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He's not just our health hero, he belongs to the whole state

Health Educator Jim Ginder wins Public Health Hero Award



Photos provided by Hamilton County Health Department

Last Thursday, Feb. 12, the Hamilton County Health Department had a strong presence for Public Health Day at the Statehouse. Local health officials, including County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, were able to connect with fellow public health leaders and elected officials, including State Senator Jim Buck and Governor Mike Braun, to share ideas on the important work happening in communities across Indiana. (TOP RIGHT) A special congratulations to Health Educator Jim Ginder of the Hamilton County Health Department, who received the Public Health Hero Award. This award recognizes his exceptional spirit and commitment to public health. Congratulations, Jim, and thank you for the positive impact you continue to make across Hamilton County.

It's all about the team

Dear Grandson Aiden, I sat on the bleachers at your freshman baseball game and had a few thoughts. It's February, and we are enjoying a baseball game. No, we are not in Indiana.



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

Whenever I can, I'll always be in the stands cheering for you, whether in life or in sports.

First of all, there were no peanuts or Cracker Jacks. I missed them. You may not know that song, but I always hear it in my head when I'm at a baseball game. I actually prefer popcorn or a really good hot dog with relish and mustard. There was no concession stand, so Grand Chuck and I sat there and starved. That might be a bit of an exaggeration.

Anyway, back to the ballgame and my thoughts.

And what does Jesus require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 NIV

So, Aiden, you are probably thinking, "What does scripture have to do with my baseball game?" Stay with me on this.

Life is a lot like a baseball game. It's important to choose carefully the people you allow on your team.

If you are the coach, you choose your team well. Different people excel at different positions. In life, you choose the people you want to associate with and who will be a positive influence in your life. Your life team will change over the years as people and positions shift, but each new person should be vetted. Popularity should not be part of the vetting process.

Do you see them treating others justly? Can you see acts of mercy in their lives? Are they humble? Did you know humble means not aggressive or arrogant?

You see, it's not just how well someone plays the game but the type of person they are. Have you ever had a person on your team who was just full of themselves? Don't you ever be that person.

How do they speak about others? Are they judgmental? Do they make fun of those who are different? Do they talk as if they are superior to others? Are they apt to put people down or gossip about them? Do they have quiet ways of bullying people?

Do they shout their beliefs, leaving no room for anyone to disagree? Do they expect everyone to laud over them and sing their praises? Do they see nothing wrong in what they do, no matter how mean it is? Do they feel justified in their actions because they are entitled to do so? Don't get your grandma started on entitlement.

Do they have an air of kindness about them, or are they full of hot air, exhaling as well as spewing hateful speech? Would your grandmother want to jerk a knot in their tail?

Do they respect those who disagree with them? How do they handle not getting their way? How do they handle defeat? Do you have to watch what you say to them, fearing they will react negatively?

In life, choose your team, a.k.a. your friends, who will go to bat for each other and the underdog. Choose those who handle well being called "out," even when they KNOW they were safe. Choose those who encourage others with words like "it's okay" when everyone else is screaming, "You should have caught that ball."

You may have noticed that we live in a very loud and sometimes ugly world where respect has been called "STRIKE

When the stars are aligned just right

Catherine Borrone has some very pointe-y shoes to fill at White River Ballet

By STU CLAMPITT
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White River Ballet Company Board Member Sarah Gasparly told The Reporter Miss Diana (Richardson) Ephlin is retiring and selling The Dancin' Place studio after more than four decades at the helm. After speaking with Miss Diana and with her successor, Miss Catherine Borrone, this newspaper learned both what sets this ballet studio apart from most others, and also how the passing of the torch for this local institution was serendipitous.

"It is serendipitous!" Miss Diana said. "I just feel like a lucky duck that I found her because she wants to continue with the same philosophy and do the story ballets. My policy is to teach collectively. In other words, we don't call out, 'Stu, point your toe!' We don't use the child's name. We do it collectively. 'Everyone, point your toe. Everyone, lift.' We try to be very careful about that. Nobody wants their name called out in class."

Miss Catherine told The Reporter that is one of the reasons she's so pleased to be able to work with Miss Diana.

"When I was growing up it

was incredibly strict," Miss Catherine said. "When I was growing up and having classes, you didn't even dare sneeze in class, otherwise you'd be kicked out. It was super hardcore, super scary, and everyone came in with anxiety. With Miss Diana, you walk in and it's like the studio is a second home. We're still serious, but without teachers being mean or yelling."

Miss Catherine has only lived in Hamilton County for a year and a half, adding to the fate-like feeling of the opportunity to take over from Miss Diana. Several months after moving to Fishers from New York City, one of Miss Catherine's adult students told her about the opportunity to teach at White River under Miss Diana.

"I met with her, and our visions are very similar about teaching children and teenagers with positivity and inclusivity, and just having fun and telling stories with ballet," Miss



Borrone



Photo provided
Miss Diana appeared as Mother Gigogne for the final time in White River Ballet's December production of *The Nutcracker*.

Catherine said. "She hired me and I've been on for a full year. The first time we met she said, 'Oh, you know I'm probably gonna retire in a year and possibly looking for somebody to take over the studio,' and my ears perked up. Running my own studio has been a dream for many years. I've been with her for a full year. And it's funny that the month she asked me to consider taking over officially was the same month that my husband and I bought a house in Noblesville. I was like, 'Well, that's very convenient!' It's just been like a dream come true."

Miss Diana's final bow at White River Ballet will be this spring when the company performs *Cinderella* on May 30 and 31. In December, she was in her last performance of *The Nutcracker*.

"I'm always Mother Gigogne, which is the French old woman in the shoe who had so many children, she didn't know what to do," Miss Diana told The Reporter. "Years ago, and I mean years ago, one of my board members with the ballet company made this gigantic skirt.

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Euchre, poker, and camaraderie span generations

Hamilton Southeastern High School card club visits Independence Village of Fishers East

Submitted

Independence Village of Fishers East by StoryPoint Group recently welcomed students from Hamilton Southeastern High School Card Playing Club for an afternoon of cards, conversation, and connection with residents.

Residents and students gathered around tables to play poker and euchre for friendly competition. One resident shared that the experience reminded him of teaching his own grandchildren how to play cards, while another said the students' energy made it the highlight of her week.

The visit was made possible through a special connection with the card club, facilitated by Nicole Hack-



Photos provided

ney, the card group's coordinator and daughter of a resident at the community. Together, students and residents found common ground through games that encouraged participation at every comfort level and created a welcom-

ing atmosphere for everyone involved. The success of the afternoon has sparked excitement for future visits, with hopes that the students will return in the spring to continue building these intergenerational relationships.

At Independence Village of Fishers East, moments like these reflect the value of connection, showing how shared experiences, no matter the age gap, can bring people together in meaningful ways.



Stop sign changes at 186th & Eagletown



Photo provided
Beginning on or after Tuesday, Feb. 17, the stop condition at the intersection of 186th Street and Eagletown Road will be modified. Stop signs will be installed on Eagletown Road, while the stop signs on 186th Street will be removed. Drivers should use extreme caution when traveling through the area as motorists adjust to the new traffic pattern.

Brett is bringing the salad bar back, baby!

A lightning fork, a cloud of ranch, and a hearty, "Hi-ho, Silverware!"



