport, it was more like something for people to do. It wasn't really taken seriously, even in practices and stuff. But now that we've been sanctioned, we now have individual practices from the boys. We used to prac-



tice with the boys. Now we have our own individual practices, different locations, so it's been really great."

Lannen is undecided about which college she will attend and was open to continuing to wrestle in college. She said she would "love to see more college teams have girls wrestling." As for high school, Lannen said she hopes to see more girls get into wrestling as well, with the girls eventually having "teams the size of the guys teams right now."

"With it being a growing sport, you have teams ranging from 20 people to a handful of girls," said Lannen.

"Having more consistent-size teams for duals and stuff like that, I think would be really cool to see in the next five to 10 years."

Boys Wrestling — Hawks compete at HHC meet

The REPORTER

The Sheridan boys wrestling team finished its regular season by competing in the Hoosier Heartland Conference meet Saturday, Jan. 24 at Delphi.

The Blackhawks scored 85.5 points to finish in eighth place. Sheridan had eight place winners out of its 11 competitors at the meet. Two Blackhawks placed

third in their weight classes: Parker Cravens at 157 pounds and Alex Cravens at 165. Eli Bales finished fourth at 175, while Brody McKinney took fourth at 285.

Four additional Sheridan wrestlers finished sixth: Camdyn Vespa at 120, Treyton Bogus at 132, Gabriel Snider at 150 and Oscar Obst at 190.

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Horvath started the second with an offensive rebound putback. Emersyn French sank a triple from the right wing and then Horvath scored on a fast break for a 10-point lead at 27-17.

Attucks got it under double digits at 29-23, but Cecilia Titus pushed it back to 10 for a 33-23 score.

"I told the girls that this was going to be an up and down game, because they can shoot and they can shoot deep," Cardinal added.

The Tigers showed that and made three-pointers on three straight possessions to cut it to a 33-32 score at halftime.

"The game went up-and-down and I knew we would be fine, because this is the kind of game we are conditioned for," Cardinal continued. "I assumed they would continue to score. If you look, they've played really good teams and scored a ton of points."

There would be four more lead changes in the third. The Golden Eagles used an 11-3 run to end the third with a 48-44 lead.

"I think it was a game of adjustments and thankfully we finally started to put some of those layups in," said Cardinal.

The fourth was tight with a slight edge to Guerin 16-15, which aided them to the five-point win.

Rebounding gave Guer-

in numerous opportunities on both ends of the floor. Four players grabbed six or more and they were also selfless with the ball.

"I think the Horvath's talk about how they've watched Dennis Rodman," Cardinal stated on Horvath's knack for the ball. "There are that many people that want that. You can tell she wants that and that's a skill you can't teach. It's a mentality thing."

Dana Dues led with five assists and she also had six boards. Caroline Ford and Ella Horvath both grabbed eight rebounds, while Cecilia Titus had seven.

"We just want the ball. We understand that those extra possessions are what help us win games," Cardinal said.

The Golden Eagles were led by Ella Horvath's team-high 18 points, along with four assists. Caroline Ford scored 17 and dished out three assists. Cecilia Titus had 14 and Emersyn French came off of the bench to score 12 for four in double figures.

Guerin Catholic (15-8) has won four of its last five and six of eight. They open Class 3A Sectional 25 at Lebanon on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. against Brebeuf Jesuit (11-10).

The Golden Eagles are looking to avenge their Friday, Jan. 23, 37-34 overtime loss at Brebeuf.

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— ARCADIA —

Notice
The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an Executive Session on Monday, February 2nd at 6:30 to discuss IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(D) the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time and contract or option to purchase of lease is executed by the parties. This will be located at 208 W. Main St Arcadia, IN 46030
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— 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, February 09, 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.
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NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

UNIT NUMBER 21, IN BLOCK 6, IN WATERCOLORS HORIZONTAL PROPERTY REGIME, SECTION 1, AS ESTABLISHED BY DECLARATION RECORDED AUGUST 2, 2006 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200600044681, AND BY LAWS RECORDED AUGUST 2, 2006 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200600044682, AS DEFINED AND SUPPLEMENTED BY NINTH AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF WATERCOLORS CONDOMINIUM RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2011062108, AND PLAT AND AS-BUILT FLOOR PLANS RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 4, SLIDE 738, AND AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2011062109. IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2011-62108. TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN COMMON AREAS AND LIMITED COMMON AREAS, APPERTAINING TO SAID UNIT, AS SET FORTH IN AFORESAID DECLARATION AND SUBSEQUENT SUPPLEMENTS.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendant(s) whose addresses are: George Montgomery, 13895 Rue Charlot Lane, McCordsville, IN 46055 Roto Rooter Services Corporation, c/o Corporation Service Co., Registered Agent, 135 N. Pennsylvania Street, Suite 1610, Indianapolis, IN 46204 American Express National Bank, 115 W. Towne Ridge Parkway, Sandy, UT 84070 Barclays Bank Delaware, c/o Highest Officer Found, 125 S. West Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 and to the following Defendant(s) whose whereabouts and/or name are unknown: Property Group One LTD

In addition to the above-named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 4th day of March, 2026, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

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

ATTEST: Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit and Superior Courts 1/19/26, 1/26/26, 2/2/26

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE NO 29D02-2509-MF-010099

EVERWISE CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. NICOLE J. SNYDER n/k/a NICOLE J. CARNAHAN, UNION PLANTERS BANK NA, ASHWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., FISHERS UTILITIES, RICHMOND EXTERIORS, and MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, Defendants

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE STATE OF INDIANA AND UNION PLANTERS BANK NA, AND ANY OTHER PERSON WHO MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Complaint for Foreclosure on Real Property and Money Judgment as been filed by the Plaintiff in the above-entitled cause of action. This summons is specifically directed to the Defendant, Union Planters Bank NA, whose address(es) are unknown. You must appear and assert any claim you may have in such matter on or before March 11, 2026, and if you fail to do so, such Complaint may be heard in your absence.