Reporter photo

Like so many of us in a post-COVID-19 world, Hamilton County entrepreneur Brett Morrow missed the ubiquitous presence of good salad bars in restaurants across the land. While he was able to ensure the presence of a salad bar when he brought back The Shack in Tipton, that is only one location and hardly qualifies as "across the land." But lo, right now today you can go to the Harbour Market, 20825 Hague Road, Noblesville, to make the salad of your choice while you buy groceries. If you are a meaty salad person, throw in some ham, turkey, chicken, REAL bacon, or all of the above and make a meal of it. Coming March 1, you can do the same at the Cicero Market, 99 S. Peru St., Cicero. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear. *The Salad Bar Ranger rides again!*

Courthouse goes Pink for Hailey

The REPORTER

Hamilton County is participating in "Go Pink for Hailey" Month by illuminating the Hamilton County Old Courthouse pink throughout the month of February in remembrance of Hailey Buzbee.

Buzbee, a student at Hamilton Southeastern High School, was reported missing for several weeks before authorities recently confirmed her death. The observance follows a proclamation by the City of Fishers honoring Hailey's life.

Hamilton County extends its deepest condolences to the Buzbee family and joins the community in honoring Hailey.

"Hamilton County stands resolute in its commitment to the safety of all our communities through



Photo provided

The Historic Courthouse in Noblesville will be bathed in pink throughout February.

strong partnerships with community leaders and the public safety professionals who serve and protect our county," County Commissioner President Christine Altman said. "We have zero tolerance for predatory criminals, and we believe they should be held fully accountable under the law."

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Major changes coming to Range Line Road in Carmel

Submitted by City of Carmel

A portion of Range Line Road is targeted for enhancements beginning this spring that include a new multi-use path, on-street parking, and environmental features designed to improve safety and accessibility.

The work on Range Line Road between Executive Drive and City Center Drive is anticipated to begin in April with removal of the aging planter boxes. Construction will then be underway after July 4, in order to minimize disruption during holiday events. Project completion is estimated before the opening of the Christkindlmarkt in November.

Mayor Sue Finkam said the current pathway along this portion of Range Line Road is under-utilized, prompting the city to consider adjustments.

"Feedback from resi-

dents and riders over the years has guided this design, balancing the needs of cyclists with overall safety and accessibility,"



Finkam



Ayers

Mayor Finkam said. "We continue to consult our resident cyclists on the project and their input means this will ultimately be a more accessible and more enjoyable street for everyone."

Councilor Teresa Ayers (District 1) touted the project's emphasis on safety – for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

"The upgrades align with the city's commitment to safer, more accessible streets for everyone, encouraging active transportation and vibrant public spaces," Ayers said.

Range Line Road upgrades include:

- **Safety-Focused Design:** the existing on-street green bike lane will be replaced with a 10-foot wide single-surface, multi-use path, physically separated



Rendering provided by City of Carmel

The new lane for use by both pedestrians and cyclists will be physically separated from vehicle traffic.

from traffic, enhancing safety for cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers.

- **Enhanced Multi-Use Experience:** The new path accommodates both cyclists and pedestrians, providing more space and comfort for all users of the street.

- **Improved Parking Options:** 17 free, on-street parking spots will be added, supporting local businesses and residents while protecting users on the multi-use path.

- **Maintenance Savings and Infrastructure Improvement:** Removing the planters will significantly reduce ongoing costs associated with maintenance, which includes annual re-

planting and ongoing watering. Removal also addresses the normal deterioration of the planters and improves visibility.

- **Environmental Benefits:** the project will feature rain gardens, improved stormwater management and water quality along the corridor.

The mayor noted that, rather than invest significant funds for replacement and maintenance for a design that has legitimate safety concerns, the decision to fully redesign the passage is a more cost-efficient and safe solution.

"In the interest of safety, we are choosing, literally, a new path forward," she said.

Phi Beta Psi to host Euchre Night Fundraiser in Noblesville

The REPORTER

The Theta Alpha Upsilon chapter of Phi Beta Psi Sorority will hold a Euchre Night Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 21, at First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd.

Play will begin promptly at 4 p.m., and participants are asked to arrive by 3:45 p.m. The event is open to the public, and the cost to play is \$15 per person. Players should also bring \$1 bills to play when they are euchred.

To guarantee a seat, attendees are encouraged to RSVP by emailing [pbpno-](mailto:pbpno-blesville@gmail.com)

blesville@gmail.com with the subject line "EUCHRE RSVP." The email should include the participant's name, cell phone number, and the number of players. RSVPs are requested but not required. Food will be available during the event for a goodwill donation.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit Phi Beta Psi's Benevolence Fund and cancer research. Organizers invite community members to attend for an evening of friendly competition, food, and fellowship in support of a worthy cause.

TEAM

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ONE," kindness has been called "STRIKE TWO," and common decency has been labeled "STRIKE THREE." When all three have been called STRIKES, we are all called OUT and put on the bench. We all lose when that happens.

Aiden, watch who is calling the outs. Not all umpires are honest and fair, like your Grand Chuck, who was an umpire for 40 years. You deal with them the best you can. Don't let them spoil the game of baseball or your life. Rise above the strikes and keep batting.

Keep being respectful. Keep being kind. Keep being a decent human being. Life will reward you for being so ... in due time.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23

Give careful thought to the paths of your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Proverbs 4:26

Those scriptures go right along with everything I've been telling you.

Always look for friends who have taken the high road. You will meet the best people. You may not see them when you are at first base, second base, or even third base, but as you start toward home plate, you will hear them cheering.

Aiden, every young man on your baseball team has an important position to



Photo provided

play. It takes good people to help you win in a ballgame. It also takes good people to help you succeed in life.

I'm so proud of the young man you have become. You keep choosing your team well. Look for Grandma Janet in the stands. She will be cheering.

And when you choose your heroes ... choose them well too. That's for another day and another column.

And now I am craving a hot dog with relish and mustard.

I love you beyond the Moon and back, Grandma Janet

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt names new CEO

The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt leadership and board of directors have chosen a new Chief Executive Officer for the nonprofit organization.

After reviewing a large pool of candidates, Jason Adamowicz has been selected for the role. He comes to the Market from his current role as Chief Operating Officer at the YMCA in Muncie, a position he has held since 2017.

Adamowicz brings a wealth of experience in the

nonprofit sector, as well as proven success working with governments, managing community and cultural partnerships, and securing grant and sponsor funding. Additionally, he has been continually recognized for his transformational leadership, guiding organizations through strategic realignments, and coordinating mission-driven community programs.



Adamowicz

"It's an honor to join the Carmel Christkindlmarkt and be part of this beloved community tradition," Adamowicz said. "The annual Market has become the heart of our local holiday season. I look forward to working with staff, partners, and the community to uphold the highest bar for guest experience while advancing our mission."

Julia Davis, acting CEO for the Carmel Christkindl-

markt, said she and the staff are thrilled with the selection and are excited to see the Market grow under Adamowicz's leadership.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to have Jason join our team," Davis said. "He's energetic and passionate, and we're confident that he will successfully lead the Carmel Christkindlmarkt into the next phase of its growth as a nonprofit cultural attraction."

Adamowicz will start his position as CEO on Feb. 23.

Smith's Jewelers named Indiana Peony Festival Premier Sponsor

By KELLY McVEY

President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

As we prepare for the exciting month of May, we celebrate our growing community impact and are excited to present Smith's Jewelers as the 2026 premier festival sponsor!

Together, the Indiana Peony Festival and Smith's Jewelers – known for helping their customers create special moments of their own – continue to highlight

the beauty behind life's sentimental moments and festival traditions.

Helping to create special moments – no matter what your unique special moment is – for their customers for over 75 years, Smith's Jewelers has been a community anchor with its readily identified physical presence on the Noblesville Square. This year, let Smith's Jewelers help you create unforgettable special memories, moments, and milestones.

Whether it's an anniversary, a birthday, graduation for friends and family, engagement, and all the major events in between, Smith's is here to help. With the support of Noblesville's hometown jeweler, your heartwarming moments deserve to be celebrated bringing "Your Love, Your Story, Your Legacy" to life.

In support and partnership with the Indiana Peony Festival, Smith's Jeweler's will design and create our annual commemorative charm in celebration of the festival. Stay tuned for what other developments we have in store this year to help us admire and encourage new festival traditions.

BALLET

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It's huge. And it has the two drawstrings that lift up and then the children, the little children go under that. So this was my last Mother Gigogne, and that – that did hit me. It hit me. And it still does when I think about it, because it's been all these years that I've always played that part since 1986 in *The Nutcracker*. I do it with the big straw hat, you know, I look like a typical French woman."

Modern versions of Mother Gigogne in *The Nutcracker* are very different, but here in Hamilton County, the tradition will continue after Miss Diana retires in spring.

"I'll leave the skirt there at the studio for anyone who does that part," Miss Diana said. "I have a ballerina that I'm going to ask. She's small like me. Until she graduates and goes off to college, I think she would be darling next year."

Miss Catherine said she is deeply grateful for everything she's learned from Miss Diana.

"I love her so much," Miss Catherine said. "She's

so fun. When I met her, I was like, 'I want to be the same when I grow up.' She's so loving to her students. She's very fair, she's very open-minded, she's very welcoming, which is everything I love. Ballet isn't always like that, but we believe ballet is literally for everyone. It's been an absolute joy. And her students – I've fallen in love with them. They're really great people and she's taught them for many, many years and has instilled some amazing work ethic in them by just treating each other with respect and love. We have fun but we're also serious."

White River Ballet Company, 587 Westfield Road, Noblesville, has an all-volunteer board who want to see children learn the art of dance and participate in group activities while expressing their creativity. Learn more online at TheDancinPlace.com or at Facebook.com/TheDancinPlace. To get your children involved, email info@whiteriverballetcompany.com or call Miss Catherine directly at (347) 846-8574.

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Tipton invites Hoosier artists to take part in 'CREATES' initiative

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The Tipton Main Street Association (TMSA) announces an open call for artists and creatives to participate in the 2026 Tipton CREATES initiative, a dynamic arts and creative place-making program designed to engage residents with both the arts and Downtown Tipton.

TMSA is seeking proposals for engaging art displays, live performances, interactive workshops, temporary installations, and other creative activities that invite public participation and help animate downtown spaces. The initiative encourages artists to think beyond traditional formats



and propose experiences that foster connection, creativity, and a deeper sense of place.

Selected projects will take place in highly visible and arts-focused downtown locations, including the Campbell Family Foundation Stage and The Alley. Programming may align with existing downtown events or stand alone as unique experiences designed to draw residents and visitors into the heart of the community.

The full open call, including submission guidelines and proposal expectations, is available for viewing on the TMSA's Facebook page, [Facebook.com/TiptonMainStreet](https://www.facebook.com/TiptonMainStreet).

Riverview Health Foundation announces 50th anniversary plans

The REPORTER

Riverview Health Foundation has announced plans to celebrate and honor its 50th anniversary in 2026, marking five decades of philanthropic support, advancing healthcare quality, innovation, and access to the Hamilton County community.

The yearlong celebration will include special community events, including the Foundation's Celebration Gala on Oct. 2 at The Arena at Innovation Mile. Additional events scheduled throughout the year include the Women of Vision Luncheon, Heartfelt Thanks Golf Outing, and Wine, Women and Whiffs. "Reaching this 50-

year milestone is a testament to how a community can transform healthcare when it comes together with purpose," said Dr. Norman Mandrebo, orthopedic surgeon at Riverview Health Physicians Orthopedics & Sports Medicine. "The Foundation's support has allowed us to advance patient care in meaningful ways, and its impact can be felt in every life we touch."

Philanthropic contributions have transformed care



Mandrebo



Wiles

for thousands of patients and will remain essential in meeting the community's growing healthcare needs. The Foundation invites community members, partners, and past supporters to participate in the celebration and continue the legacy of generosity that has shaped Riverview Health.

"As we celebrate 50 years of service to our community, we're reflecting on the generosity, partnership and shared commitments that have shaped

Riverview Health Foundation since 1976," said Megan Wiles, Vice President of Foundation and Community Affairs. "This anniversary is an opportunity to honor the individuals who have invested in the health of our community and look ahead with excitement at the impact we continue to make together. We're grateful for our supporters and look forward to celebrating with them throughout the year as we continue to improve lives across Hamilton County."

To learn more about upcoming events or make a charitable contribution, visit riverview.org/foundation or contact Megan Wiles at mwiles@riverview.org.

Emmert arrested, charged in relation to 1992 murder case

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

A former Hamilton County town employee is facing charges for the 1992 killing of Tony Bledsoe, according to Indiana State Police.

For more than 30 years, Tony Bledsoe's family waited for answers. It's a case that dates back to 1992. Investigators believe they now have everyone who was involved in Bledsoe's murder.

Indiana State Police arrested 55-year-old Steven Andrew Emmert, known as Andy Emmert, of Atlanta, for his alleged role in the 1992 murder of Bledsoe.

Emmert is a former utility superintendent and building commissioner in Atlanta.

"It's a huge step in this investigation," said Sgt. John Perrine, public information officer for the Indiana State Police Indianapolis District.

Bledsoe was 24 years old when his wife reported him missing from Arcadia in March 1992. The case went cold for decades as a missing person. Weeks after Bledsoe went missing, investigators found remains in a ravine near U.S. 40 in Putnam County.

Perrine says an Indiana State Police officer who was assigned to the Putnam County case started suspecting similarities in the two cases.

"Because of his independent knowledge of that case, he started to think that things matched up," Perrine said. "He started to connect the dots. In 2019, he was able to use DNA analysis to identify the remains of Tony Bledsoe as the remains that were found in Putnam County in 1992."

Court documents revealed Bledsoe had been

stabbed six times, and his head and feet had been dismembered. Thomas Anderson Jr., of Arcadia, was arrested last year and charged with Bledsoe's murder.

"He pleaded guilty [Feb. 11]," Hamilton County Prosecutor Joshua Kocher said. "It's still set out for sentencing, but the plea has not been accepted, but pursuant to terms of that plea agreement, there is cooperation in any other case that comes out of the death of Tony Bledsoe."

According to court documents, Anderson said that he and Emmert, who were roommates at the time, in 1990 stole a car in Wisconsin and brought it to the town of Atlanta in northern Hamilton County. They stripped the stereo from the car.

Emmert traded the stereo to Bledsoe in exchange for auto parts. Bledsoe later felt "he got ripped off in the deal because the stereo was stolen," and a grudge ensued between Bledsoe and Emmert. Later, Anderson and Bledsoe went to confront Emmert.

Police say that's when Emmert shot and stabbed Bledsoe. Anderson admitted to hitting Bledsoe with a baseball bat and helping Emmert dump Bledsoe's body.

Investigators say this case serves as a reminder that they're continuing to bring justice to victims, no matter how much time has passed.

"This is a big deal," Perrine said. "This day, this moment, for this community, and this family, this is something they've waited for a very long time."

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Submitted

The Westfield Rotary Club recently welcomed Bryan Glover, Vice President of the Board of Trustees of Roberts Settlement, as he shared the history of one of Indiana's earliest Black pioneer communities.