Respectfully submitted, THORNE • GRODNIK, LLP /s/ Michael A. Trippel Michael A. Trippel, Esq. (#16537-71) P.O. Box 1210 Mishawaka, Indiana 46564-1210 (574) 256-5660 / FAX (574) 256-5137 Attorney for Plaintiff

ATTEST: Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton County 1/26/26, 2/2/26, 2/9/26

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2601-M1-000073 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Joshua Haven Swisher Petitioner

NOTICE OF HEARING Joshua Haven Swisher, whose mailing address is: 170 Jersey St Apt 217 Westfield, Indiana 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Joshua Haven Swisher has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Venn Haven Morgan.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: May 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Joshua Haven Swisher Petitioner Date: January 6, 2026 Kathy Kreag Williams Hamilton County Clerk 1/19/26, 1/26/26, 2/2/26

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2511-MI-013075 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Sarah Lynn Wix Petitioner

NOTICE OF HEARING Sarah Lynn Wix, whose mailing address is: 472 Grabbill Drive, Westfield IN 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Sarah Lynn Wix has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Sarai Lynn Wix.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Sarah Lynn Wix Petitioner Date: January 6, 2026 Kathy Kreag Williams Hamilton County Clerk 1/19/26, 1/26/26, 2/2/26

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2511-MI-013239 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Susan Marie Moriarty Petitioner

NOTICE OF HEARING Susan Marie Moriarty, whose mailing address is: 800 South Rangeline Road, Apt. 304 Carmel, IN 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Susan Marie Moriarty has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Susan Marie Moriarty.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Susan Marie Moriarty Petitioner Date: December 1, 2025 Kathy Kreag Williams Hamilton County Clerk 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2601-MI-000163 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Stephanie Paula Suvak Petitioner

NOTICE OF HEARING Stephanie Paula Suvak, whose mailing address is: 614 Hampshire Ct Carmel, IN 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Stephanie Paula Suvak has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Stephanie Paula Suvak-Summers.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Stephanie Paula Suvak Petitioner Date: January 8, 2026 Kathy Kreag Williams Hamilton County Clerk 1/26/26, 2/2/26, 2/9/26

29D03-2601-EU-000018 IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TRAVIS M. JOHNSON NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that KRISTEN D. JOHNSON was, on January 14th, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of TRAVIS M. JOHNSON, deceased, who died November 10th, 2025. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on January 14, 2026. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana 1/26/26, 2/2/26, 2/9/26

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE NO 29D03-2601-DN-000501 IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: Andre Bourbon Petitioner v. Beniciese Pierre Louis Lominy Respondent

SUMMONS To: Respondent Beniciese Pierre Louis Lominy and any other person concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the above captioned Court by the person named above as Petitioner. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Respondent, Beniciese Pierre Louis Lominy whose address is unknown.

The named petitioner is represented pro se and resides at 5801 Poole Pl Noblesville, IN 46062 The nature of this suit against you is dissolution of marriage.

No answer or other responsive pleading is required. However, if a hearing is scheduled, and if you fail to appear at the hearing, the matter may be heard and determined in your absence. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from any transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

Dated: 1/22/2026 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton County 1/26/26, 2/2/26, 2/9/26

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D07-2509-MF-010654 wherein NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was Plaintiff and ERIC LENER COLBERT AS TRUSTEE OF THE EL COLBERT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, DATED JANUARY 25, 2024; ERIC L. COLBERT A/K/A ERIC COLBERT A/K/A ERIC LENER COLBERT; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; and CITIBANK, N.A.; KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; was/were Defendant(s), 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 5th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

LOT NUMBERED 77 IN KINGSBOROUGH SECTION TWO, A SUBDIVISION IN CARMEL, INDIANA LOCATED IN HAMILTON COUNTY, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 14, 2000, IN PLAT CABINET 2, SLIDE 403 AS INSTRUMENT #20007119, IN OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. Commonly Known as/Property Address: 1371 Kingsgate Dr, Carmel, IN 46032 Parcel No: 29-09-22-013-015.000-018 Together with rents, issues, and profits hereof, said will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No 29D07-2509-MF-010654 in the Hamilton County Court Dennis J. Quakenbush II Hamilton County Sheriff

Jason E. Duhn ATTORNEY NO. 26807-06 Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC P.O. BOX 19519 Fort Lauderdale FL 33318

Clay Township 1371 Kingsgate Dr, Carmel, IN 46032 Street Address

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. 1/19/26, 1/26/26, 2/2/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 7 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2510-MF-011048 wherein Federal National Mortgage Association was Plaintiff, and Abu Hossain, Sabina Alam, State of Indiana and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns 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 March, 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 NUMBER 3 IN CARRINGTON WOODS, A SUBDIVISION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES 119-120, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. More commonly known as 5183 Carrington Cir, Carmel, IN 46033-9292 Parcel No. 29-10-28-001-015.000-018 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff

/s/ MICHAEL J. FEIWELL MICHAEL J. FEIWELL, Plaintiff Attorney Attorney# 18626-49 FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 237-2727

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

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. 1/19/26, 1/26/26, 2/2/26

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 Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29C01-2501-MF-001151, wherein HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as trustee for ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-HE4 asset-backed pass-through certificates, series 2005-HE4, was Plaintiff, and Kevin Newby, Gail Newby, was/were Defendant(s), 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 5th day of March, 2026, at the hour(s) of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff Office, 18100 Cumberland Rd; Noblesville, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot Numbered 51 in The Pines of Westfield, Section Two, a Subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded September 15, 1995 as Instrument Number 9551920 in Plat Cabinet 1. Slide 598. in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. More Commonly Known As: 2119 East Corsican Circle, Westfield, IN 46074 29-10-06-004-023.000-015 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County City of Westfield Township: Washington 2119 East Corsican Circle, Westfield, IN 46074 Street Address

/s/ Jennifer L. Snook Marinosci Law Group 2804 Boilemaker Court, Ste. A Valparaiso, IN 46383 Telephone: (219) 386-4700

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

NOTICE: MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1/19/26, 1/26/26, 2/2/26

HAMILTON COUNTY

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LAND OCCUPIERS TO BE HELD FOR THE HAMILTON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT To all occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of February, 2026, beginning at 11 A.M., an annual meeting will be held for the purpose of making a full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting and to elect a supervisor for the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District of the State of Indiana.

All land occupiers and other interested parties are entitled to attend. The meeting will be held at the Bicentennial Pavilion Building at The Silos 2003 Pleasant Street Noblesville, IN 46060.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Rodney Rulon, Chairperson Dated this 26th day of January, 2026. 1/26/26, 2/2/26, 2/9/26

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Library Board of Trustees of the Hamilton East Public Library, of Noblesville, Indiana, shall receive sealed Request for Proposals for Internal Connections, Managed Services and IT Consulting Services Bids.

A 470 has been posted for the Hamilton East Public Library for the purpose of Internal Connections, Managed Services and IT Consulting Services, through the federal E-Rate Program. Please check the USAC website for the 470 posting. Reference 470 # 260015959.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with a return address, plainly marked on the outside, Internal Connections, Managed Services and IT Consulting Services Bids. All bids shall be in compliance with the laws governing such matters and the Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality in the process.

Bid documents are to be submitted by 2pm EST, on March 5, 2026, to: Hamilton East Public Library Attention: Melissa Loiselle, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville, IN 46060 Meeting Room A

Hamilton East Public Library Melissa Loiselle, Library Director 2/2/26, 2/9/26

WESTFIELD

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the Common Council at their regular meeting place at Westfield City Hall at 130 Penn Street, in Westfield, IN at 7:00 PM, on the 9th day of February, 2026, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

Additional appropriations to be added: 266 Capital Projects Fund Major Budget Classification: Capital Outlay \$ 4,380,000 Total for Capital Projects Fund \$ 4,380,000

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation. 1/27/26, 2/2/26

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION Notice is hereby given that the City of Noblesville Common Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on February 10, 2026, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider additional appropriation authority in the General Fund to restore appropriations adopted after the preliminary budget was advertised to comply with the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance requirements.

The foregoing appropriations are in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy. Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville appearing at the hearing shall have a right to be heard in respect to this additional appropriation. Dated this 28th day of January, 2026. CITY OF NOBLESVILLE /s/ Evelyn L. Lees, Clerk 1/30/26, 2/2/26

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE 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.: 29D02-2511-PL-012379 wherein Shelborne Greene Community Association, Inc. was Plaintiff; and Mehul M. Patel, JPMorgan Chase Bank, as successor in interest to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for MetLife Home Loans, and City of Carmel 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 5th day of March, 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 292 in Shelborne Greene, Section 7, an addition in Hamilton County, Indiana as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, slide 730 as Instrument No. 9644113 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

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

/s/ Stephen R. Donham Thrasher Buschmann & Voelkel, P. C.

Clay Township 3492 Inverness Blvd., Carmel, IN 46032 Street Address 29-13-08-403-002.000-018 Parcel Number

March 05, 2026 Sale Date Neither the Sheriff nor the Plaintiff in this case warrants either expressly or impliedly any title, location, legal description, or publication of any real estate sold in the sale. Any prospective bidder should obtain their own title evidence before making any bid on any properties subject to this sale.

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

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY) NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA) CAUSE NO. 29D02-2509-MF-010885

SERV/BANK, N.A. F/K/A SERV/BANK SB) PLAINTIFF) vs) DANIEL PAUL LAWHORN;) DEFENDANT)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 12/04/2025, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Hamilton County, in Hamilton County, Indiana, located at 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 on March 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, to-wit:

Property located in the State of Indiana, County of Hamilton, a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 19 North, Range 5 East, as described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 19 North, Range 5 East; thence on the South line of said Southwest Quarter South 89 degrees 09 minutes 58 seconds West 130.00 feet to a mag nail and the point of beginning of this description; Thence continuing on said South line South 89 degrees 09 minutes 58 seconds West 200.40 feet; thence parallel with the West line of said Southeast Quarter North 01 degrees 01 minutes 23 seconds West 2173.65 feet; thence parallel with the South line of said Southeast Quarter North 89 degrees 09 minutes 58 seconds East 200.40 feet; thence South 01 degrees 01 minutes 23 seconds East 2173.65 feet to the point of beginning, containing 10.00 acres, more or less. Commonly known as: 14264 East 216th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 State Parcel Number: 29-07-12-000-012.101-017 Township : White River

This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).