Glover, himself a direct descendant of a Roberts Settlement founder, explained that the settlement began in the 1830s when free people of color, originally from North Carolina, migrated to Indiana due to restrictive slave codes and economic pressures. With help from Quaker neighbors, the Roberts family

first settled in Rush County before establishing the Roberts Settlement in Hamilton County.

The settlement, located along 276th Street just east on U.S. 31, once spanned 1,700 acres and supported about 300 residents. The community was largely Wesleyan Methodist, and many descendants became teachers and preachers.

Glover highlighted the Roberts Settlement Legacy Walk, dedicated in 2024. It is an interactive, self-guided experience with four exhibit stations, QR codes, a storytelling app (including a child-friendly animated ver-



Photo provided
Bryan Glover, who is a descendant of a Roberts Settlement founder, serves as the Vice President of the organization's Board of Directors.

sion), and ongoing efforts to make it fully accessible.

He encouraged everyone to visit the site to expe-

rience this important local history firsthand. You can learn more at RobertsSettlement.org.

Fishers Community Center now offering insurance-based memberships

The REPORTER

The Fishers Community Center (FCC), Strengthened by IU Health, launched insurance-based memberships last Monday, Feb. 9, making it easier than ever for qualifying individuals to stay active, healthy, and connected through an insurance-funded Adult Membership.

Participating programs include SilverSneakers, Renew Active, Silver&Fit, Prime, and Active&Fit Enterprise.

Insurance-based memberships provide the same access and benefits that regular members receive, including full access to the fitness center and more than 90 group exercise classes;

aquatics facility, including an on-deck sauna; sports courts for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball; and more.

Membership fees are processed directly through the member's insurance, and no monthly or join fees are paid directly to FCC by the member.

Registration must be

completed in person during normal business hours. For additional support, the FCC membership team will host registration office hours through Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room and Program Room 1 at the FCC.

To learn more, visit FishersCommunityCenter.com/Insurance.

Kartz named 'Trailblazer in Higher Education'

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Feb. 5, Chancellor Rachel Kartz of Ivy Tech Hamilton County was named a recipient of *Insight Into Academia* magazine's 2026 Trailblazer in Higher Education Award.

This national honor recognizes senior leaders whose bold, strategic innovations have advanced institutional excellence, strengthened community and connectedness, and created meaningful, measurable impact for students, employees, and the

broader academic ecosystem.

"Dr. Kartz exemplifies what it means to lead with purpose, vision, and heart," said Chuck Haberman, chair of the Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus Board of Trustees. "Her ability to align academic excellence with workforce and community needs has transformed our campus into a catalyst for opportunity.



Kartz

Rachel leads with integrity, compassion, and an unwavering belief in the power of education to change lives, and this national recognition is well deserved."

Insight Into Academia selected Dr. Kartz for this award because of her transformative leadership at Ivy Tech Community College's Hamilton County campus and her lasting impact on students,

faculty, and the broader community. Rising from faculty member to Chancellor, Dr. Kartz has successfully led institutional growth while maintaining a strong commitment to teaching, community, and student success. Under her leadership, the campus has expanded academic offerings, launched more than 20 programs aligned with high-demand industries, strengthened workforce partnerships, and enhanced student support services, including testing, tutoring, and library resources.

Cool Creek Elementary approved as name for elementary school returning to Westfield Intermediate building

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Last Tuesday, Feb. 10, the Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Board of School Trustees approved Cool Creek Elementary School as the official name of the elementary school returning to the building currently known as Westfield Intermediate School.

As part of district rebal-

ancing for the 2026-2027 school year, the Westfield Intermediate School building will be transitioned back into an elementary school, serving students and families in a space that originally opened as an elementary school in 1962.

In alignment with School Board and district policy G450, which requires inviting input from the broader community before naming a

school building, WWS gathered feedback through an advisory poll sent to WWS staff, alumni, and others. The purpose of the poll was to gather perspectives and better understand the overall sentiment of the community; it was not a binding vote and did not, on its own, determine the final school name.

A total of 916 respondents participated in the

advisory poll. The overall rankings from the advisory poll were as follows:

- Cool Creek Elementary – 31.4 percent
- Union Meadows Elementary – 25.8 percent
- Westfield Elementary – 22.0 percent
- Founders Rock Elementary – 11.2 percent
- Lantern Station Elementary – 9.8 percent

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Sheridan & Heights shine at ISSMA Solo & Ensemble

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan's band and choir students showed their pride at the ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble competition at Westfield High School. Students represented Sheridan Middle and High School with excellence and outstanding showmanship.

At the instrumental district competition, Sheridan Middle School band students earned multiple top honors.

Gold Ratings were awarded to the brass quartet (Callie Callahan, Victoria Shinault, Jaidyn Gidman, Cameron Tomlin), the percussion ensemble (Waylon Hoffman, Mia Seats, Phin O'Neal), the clarinet quartet (Lyndi Brogan, Morgan Ciambella, Marilynn Heinzman, Makenzie Smith), and soloists Olivia Kinney (flute), Avery Garrett (tenor saxophone), and Mia Seats (snare drum).

The saxophone ensemble (Lyndi Brogan, Morgan Ciambella, Kylah Rose, Avery Garrett) earned a Silver Rating.

Similarly, the Sheridan High School band students also performed exceptionally well.

Gold Ratings were earned by the flute trio (Addison Houde, Chloe Wright, Kaiden Steen), the mixed woodwind quartet (Chloe Wright, Addison Houde, Vivian Olivas, Elyzabeth Powers), and the saxophone trio (Lillian Dunn, Devyn



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

The musicianship and vocal talents of numerous Sheridan students were on full display at the ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble Contest. (TOP) The Middle School Large Ensemble with their medals. (ABOVE LEFT) The senior girl vocalists. (ABOVE RIGHT) Members of the Chamber Choir.

Pewarski, Ava McLean).

Gold medals were also awarded to soloists Elyzabeth Powers (clarinet and saxophone), Madeline Sterling (clarinet), and Devyn Pewarski (saxophone).

Silver Ratings were earned by Giovanni Barras (tenor saxophone) and Ava McLean (baritone saxophone). Devyn Pewarski's Group I solo, and the saxophone trio of Lillian Dunn, Devyn Pewarski, and Ava McLean will advance to the State Solo & Ensemble competition on Feb. 28.

At the choral district competition, Sheridan choir students also had an incredible day. Sixty-one middle and high school students competed. The high school choir earned 17 gold medals and four silver medals, with multiple soloists and ensembles advancing.

Group I state qualifiers include vocal soloists Jasmine Pettit-Godbey, Devyn Pewarski, Kennedy Ritchie, Norah Stites, and Scarlett Wittbrod; Chamber Choir; and Sheridan's first-ever state-qualifying barbershop quartet (Viv-

ian Olivas, Devyn Pewarski, Kennedy Ritchie, Gavin Sutton). Middle school choir students earned 18 gold medals and two silver medals across solos and ensembles, demonstrating tremendous preparation and poise.

"It can be very nerve-wracking to perform in front of a judge, especially doing a solo or small ensemble," said Libby Doublestein, Director of Chorus and Assistant Director of Bands. "I'm so proud of all these students for preparing and performing!"

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights Middle School (HHMS) and High School (HHHS) musicians delivered an outstanding showing at the ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble Contest held on Saturday, Jan. 31 at Westfield High School.

Students from both programs earned top honors across a wide range of instruments and ensemble categories, demonstrating exceptional skill, preparation, and musical growth.

Hamilton Heights recognizes the following students for their achievements:

HHMS Gold

- Haylee Wesley (8) – Flute
- Hadley Reading (6) – Flute
- Mallory Snider (6) – Clarinet
- Hailey Hodson (8) – Alto Saxophone
- Jackson Van Kirk (6) – Alto Saxophone
- Silas Speck (6) – Alto Saxophone
- Mark Hiday (8) – Trumpet
- Marley Huskins (7) – Trombone
- Brendon Rose (6) – Trombone
- Jace Jackson (6) – String Bass
- Jace Thompson (7) – Snare Drum
- Woodwind Trio (6) – Ella Carey,



Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Hamilton Heights musicians shined at the ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble Contest, earning top honors across solos and ensembles.

HHMS Gold

- Coralie Cote, Faye Straley
- Woodwind Trio (8) – Arabella English, Hailey Hodson, Haylee Wesley
- Woodwind Quartet (6) – Aralynn Ellis, Nolan Herrmann, Grace Hodson, McKinley Mosbaugh
- Percussion Trio (6) – Levi Hay, Anthony Meier, Aiden Smith

HHMS Gold

- Luke Powell (8) – Snare Drum (entered in HS Group I)

HHHS Group I, Gold

- Advanced to ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble Contest
- Rachel England – Trumpet
- Kaylee Roberts – Euphonium
- Mazie Emmert – Euphonium
- Lukas Jackson – Multi-Percussion Solo

- Percussion Ensemble: Nicole Eberhard, Mazie Emmert, Lukas Jackson, Maddy Lustig, Jack Powell, Kiera Rinas, Connelley Schuster, Ava Snelson

HHHS Group I, Silver

- Nicole Eberhard – Bass Clarinet
- Kiera Rinas – String Bass

HHHS Group II, Gold

- Luke Allwardt – Trumpet

These results reflect the dedication of Heights' student musicians and the strength of the band program. Congratulations to all the participants and best wishes to our state-qualifying performers at the next round of competition.

February: where history, heart & home meet in Noblesville

February has always felt like a month of reflection – a time when history invites us to pause, remember, and understand how the past quietly shapes the present.

Growing up in India, history was never just dates in a textbook. It lived in stories shared by grandparents, in old streets filled with generations of footsteps, and in traditions that connected us to those who came before us. Loving history gave me roots long before I knew I would one day plant myself in Indiana.

That love has now become my bridge – connecting where I began in India to where I proudly belong in Hamilton County.

This month, that connection felt especially meaningful when I attended a program at the Noblesville Discovery Center at the Hamilton East Public Library called "Blast from the Past: Noblesville in 1960s." Through photographs, video clippings, and storytelling, the program brought Noblesville and Hamilton County's past vividly to life, revealing how the community looked, worked, and gathered during a decade of growth and change.

So many moments offered clues into the culture of that time and its strong connection to today. The courthouse and jail, Riverview Hospital, the downtown square, and the sheriff's department weren't just structures – they were pillars of everyday life then and remain community anchors now. Watching their evolution made it clear how thoughtfully this town has grown while preserving its identity.

What stood out most was the spirit of togetherness. Civic groups like Kiwanis and Rotary, along with church communities and women's clubs, were central to social life, service, and gatherings. It was heartwarming to realize that even decades later, these same traditions of involvement continue to bring people together across Hamilton County.

Local businesses added even more richness to the story – Kenley's Super Market where neighbors met while shopping, Wainwright Title Company, Blann Hardware, Zeckel's Clothing, and Coaltrin Funeral Home, which even had its own distinctive ambulances. And learning that Firestone was once the largest employer in town offered insight into how industry shaped family life and the local economy.

The most touching moments came from the audience itself. As images appeared on the screen, hands kept rising as people shared connections – a relative who worked at a landmark, memories of riding bikes around the square, or stories passed down through generations. History wasn't distant. It was deeply personal.

I was especially moved when I met Jane Walters, who shared how her father, William Hummel, moved from Marion County to Hamilton County when 136th Street was still dirt roads and Interstate 69 had only two lanes. Jane completed most of her schooling on 56th Street and finished high school in Noblesville. Listening to her stories felt like stepping into a living chapter of this community's journey.

Experiences like these remind us that a city isn't measured by its age, but by how deeply it is loved by the people who call it home.

Much gratitude goes to the Noblesville Discovery Center team and to local historians Jessica Layman and David Heighway, whose passion and storytelling have made the many unique chapters of our local history accessible, engaging, and meaningful for all of us. Their work doesn't just preserve the past – it builds connection in the present.

As someone who moved here from Rajkot, Gujarat – a place known for strong hospitality and community bonds – seeing that same spirit alive in Noblesville fills my heart. It reminds me why Indiana has become home.

History teaches us empathy. Nostalgia connects us. And community gives us belonging.

So I encourage you – follow the Discovery Center programs, attend these wonderful history talks, and invite your neighbors along. You might discover local gems, uncover shared memories, and feel the beautiful gestures of community come alive.

February may celebrate history, but it also celebrates love – love for where we've been, where we are, and the people who make a place feel like home.

And for me, loving history has become the path that connects my past in India to my present in Indiana – turning a new place into home, one story at a time.

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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POOJA THAKKAR Taste of Community

Let's get to the heart of the matter

"I've been tryin' to get down to the Heart of the Matter / But my will gets weak and my thoughts seem to scatter." – Don Henley

Let's open with the "heart of the matter" and take a look at those scary statistics.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, about 44 percent of women in the United States have some form of heart disease, which is responsible for more deaths annually than all cancers combined. Sobering statistics, and ones we have been hearing about for several years now. But do we really pay attention?

I am inspired this month to write a two-part column on the topic. This time we will talk about how your eating habits can make a big difference in your lifestyle changes to protect your heart.

Let's begin with breakfast, of course. Plant-based food items are the go-to for this meal. When you eat lots of fruits and

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SHARON McMAHON Be Well

vegetables, overall your risk of heart disease is lower. Eating a variety of fruits and veggies, about four to five servings per day is recommended.¹ A favorite of mine is oatmeal with fresh or frozen blueberries or raspberries and walnuts – which are rich in omega-3 fatty acids and vitamin E which helps reduce inflammation, a risk factor for heart disease.

Staying hydrated is essential for the heart to pump more easily; when you don't drink enough water your heart has to work harder. Using a non-plastic refillable bottle is a preferred choice as some data suggests that microplastics can leach from containers into the water. A 2024 study of 257 people, published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, showed that those who had microplastics in the blood vessels near their necks were 4.5 times more likely to suffer a heart attack or stroke.

In order to find a reasonable, "can do" weight for your body type focus on a reasonable eating plan. The drive-thru menu, for the most part, is not your friend. A nourishing lunch will help stabilize energy levels and curb cravings. A fast food option may fill you up with unwanted calories as well as a deficit of the nutrients your body needs. A mid-day snack of apple, peanut butter, or hummus is a great pick-me-up as well.

Adding vegetables to every meal you plan is a great way to meet your daily requirements. You can munch on some raw veggies with your lunch, such as carrots or celery, and I have a suggestion for dinner time that I often use. Heat your oven to 275 degrees. Place a baking sheet in the oven to heat while you cut up some veggies – broccoli, Brussels sprouts, carrots, bell peppers, etc. – whatever you like best. When your pan is thoroughly heated, toss on the veggies (coat with olive oil if you like) and return to oven. The veggies will crisp up and have a crunchy texture that most

people will enjoy. I know I do!

Don't forget the protein sources. Add chicken, fish, lentils, or other proteins for a balanced meal. (Most adults do not get enough protein in their diet; consider adding a protein powder occasionally to your smoothies, although do not make this your sole protein source. Protein powders can differ greatly, so do your research.)