It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Hamilton County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate.

Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of Serv/bank, N.A. f/k/a Serv/bank SB. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisalment laws. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County

Attorney for Plaintiff Codilis Law, LLC 8050 Cleveland Place Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 736-5579 15-25-01079

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. 1/19/26, 1/26/26, 2/2/26

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. 29D01-1911-MF-010334, wherein MidFirst Bank was Plaintiff, and Robert Horan Jr., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Meadow Brook Village Homeowners Association and AJC Construction, LLC d/b/a Indy Roof Company were Defendants, AJC Construction, LLC d/b/a Indy Roof Company was Intervening Defendant, Counter-Claimant and Cross-Claim Defendant, MidFirst Bank was Counter-Claim Defendant, and Robert Horan Jr. and Meadow Brook Village Homeowners Association were Cross-Claim 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 5th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

LOT NUMBERED 44 IN MEADOW BROOK VILLAGE, SECTION 3, AN ADDITION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200300067608 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. 29-11-34-025-018.000-020 and commonly known as: 1842 Wedgeport Lane, Fishers, IN 46037. Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-1911-MF-010334 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.

Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Hamilton County Sheriff

DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. 41 E Washington St., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Fall Creek Township 11842 Wedgeport Lane, Fishers, IN 46037 Street Address The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR 1/19/26, 1/26/26, 2/2/26

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. 29D01-1911-MF-010334, wherein MidFirst Bank was Plaintiff, and Robert Horan Jr., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Meadow Brook Village Homeowners Association and AJC Construction, LLC d/b/a Indy Roof Company were Defendants, AJC Construction, LLC d/b/a Indy Roof Company was Intervening Defendant, Counter-Claimant and Cross-Claim Defendant, MidFirst Bank was Counter-Claim Defendant, and Robert Horan Jr. and Meadow Brook Village Homeowners Association were Cross-Claim 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 5th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

LOT NUMBERED 44 IN MEADOW BROOK VILLAGE, SECTION 3, AN ADDITION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200300067608 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. 29-11-34-025-018.000-020 and commonly known as: 1842 Wedgeport Lane, Fishers, IN 46037. Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-1911-MF-010334 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.

Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Hamilton County Sheriff

DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. 41 E Washington St., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Fall Creek Township 11842 Wedgeport Lane, Fishers, IN 46037 Street Address The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR 1/19/26, 1/26/26, 2/2/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE 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 the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2406-MF-006854, wherein Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Unknown Heirs at Law and devisees of Ladonna Rose, Deer Path Homeowners Association, Inc., Drew Rose, Unknown Occupants and Aaron Rose was the Defendant, 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 5th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. local time, of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN HAMILTON COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF INDIANA, TO WIT: LOT NUMBER 542 IN DEER PATH, SECTION FOURTEEN, AN ADDITION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JANUARY 12, 2004 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2004-2652 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. More Commonly known as: 15454 Dusty Trail, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 Property ID Number: 20-11-15-00-12-059.00 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana Wayne Township Township of Property Location 15454 Dusty Trail Noblesville, Indiana 46060 Street Address

/s/ Andrew Kraemer Andrew Kraemer, Plaintiff Attorney Attorney No. 14872-71 Johnson, Blumberg and Associates, LLC 500 West Lincoln Highway, Suite J Merrillville, IN 46410 312-541-9710

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE 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 the Superior Court of Hamilton

HAMILTON COUNTY

TREASURERS NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF TAX DUPLICATES

Notice is hereby given that the Tax Duplicates for State, County, Townships, Schools, Libraries and Corporations of Hamilton County, for the year 2025 payable 2026, are now in the hands of the County Treasurer, who is ready to receive the taxes charge thereon.

First installment delinquent after May 11. Second installment delinquent after November 10.

Susan Byer, Hamilton County Treasurer

Table with columns for County, Township, Library, School, City/Town, Solid Waste and various tax categories (01-09A, 09Z) with corresponding rates.

Table with columns for County, Township, Library, School, City/Town, Solid Waste and various tax categories (10-22) with corresponding rates.

State of Indiana: Hamilton County: I, Todd Clevenger, Auditor of Hamilton County, hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of all taxes collectible in the year 2026

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1/26/26, 2/2/26, 2/9/26

WESTFIELD

Exhibit A - Legal Notice

Notice of Request for Proposals for Construction Manager as Constructor Contract

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Washington Schools (the "Owner"), requests any Construction Manager as Constructor (as defined in Indiana Code Section 5-32-2-5, as amended) which is interested in being considered by the Owner as the Construction Manager as Constructor with respect to a construction project at Westfield High School located in Westfield, Indiana.

Verified Statements of Proposals shall be received by the Owner by 10:00 AM, Local Time on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at the WWS Administration Building, which is located at 19500 Thomlinson Road Westfield, IN 46074, Attention: Greg Hunt, Asst. Superintendent for Business and Operations.

Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Architect or the RFP, as of the date of this notice, all communication between any CMC and the Owner and/or the EC or their respective agents shall be conducted through only the Owner's Agents.

All Proposals to the RFP received by the date and time set forth above, which shall be determined solely by the Owner in its sole and complete discretion, will be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee against the established selection criteria and will then evaluate all responses and make a recommendation to the Owner of the CMC to be selected based on the evaluation criteria established in the RFP.