Be your own Valentine this February and research statistics, your own family health history, and incorporate any dietary changes into your life which can make a difference in "the heart of the matter."

¹ K. Rexrode, MD, MPH, chief of Division of Women's Health at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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Obituaries

Patricia "Patty" Gardner

March 3, 1936 – February 7, 2026

Patricia "Patty" Gardner, 89, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on March 3, 1936, to Cedric and Alice (Carey) Foland in Noblesville.

Patty was born in Noblesville and graduated from Westfield High School in 1954. She was active in the 4-H Club and, as an efficient typist, worked various secretarial jobs. She also worked at the Westfield High School cafeteria. Patty lived in Westfield until 1985 when Jerry's job took them to Lawrenceville, Ga. They moved back to Westfield and built a home on family property on Little Eagle Creek Avenue. Patty retired in 2000. She was an avid reader and also loved bird watching and playing solitaire. Patty loved Purdue and Westfield sports. She had a sweet tooth and loved M&M's and Hershey bars. She also enjoyed time with her family and was very active in the church and her faith.

Patty is survived by her daughters, Wendy (Mark) Pickett and Kerri (Steve) Brown; son, Gary (Gretchen) Gardner; grandchildren, Whitney (Ryan) Robinette, Ian (Amanda) Pickett, Madison (Michelle) Pickett, Ashley (Andrew) Wozniowski, Kelsey Brown (Lee Hummel), Lindsey (Sam) Sobus, Evan Gardner, Rudi Willock, Abi Willock, and Macey Davis; great-grandchildren, Carter Pickett, Jackson Wozniowski, Austin Wozniowski, Hudson Hummel, Chandler Sobus, Teddy Gardner, Valerie Gardner, Blake Thompson, and Lamar Wilford; sisters, Dottie Case and Linda Deering; brothers, Steve Foland and Kenny Foland; and her sister-in-law, Becky Mikesell.

In addition to her parents, Patty was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Keith Gardner; great-granddaughter, Emma Wozniowski; and her sister, Sandy Denton.

Services were held on Friday, February 13, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Burial was at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana, 435 Limestone St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 (rmhccin.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Virgil Paul Fruth

October 16, 1940 – February 7, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Virgil Paul Fruth, 85, affectionately known as Paul, on February 7, 2026. Virgil was born on October 16, 1940, in Noble, Ill., to Virgil and Madeline Fruth. He was a dedicated and talented individual, known for his witty humor and unwavering loyalty to his family and faith. Paul was a resident of Arcadia, where he created countless cherished memories with his loved ones and community.

Paul was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He was married to his loving wife, Sondra, on November 23, 1958, and their enduring partnership was a testament to their commitment and love for each other. Paul was a devoted father to his children, Virgil "Paul" (Denise) Fruth Jr., Teresa (Paul) Taylor, and Tammy Fruth. He was also a doting grandfather to Paul Fruth III, Joshua Fruth, Sarah (Justin) Kremer, and Taylor (Nate) Eversman, and a proud great-grandfather to nine beautiful great-grandchildren. Virgil was also a cherished uncle to several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Nina Fruth, and his brother, Charles Fruth.

In his professional life, Paul was a respected maintenance worker at the Indiana Academy until his retirement. His dedication to his work was evident in his commitment to the Academy. In his leisure time, Paul was a man of many interests. He loved woodworking, fishing, bird watching, hiking, and reading. He also had a beautiful singing voice and often performed duets with Sondra during their evangelism. Paul was a member of Kokomo Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he served as a head elder and where he enjoyed preaching and filling in for the Pastor when needed. His dedication to his faith and family were the cornerstones of his life.

Visitation will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church, 24445 State Road 19, Cicero. A Memorial Service will follow at the same venue at 4:30 p.m.

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

Paul's life was marked by his love for his family, his dedication to his work and his community, and his unwavering faith. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

We invite all who knew Virgil to share their memories, stories, and photos on his memorial page. This tribute will serve as a place for his family and friends to come together and remember his remarkable life.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Patricia (Pat) Fisher (Watkins)

June 5, 1941 – February 9, 2026

Patricia (Pat) Fisher (Watkins), 84, of Fishers, was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, and grandmother, who passed away peacefully on February 9, 2026. A gentle soul with a sincere heart, she spent her life giving more than she ever asked for in return. Her kindness was steady, her presence comforting, and her love unwavering.

Born on June 5, 1941, in Charlotte, N.C., Pat met the love of her life James (Jim) Fisher while attending a rival college, and their passion for teaching and engineering grew into a beautiful marriage of 57 years. She was a woman defined by compassion, humility, and a deep devotion to the family and friends she cherished. Pat was an excellent cook of precious family recipes, an avid reader, and crocheter whose hands were rarely still – creating blankets, gifts, and keepsakes that wrapped others in the same warmth she carried in her spirit. Her peculiar sense of humor, always unexpected and delightfully offbeat, brought laughter to even the most ordinary days.

Pat loved deeply and without hesitation – her family, her friends, and, quite uniquely, her frogs. Whether they were figurines, garden visitors, or little green symbols tucked into her home, they never failed to make her smile.

As a mother, Pat offered guidance without judgment and support without condition. As a grandmother, she brought joy, comfort, and a sense of belonging that made every visit feel like coming home. She had a gift for making others feel seen and valued – whether through a thoughtful word, a quiet act of generosity, or simply by listening with her whole heart.

She is preceded in death by her mother (Ethel Watkins) and father (Charlie Watkins); devoted husband Jim, who passed away in October 2020.

Survivors include her loving daughter, Amanda Bahling (Jeff); her adored grandchildren, Dominick DeCollo and Micaela Bahling; sister, Bettie Martin; nephew, Troy Martin (Lori); beloved grandniece, Keegan Martin, and grandnephew, Jackson Martin.

Though Pat will be deeply missed, her legacy of love, sincerity, creativity, and humor will continue to live on in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

A service honoring Pat took place on Monday, February 16, 2026, at Bussell Family Funerals, 1621 E. Greyhound Pass, Carmel. Burial followed in Summit Lawn cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor her memory by extending a simple act of kindness to someone in need – just as she did throughout her life.

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

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

We can let kindness rule

For as long as I can remember, I have been a routine person. My "wiring" coupled with life circumstances encourages that type of existence.

My younger son is a lot like me in that respect. Everything is nice and neatly planned out in a perfect world. Knowing what is coming next is a salve for my anxiety.

Living in current times, things feel unpredictable, chaotic, and terrifyingly uncertain.

As a highly empathetic and routine person, I feel even more uneasy. Often waking up at night with a pit in my stomach, thinking about the wellbeing of fellow humans.

Living life as part of a minority group, I know the sting of feeling unwanted and even hated. As one example, my mind flashes to a woman screaming at me for parking in an accessible parking space I was rightfully parked in. Hate radiated from her mouth as she tore into me with cruel words.

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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

She did not know my truth, but she hated me.

I know there are people in this world who think that the disabled are worthless or lesser than. I have read hateful comments and heard many ignorant, prejudiced remarks.

Knowing there were times, not all that long ago, when disabled people were hidden from society instills a fear in me that the times will swing back to that way of thinking.

That tone of cruelty is on full display these days in other examples.

My existence needs compassion to thrive. I need others who can attempt to understand that my needs may differ from their own, but they are just needs. Not extras.

Dehumanizing others based on how they were created is cruel. It is unacceptable. Its lasting effects are grossly underestimated.

Why some people feel superior to others, I will never understand. We all have hardships and strengths.