Each of the Owner and the Evaluation Committee reserves the right to reject for any reason and for no reason at all any and all responses received to the RFP and to be the sole judge of the value and merit of the Proposals offered.

Greg Hunt, Asst. Superintendent for Business and Operations, Westfield Washington Schools

R7333

1/26/26, 2/2/26

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Noblesville Common Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on February 10, 2026, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider additional appropriation authority in the Civil City Capital Projects Reserve Fund to supplement other sources of funding for the Embrace Downtown project bond.

The foregoing appropriations are in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy.

Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville appearing at the hearing shall have a right to be heard in respect to this additional appropriation.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2026.

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE /s/ Evelyn L. Lees, Clerk 1/30/26, 2/2/26

R7368

HAMILTON COUNTY

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Stephenson-Compton Drain, Eastwood Village Reconstruction

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the Stephenson-Compton Drain, Eastwood Village Reconstruction on February 09, 2026 at 12:00 P.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana.

ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs 2/2/26

R7383

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Cool Creek Drain, H. G. Kenyon Arm Cielo Ranch Section 2

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the Cool Creek Drain, H. G. Kenyon Arm, Cielo Ranch Section 2 on February 9, 2026 at 12:00 P.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana.

ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs 2/2/26

R7384

HAMILTON COUNTY

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Williams Creek, O.F. Henley, Baker Village Arm

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the Williams Creek, O.F. Henley, Baker Village Arm on February 09, 2026 at 12:00 P.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana, and which construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs 2/2/26

R7380

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF George Beam, George Symonds Arm 3 & Harry Herr Drains - Special Assessment

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the George Beam, George Symonds Arm 3 & Harry Herr Drains Special Assessment on February 09, 2026 at 12:00 P.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana, and which construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs 2/2/26

R7381

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Mud Creek/Sand Creek Drain #347 Exit Ten Drain, Deer Creek Industrial Park Partial Vacation, Saxony Commercial District

Tile vacated between Structures 314 and 816

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition to vacate has been received by the Hamilton County Surveyor for the Mud Creek/Sand Creek Drain #347, Exit Ten Drain, Deer Creek Industrial Park Partial Vacation, Saxony Commercial District between structures 314 and 816 and that a hearing is scheduled for February 09, 2026 at 12:00 P.M. on that request.

Objections to the VACATION of the drain must be filed in writing not less than five (5) days before the date of the hearing.

The Board will consider whether the drain performs the function for which it was designed and constructed; whether the expense of maintenance outweighs the benefits to be derived therefrom; and whether the abandonment thereof will not be detrimental to the public welfare.

ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs 2/2/26

R7382

COURT NOTICES

29D02-2601-EU-000031
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Indianapolis, IN 46256
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NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana; Cause # 29D02-2601-EU-000031
Notice is hereby given that Diana Shaw, was on the 23rd day of January, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Eric John Dawson, deceased, who died April 1, 2025.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 23rd day of January, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court for Hamilton County, Indiana
R7385 2/2/26, 2/9/26

29D03-2510-EU-000459
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 3 STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE) UNSUPERVISED) ADMINISTRATION OF THE) ESTATE OF) IVAN L. CHAUDION,) DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of Ivan L. Chaudion, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of January, 2026, Kenneth Chaudion was appointed personal representative of the estate of Ivan L. Chaudion, deceased, who died on the 23rd day of December 2024.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 13 day of January, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7392 2/2/26, 2/9/26

29D03-2511-EU-000509
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 3 STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE) UNSUPERVISED) ADMINISTRATION OF THE) ESTATE OF BETTIE J. LETT,) DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of Bettie J. Lett, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of November, 2025, Christina M. Trent was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Bettie J. Lett, deceased, who died on the 19th day of June, 2025.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 19th day of November, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
HOLT LEGAL GROUP
Christina M. Trent, Attorney
198 South 9th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
(317) 773-5997
R7393 2/2/26, 2/9/26

29D02-2601-EU-000017
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 2 STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE) UNSUPERVISED) ADMINISTRATION OF THE) ESTATE OF) ROBERT E. GNADINGER,) DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of Robert E. Gnadinger, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of January 2026, Mary Gnadinger was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robert E. Gnadinger, deceased, who died on the 7th day of December, 2025.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 20th day of January, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
HOLT LEGAL GROUP
Christina M. Trent, Attorney
198 South 9th Street
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R7394 2/2/26, 2/9/26

29D02-2601-EU-000003
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 2 STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE) UNSUPERVISED) ADMINISTRATION OF THE) ESTATE OF) LINDA A. WEIL,) DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of Linda A. Weil, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of January 2026, Daniel L. McGuire was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Linda A. Weil, deceased, who died on the 6th day of December, 2025.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Hamilton County Indiana, this 12th day of January 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
HOLT LEGAL GROUP
Christina M. Trent, Attorney
198 South 9th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
(317) 773-5997
R7395 2/2/26, 2/9/26