A princess & a superhero

I absolutely love the current age of my two children. My daughter is six and my son is four. They are in their princess and superhero phases.

My daughter will wear mismatched clothes with sparkles and jewels. She will pull out a tutu from when she was two years old and put on some glitter lip gloss and show up to any event with so much confidence. She is not embarrassed.

My son is in his superhero phase right now. Everything is an imaginary laser for him to zap. He is a superhero who rescues and executes important missions in his pajamas. He is a Pre-K student by day and Spider-Man by night.

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MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

I look at them sometimes and wonder when it happens. When do they start caring what everyone else thinks and start noticing that others are watching?

When do they begin to stop being so little? When does it happen that their innocence is robbed by the outside world? When will they stop being confident in their mismatched clothes and pajamas on a Saturday afternoon?

There is so much to be learned and appreciated about little children. They look at the outside world and assume the best outcome. When does life creep in for us as adults that we stop doing that? We so closely monitor their interactions with

Unique in our own ways.

Hate rots our souls. Kindness provides the nourishment our souls need to live in harmony with one another. Learning about lives that differ from our own is kindness in motion.

I have never known a life other than one where I am consistently aware of negative thoughts about my existence. Where barriers exist at every turn.

But some of my most horrible and hateful experiences have also generated some of the most beautiful and compassionate interactions. Often those two extremes happening within minutes of each other.

While what I have seen happening in our world, is horrific and sickening, I cannot help but notice something else. In many, including myself, I have noticed a growing compassion and a desire to unite and learn, in response to the increasing devastation among humanity.

Now is the time to sharpen our compassion skills. This is the time when we can make a difference in bettering the lives of others. There are countless ways

we can promote inclusivity here in our time on earth. What way of service speaks to you?

Take action in your unique way using your strengths and expandable knowledge. Taking time to listen and learn about others lived experiences is critical to inclusivity.

It is in these unfamiliar times outside of our comfort zone and routine, where our character is refined. We should examine and recognize our unchecked biases.

When you come to the end of your life, will you be able to look back on it and say that you are proud of the person you were and how your treated others? I hope I can. That is what I plan to continue working towards.

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.

others both in-person and on screens that they don't know the dangers and evils of the world around them.

I know one day it will happen slowly. I know one day they won't be so little. I know there will come a time when they won't be so innocent and will know things about the world and people that I wish they didn't. I know there will be a day that they are aware of the evils of the world. I hope when that day comes that they realize Jesus is the only way and cling to Him.

They might not always be this little and unaware of the world around them. There will probably come a day sooner than I wish that they will care what others think. There will be a time that there will be less glitter and fewer Transformers in my living room.

As much as I know those days will come, I think if we stopped a bit and looked at how little children interact with the world and each other that we could learn a lot about our own lives. If we cared a little less about what others thought about us and assumed things would end up being for the best rather than brace for the worst, we would be a lot happier. Maybe we don't need to constantly be going as fast as we always are all the time. It's OK to slow down a bit and care a little less what people think.

I know this stage won't last forever, but I hope they stay a princess and a superhero for a little while longer.

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

Local author shares his fascinating DEA experience

"When an Agent Retires" With his debt tendered and gun surrendered,

Hands once steady and true may tremble a little now when out of view.

For all the times his nerves were frayed,

All for the love of the game he played.

With glory days long gone, shadows whisper "it's time to move on."

Now as he begins to ponder and dwell, soon he knows all that's left

Are stories to tell, when an agent retires.

— Howard Oberst, DEA Special Agent, retired

I was delighted last December to hear from a local reader, Howard Oberst, asking if I'd be interested in interviewing him about his new book. *Looking Back – A Small-Town Cop Becomes a DEA Special Agent* is available online through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Target.

When Howard initially dropped off the book for me to read, I admit I wasn't sure what I'd think about it. It's not my typical genre. However, I quickly became engrossed in his story, and my knowledge of and admiration for Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents grew by leaps and bounds.

Soon, Howard's stories drew me in. Agents like him sacrifice so much to keep us safe from the dangers that drugs pull people into.

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AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Howard's awards show his dedication. They include:

1. DEA Exceptional Performance Award, 2002 and 2004
2. DEA Excellence of Performances, 1995 and 2000
3. US Department of Justice Award, 2000
4. United States Attorney's Award, 1996
5. U.S. Customs Appreciation Award, 1993
6. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Award, 2003

His career with the DEA took him to 15 states and seven countries. After reading about his adventures, which actually include some comical situations, I was ready to ask him questions.

1. Why did you write this book?

I started out just writing it for my descendants, but people told me, "You really should publish this." My grandfather was in World War II, and I bet he had some great stories, which I never got to hear and are now lost to time. That was the first thing that got me on track to write this.

Three years and a lot of rewriting later ...

I don't consider myself an author, I just wrote what I lived. My wife spent a lot of hours editing it.

2. What were your reasons for applying to become a DEA agent?

I grew up believing that federal agents were the ul-

time in law enforcement. The only agency that was hiring at the time was the DEA – I knew about the FBI but I hadn't heard much about the DEA. I talked to some of the older deputies and they told me they were the undercover narcs.

3. Other than your dramatic plane ride where the aircraft plunged quickly – readers will be on the edge of their seats reading this scene – did you fear for your life at times? When and where?

Oh my, yes! I did some crazy stuff as you read in the story, but in the plane ... I had no control. All the other times I felt like I had some control. With the mentality you develop, you sort of gain an immortal sense. "It's not gonna happen to me."

4. You say your DEA experience was "the best times of my life" (quoting from the Bryan Adams song). Why do you say that?

It was like never having to grow up – a lifetime of cops and robbers. It was so much fun. The guys I worked with were funny. The camaraderie, you can't compare it to anything. I lived for it. It was what I wanted to do. I didn't want to miss out on anything. But it was difficult for the family.

I've been married over 50 years to my wife Luanne. The success of our marriage through those times ... it's all her ... I retired because of my grandchildren. I drive them places, I go to all their games. I've transitioned from the sometimes-absent father to

the doting grandfather.

5. Do you have any events coming up where we can hear you speak/purchase your book?

I signed up for the Hamilton East Public Library Book Fair schedule for Sunday April 19 at the county fairgrounds.

6. Do you plan to write other books? As readers will learn, your career involves more than your DEA experience.

Maybe! My wife says, "never again." She spent so much time fixing my grammar.

I ended up working with Anti-Terrorism Assistance, a section of the State Department. I'm still doing that. I'm slated to go back to Pakistan this summer and teach a class there. There are just a ton of stories of traveling all over the world, working with foreign governments.

Finally, Howard added, "I hope the book came across as an education of how people get tangled up in drugs ... I didn't want to beat anyone over the head with it." But I've learned so much and seen so much I felt I should pass it on.

Readers, I hope you'll visit Howard in April or purchase his book online. It's a remarkable, harrowing, often humorous, unforgettable story.

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.

Read more obituaries
on Pages A7 & A8

Four local students gain experience at Statehouse

The REPORTER

Four local college students are serving as interns for the Indiana Senate Majority Caucus during the 2026 legislative session.

Samiha Zaman a resident of Carmel, is the daughter of Mandal Nuru-zaman and Fouzia Afreen. Zaman graduated from Carmel High School and is a junior at Indiana University Indianapolis studying political science and quantitative economics.

Audrey Donaldson, a resident of Carmel, is the daughter of Andrew and Andrea Donaldson. Donaldson graduated from Bishop Chatard High School and is a junior at Indiana University Indianapolis studying psychology and human resources management.