29D02-2601-EU-000034
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 2 STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE) UNSUPERVISED) ADMINISTRATION OF THE) ESTATE OF) ARDITH A. SUTTON,) DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of Ardith A. Sutton, deceased.
Cause Number: 29D02-2601-EU-000034
Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of January 2026, Lance W. Sutton was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Ardith A. Sutton, deceased, who died on the 11th day of November, 2025.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Hamilton County Indiana, this 23rd day of January 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
HOLT LEGAL GROUP
Christina M. Trent, Attorney
198 South 9th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
(317) 773-5997
R7396 2/2/26, 2/9/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Case No. 29C01-2601-MI-000323
IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
ZOILA NINFA MORALES)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
ZOILA NINFA MORALES, whose)
mailing address is: 530 Aberdeen)
St., Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the)
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby)
gives notice that ZOILA NINFA)
MORALES has filed a petition in the)
Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that name be changed to)
NINFA OLIVA.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: May 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.)
ZOILA NINFA MORALES)
Petitioner)
Date: January 12, 2026)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)
R7404 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Case No. 29C01-2601-MI-001064
IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
Laura Elizabeth Piguet)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF HEARING)
Laura Elizabeth Piguet, whose)
mailing address is: 25898 Scherer)
Avenue Arcadia, Indiana 46030, in)
the Hamilton County, Indiana,)
herby gives notice that Laura)
Elizabeth Piguet has filed a petition)
in the Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that name be changed to)
Laura Elizabeth Trietsch.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: June 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.)
Laura Elizabeth Piguet)
Petitioner)
Date: January 29, 2026)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)
R7403 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Case No. 29C01-2512-MI-013329
IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
Bennett Benito Desadier)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Bennett Benito Desadier, whose)
mailing address is: 1094 Laurewood)
Drive, Cannel, IN 46032, in the)
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby)
gives notice that Bennett Benito)
Desadier has filed a petition in the)
Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that name be changed to)
Bennett Benito Desadier.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.)
Bennett Benito Desadier)
Petitioner)
Date: December 1, 2025)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)
R7405 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2506-MI-006997
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
MINOR:)
Khang Nguyen Nguyen)
Name of Minor)
Duong Huong Nguyen)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Notice is hereby given that)
Petitioner, Duong Huong Nguyen,)
as a self-represented litigant, filed a)
Verified Petition for Change of Name)
to change the name of Khang Nguyen)
Nguyen to Kayden Nguyen.)
The petition is scheduled for hearing)
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on June)
19, 2026 at 10:00 am., which is more)
than thirty (30) days after the third)
notice of publication. Any person has)
the right to appear at the hearing and)
to file written objections on or before)
the hearing date.)
Date: January 27, 2026)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton County Court)
R7401 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 7 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2508-MF-009098 wherein Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for Freddie Mac SLST 2024-2 Participation Interest Trust was Plaintiff, and Trad C. Ireland and Wildwood Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. 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 19th day of March, 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 114 IN WILDWOOD ESTATES, SECTION 2, AN ADDITION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 9448631 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More commonly known as 6558 Quail Run, Fishers, IN 46038-4644
Parcel No. 15-14-03-02-01-030.000
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
/s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 22108-29
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Delaware Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R7409 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

SHERIFF SALES

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. 29D02-2510-PL-011410, wherein Timber Creek Homeowners Association of Carmel, Inc., was Plaintiff, and Fern Mirkin was the Defendant, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose a public sale to the highest bidder, on the 19th day of March, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Building 6, Unit 1059-5 Timber Creek Horizontal Property Regime as created by Declaration recorded as Instrument No. 89-10838 and amended by numerous subsequent supplemental thereto, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Together with an undivided percentage interest in common areas and facilities as contained in said Declaration and any subsequent Supplementals thereto. Also together with the exclusive right to use Parking Space No. 108 which right shall pass with title to Building No. 6 Unit 1059-5.
Parcel No. 29-09-36-010-029.000-018
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Gregory A. Chandler, Attorney #27057-49
EADS MURRAY & PUGH P.C.
9515 E 59th St Ste B, Indianapolis IN 46216
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Clay Township
Street Address: 1059 Timber Creek Drive, Unit 5 Carmel, IN 46032
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address herein.
This is a communication from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
R7407 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

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 the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2503-MF-002966, wherein Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Delaware Trustee of Saluda Grade Alternative Mortgage Trust 2023-FIG4 was plaintiff and Michael Schultheiss and Kristine Schultheiss were the 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 March, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Place Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of real estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot 209 in Sandstone Lakes, Section 3, Phase 2, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana as per plat thereof recorded August 16, 1999 in Plat Cabinet 2, slide 302 as Instrument No. 9948161 and corrected by Scrivener's Correction recorded April 19, 2001 as Instrument No. 200100021048 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More Commonly known as: 12050 Quarry Court, Fishers, IN 46037
Parcel No. 29-11-34-008-046.000-020
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Caryn M. Beougher
Attorney No. #23887-29
Padgett Law Group
10475 Crosspoint Blvd. Suite 250
Indianapolis, IN 46256
(850)422-2520
Fall Creek Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R7410 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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.: 29D02-2506-PL-007232, wherein Bridgewater Property Owners' Association, Inc. was Plaintiff and T. Tad Bohlsen was Defendant, 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 March, 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 Twelve (12) in Bridgewater, Section One, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument #9114079 and scrivener's error certificate recorded July 26, 1995 as Instrument No. 9544573, in the Plat Cabinet 1 slide 169, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Also, an undivided 1/24* interest in Block D, as designated on the recorded plat of Bridgewater Section Four which was recorded as Instrument No. 96-44663 in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 731, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, which 1/24* interest shall not be separately conveyable but shall pass title with said Lot 12.
Commonly known as: 12225 Wayside Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46256
Township: Fall Creek
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.
R7408 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

CICERO

Legal Notice
Plan Commission
The Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission will meet on February 11th, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall, located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero Indiana, 46034, in order to hear the following petition:
Docket No. PC-0226-04-AG
A Minor Subdivision Application has been submitted concerning Article 4 Minor Subdivision Plats of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: subdivide a three (3) acre parcel off of an existing sixteen and six tenths (16.6) acre parcel with one (1) waiver. The existing parcel will not meet the "AG" district standard minimum lot frontage of one hundred eighty (180) feet.
Project Address: 0 E 281st Street, Atlanta, IN 46031
Parcel Number: 03-02-08-00-00-003.003
Legal Description: Acreage 16.60 Section 8, Township 20, 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: Brent Leininger Date: 01/22/2026
R7386 1/29/26, 2/2/26

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 the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 9D07-2509-MF-009717 wherein Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Trustee, for the benefit of the holders of COMM 2015-CCRE26 Mortgage Trust Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates was Plaintiff, and SCP 2007-C27-035 LLC, LLWG Capital Inc., The Village of Westclay Owners' Association Inc. and Westclay Village Owners Association Inc. 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 March, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Place Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of real estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
PARCEL I:
A part of Block "C" of the Village of West Clay, Section 6003-B, the Secondary Plat of which is recorded as Instrument Number 2007013950, Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 264, in the Office of the Recorder, Hamilton County, Indiana, located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 18 North, Range 3 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Clay Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, described as follows:
Commencing at a northeast corner of said Block "C", being the intersection of the south line of West 131st Street and the west line of Pettigru Drive; thence South 45 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds East (basis of bearing is per said plat) along an east line of said Block "C", also being the West right-of-way line of Pettigru Drive, a distance of 49.25 feet; thence south 00 degrees 11 minutes 59 seconds East along an east line of said Block "C" a distance of 57.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 11 minutes 59 seconds East along said east line a distance of 120.83 feet; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 184.50 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 59 seconds West a distance of 52.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 21.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 59 seconds West a distance of 68.34 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 163.50 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing .48 acres, more or less.
PARCEL II:
Easements for storm water drainage, sanitary sewer, utilities, ingress, egress, and parking as set forth in The Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay, recorded with the Hamilton County Recorder on August 9, 1999 as Document No. 199909946964, as amended by the First Amendment to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay, dated as of August 17, 1999, recorded on August 23, 1999 as Document #199909949854 (the "First Amendment"), as further amended by the Second Amendment to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay, dated as of December 1, 1999, recorded on December 13, 1999 as Document No. 199909971389 (the "Second Amendment"), as further amended by the Third Amendment to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay, dated as of January 28, 1999, recorded February 7, 2000 as Document No. 20000006007 (the "Third Amendment"), as further amended by the Fourth Amendment to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay, dated as of September 6, 2000, recorded September 20, 2000 as Document No. 200000046940 (the "Fourth Amendment"), as further amended by the Fifth Amendment to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay, dated as of November 15, 2000, recorded on December 7, 2000 as Document No. 200000061135 (the "Fifth Amendment"), as further amended by the Sixth Amendment to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay, dated as of April 30, 2002, recorded on July 25, 2002 as Instrument No. 200200052497 (the "Sixth Amendment"), as further amended by the Seventh Amendment to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay, dated as of December 14, 2005, recorded December 28, 2005 as Document No. 200500083618 (the "Seventh Amendment"), as amended by the Eighth Amendment to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay, dated as of August 14, 2006, recorded August 15, 2006 as Document No. 200600047668 (the "Eighth Amendment"); and as further amended by the Ninth Amendment to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay, dated April 17, 2007, recorded April 19, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007021957 (the "Ninth Amendment") (collectively, the "Master Declaration").
PARCEL III:
Easements as set out in Supplemental Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Village of West Clay-Peripheral Retail Area (the "PRA Supplemental Declaration") dated May 16, 2007, and recorded as Instrument No. 2007026983.
PARCEL IV:
Easements as set out in the plat of The Village of West Clay, Section 6003-B, the Secondary Plat of which is recorded as Instrument No. 2007013950, Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 264, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More commonly known as: 13090 Petigru Drive, Carmel, Indiana 46032
Parcel No. 17-09-29-00-20-003.001 / 29-09-29-020-003.001-018
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
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Clay Creek Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
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R7411 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

ATLANTA

Meeting Dates
Town Council Meetings - 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:00 p.m. 105 E. Main St. Atlanta, IN 46031
Atlanta New Earth Festival Meetings - 2nd Monday of each month immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Council meeting 105 E. Main St. Atlanta, IN 46031
Atlanta Plan Commission Meetings - 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. 105 E. Main St Atlanta, IN 46031
R7387 2/2/26

Special Meeting
The Atlanta Town Council will hold a Special Meeting on February 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. 105 E. Main St. Atlanta, IN 46031. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Policy Handbook.
R7389 1/30/26, 2/2/26

NOTICE
The Town of Atlanta will hold an Executive Session on February 2 at 9 a.m. in the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b). To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.
R7390 1/29/26, 2/2/26

WESTFIELD

Westfield City Council
Notice is hereby given that the Westfield City Council, being the governing body of the City of Westfield, will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, and in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed 100% voluntary annexation.
• Ord. 26-06; Chatham Ridge Annexation; The proposed voluntary annexation consists of one (1) parcel approximately 7 acres +/- . The area to be annexed is generally located on the west side of Chatham Ridge Blvd., and adjacent to the existing corporate limits along the northern and eastern boundaries of the parcel. The Hamilton County tax identification number is Parcel No. 08-05-13-00-00-029.002.
The property will be annexed into the City of Westfield Corporate limits.
Written remonstrances against the proposed annexation may be filed at any time before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026, at the offices of the Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana.
At the public hearing, the City Council will hear any person who has filed a written remonstrance during this filing period, and receive and hear any remonstrances or objections from persons interested in or affected by the voluntary annexations.
At the public hearing, the City Council will also determine whether the proposed voluntary annexation is reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Ordinance and whether the Ordinance, as amended, conforms to the Westfield-Washington Comprehensive Plan.
A more detailed description of the areas under consideration for 100% voluntary annexation may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, or by calling (317) 804-3170.
Dated this 28th day of January, 2026.
R7391 2/2/26

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Noblesville, Indiana
As required by Indiana Code 5-23-5-9, notice is hereby given that the City of Noblesville, Indiana, Board of Public Works (the "Board") will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM (local time), concerning the recommendation to award a public-private agreement for the Finch Creek Park Phase Two Activation BOT Project which concerns the design, construction, operation, and transfer of park facilities at the Finch Creek Park in Noblesville, Indiana (the "Project"). Said hearing will be held in accordance with Indiana 5-23, as amended. The hearing will be held in person at the Noblesville City Hall, City Hall Council Chambers, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 (the "City Hall").
Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-23, as amended, the Board issued a request for proposals and qualifications for the design, construction, operation, and transfer of the Project and related improvements. After review and analysis of proposals received, a recommendation has been made to the Board to award the public-private agreement to Card & Associates Athletic Facilities, LLC and to begin further negotiations with Card & Associates Athletic Facilities, LLC towards the completion of the BOT Contract which will secure Card & Associates Athletic Facilities, LLC's services. Card & Associates Athletic Facilities, LLC was a developer who bid along with KRM Architecture. Copies of the proposals and a written explanation of the basis upon which the recommendation is being made are with the Board, and are available for public inspection and copying at the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Office, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville, IN 46060; Phone: 317-776-6350; (Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM). 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.
Dated this 20th Day of January 2026
R7399 2/2/26

FISHERS

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF BIDS
Hamilton Southeastern Schools will receive sealed electronic bids until 1:00 PM ET on February 20, 2026 for RFB-26-011, Varsity Gym Floor Replacement at HSE High School. The complete bid package can be downloaded electronically free of charge at https://indigo.bonfirehub.com.
Bidders are required to submit a bid response electronically via https://indigo.bonfirehub.com. Bids will be publicly opened at the indicated due date and time via a virtual Teams meeting. The link to attend can be found in the bid document.
The district reserves all rights to extend or postpone the due date/bid opening without further advertising. Late bids will be rejected.
R7402 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

Whack helping lead the Little Giants

By JOHN KEREZY
For The Reporter

Carmel's Josh Whack has adjusted well to his role as a co-captain and senior leader for the Wabash College basketball team.

"We're a young team, playing 3-4 freshman consistently, so I try to give them some advice by sharing what's worked well with me on our team," says Whack, a Rhetoric major and a 6-3 guard. "Part of being a leader is reminding the [young] guys of the opportunities we have in front of us, and the good position we've put ourselves in this season."

Whack is second on the team in scoring with a 12.0 points-per-game average, about 30 percent better than last season. He's tied for second on the team with assists and third in steals as well for the 12-6 Little Giants. The team is 6-3, good for second place in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

Wabash is averaging 80 points per game this season.

"We're playing a faster tempo on offense, and that helps put pressure on opposing defenses," Whack said. "We're putting out more energy on the floor."

Kyle Brumett, Whack's coach, praises his senior.

"Josh has grown as a leader, and I'm really impressed with his support of our freshmen such as Colton Stowers, Deric Cannady, and Luke Ellspermann," Brumett said. "Those guys look up to Josh, and Josh lets the freshmen know how well they have contributed to our success this season."

The type of person who leads both on the floor and in the locker room, Whack's



Photo provided by William Duncan

play has been instrumental to Wabash's success this season. He poured in 20 points against Centre College, his season high, to help the Little Giants defeat host Centre College, 75-62, and win the Lee's Famous Recipe Classic tournament on Dec. 30.

Whack was 7-of-13 in shooting during the game, converting 7 of 7 free throws and scoring eight of his points in the final 3:34 of the game to help ice a Wabash victory.

Contributor to great team successes

Beginning with his freshman season at Wabash, Whack was part of a Little Giant team which won three consecutive NCAC championships and trips to the NCAA Division III national tournaments. Success on the basketball floor is a characteristic which began while at Carmel High School, playing for the Greyhounds.

"Carmel is filled with

good memories, great people, and lots of relationships, especially in basketball. I maintain those relationships to this day, as it's a part of who I am," he reminisces. "I was fortunate to play on really successful teams, including state championship my freshman and junior seasons."

"Coach Ryan Osborn instill a terrific culture at Carmel," Whack added. "He stresses relationship, family and faith. I was involved with culture sessions and leadership meetings as a junior and senior, which helped set identity as a team."

Whack recalls 6 a.m. practices and junkyard workouts at Carmel. "We did a lot of extra things that the whole team bought into, and that resulted in a lot of selflessness on those championship teams."

Today, Whack carries those traits of hard work and selflessness onto the floor at Wabash.

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