Salil Gupta, a resident of Noblesville, is the son of Mona and Vineet Gupta. Gupta graduated from Noblesville High School and is pursuing his dual MD-MBA degree at the Indiana University School of Medicine



Photos provided (TOP LEFT) Samiha Zaman with State Sen. Kyle Walker. (TOP RIGHT) Audrey Donaldson with State Sen. Scott Baldwin. (ABOVE LEFT) Salil Gupta with Sen. Baldwin. (ABOVE RIGHT) Leo Martinez with Sen. Baldwin.

and Kelley School of Business.

Leo Martinez, a resident of Carmel, is the son of Francisco and Gladys Martinez. Martinez is a senior at Indiana University Indianapolis studying political science and philosophy.

As legislative interns,

Zaman, Donaldson, Gupta, and Martinez track and analyze bill data, provide constituent services, staff Senate committee hearings and meetings, and conduct legislative policy research.

Senate Majority interns work through the duration of the legislative session, which is scheduled to conclude by the end of February. More information on Senate Republican internships, including eligibility requirements and applications for the 2027 program, can be found at IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/intern.

Obituary

Dwayne Robert Brett Southworth February 21, 1997 – February 11, 2026

Dwayne Robert Brett Southworth went to eternal rest on February 11, 2026. He was born on February 21, 1997, and spent his childhood in Indiana, Illinois, Texas, Florida, and back home again in Indiana.

He was a graduate of Guerin Catholic High School in 2015, and worked in a variety of HVAC positions, most recently for Trane Technologies in Indianapolis.

He is preceded in death by his father, Bart Southworth; grandmother, Rosemarie Southworth; grandfather, David Southworth; and uncle, James Pulfer.

He is incredibly missed by his mother, Carolyn, and stepfather, Steve Hannon; sisters, Amy (Matthew Huber) and Emily (Clay Nichols); stepbrother, Alex Hannon; as well as a beloved niece and nephew. Additionally, he leaves behind his extended family, Robert and Dorothy Pulfer, Chuck and Nikki Pulfer, Meg Pulfer, Stephanie and Kevin Walters, Matt and Anne Southworth, as well as his adored cousins, Anabelle, Vera, Scarlett, Parker, Oliver, Ella, Isaac, Emelia, and Corita.

Dwayne loved a good (sometimes inappropriate) joke and would speak at long ends about the "cabin he built with his grandpa" and the love he had for the land and the people he met there. He loved music, the outdoors and any vehicle that would burn rubber or "roll smoke," and a bad day fishing was always better than a good day working.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please plant a tree, go canoeing or kayaking, or attend a concert. Most importantly, spend time with your family, love each other fiercely, and while life can be short, it is what you make of it. You can also donate to the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation at indiananrf.org/one-time-gift-form-designated.

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Red Cross opens Blood & Platelet Donation Center in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Residents of Noblesville and surrounding communities have a new opportunity to donate blood and platelets locally.

The American Red Cross has opened its first Blood and Platelet Donation Center in the Greater Indianapolis area. The Noblesville facility is also the area's first Red Cross site dedicated to platelet donations. The donation center is located at 14765 Hazel Dell Crossing, Ste. 700.

Donors can visit redcrossblood.org and enter their ZIP code to schedule a blood donation appointment.



Photo provided by Red Cross

(From left) Natalie Tudor (Board Member, American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis Chapter); Chris Jensen (Mayor of Noblesville); Julie Brady (Regional Donor Services Executive, American Red Cross); Deborah Wozniak (Blood Services, American Red Cross); Terry Stigdon (CEO, American Red Cross Indiana Region); Brad Woodward (Board Chair, American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis Chapter); Bob DuBois (President & CEO, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce); and Ivory Salmon (Board Member, American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis Chapter).

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Rebecca Sue Kahlo

January 16, 1962 – February 1, 2026



Rebecca Sue Kahlo, 64, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Community Heart & Vascular Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on January 16, 1962, to the late George and Catherine (Duvall) Dunay in Dublin, Ohio.

Becky raised her children and also worked at Kahlo's. She enjoyed tennis, being with friends, and being the life of the party.

Becky is survived by her husband, Kevin Kahlo; sons, Garrett (Heather) Kahlo and Hunter (Lisa) Kahlo; brothers, Brad Dunay and Brian Dunay; and her granddaughter,

Dahlia Kahlo.

Visitation and services were held on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Donald Harvey Coverdale Jr.

December 12, 1958 – February 6, 2026



Donald Harvey Coverdale Jr., 67, Cicero, passed away on February 6, 2026, at his home. He was born on December 12, 1958, to Donald Harvey and Betty (Kingery) Coverdale in Noblesville.

Harvey worked for Crownland Cemetery, Kirby's Feeding Concepts, and a landscaping business. He enjoyed racing and working on race cars.

He is survived by his sons, Donald A. (Mistie) Coverdale and Travis (Brittany) Coverdale; step-children, Chip and Annie DiGiacomo; grandchildren, Jordan, Alexis, and

Dylan Coverdale; ex-wives, Rebecca Hollyfield and Cindy Burger; and his precious fur babies, Peanut and Bella.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Betty JoAnn Coverdale.

Visitation and services were held on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at United Pentecostal Church Noblesville, 1516 Morton St., Noblesville, with Pastor Brent Jenkins officiating. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Stuart "Mark" Davis

June 28, 1957 – February 8, 2026



Stuart "Mark" Davis, 68, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on June 28, 1957, to the late Stuart and Patricia (Miller) Davis in Lebanon, Ind.

Mark was devoted to his business, Stonesaver Cemetery Restoration, restoring cemetery stones and preserving history. He loved honoring veterans, and enjoyed reading about and traveling to Civil War battlefields. In his early 20s, Mark was in a singing group called One Accord. He also loved singing solos in church. A gifted tinkerer, Mark also enjoyed restoring pianos. He loved camping and fishing, especially on peaceful mornings in Minnesota. One of his other travel highlights include two family vacations to Maui. Mark also enjoyed attending his children's sporting events, performances, and church activities.

Mark led college students on mission trips to Honduras and Ecuador, as well as personally traveling on multiple mission trips to Bolivia where he helped build a church. Mark had a special love for the Hispanic community and enjoyed practicing his Spanglish with anyone around him. He was very involved in churches throughout the years, including leading children and young adults.

Mark is survived by his wife, Paula Davis; children, Drew (Amanda) Davis, Lindsay Davis, Brittany (Mark) Riner, Reagan Davis, and Riley Davis; grandchildren, Maggie and Calvin; and his brothers, Kerry Davis and Nathan (Kristin) Davis.

Visitation and services were held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial was at Lafontaine IOOF Cemetery on Friday, Feb. 13.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Rebecca Lou Castor

September 13, 1956 – February 12, 2026



Rebecca Lou Castor, known affectionately as Becky, passed away on February 12, 2026. Born on September 13, 1956, in Noblesville, Becky lived a life filled with kindness, resilience, and a deep love for her family and faith.

Becky was a retired Registrar at St. Vincent Hospital. Her work ethic and compassion made a significant impact on those she encountered. Outside of her career, Rebecca was a keen lover of the outdoors. She loved gardening, painting, crafting and had an endless passion for reading. She frequently traveled to the Carolinas to visit the beach, a place she held close to her heart. But nothing brought her more joy than spending time with her beloved grandchildren, Sebastian and Bridget Kellams. Rebecca's love for her family and her unwavering faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are the guiding forces in her life.

Rebecca is survived by her children, Kelly (Casey) Kellams and Brent Hall. She was a loving grandmother to Sebastian and Bridget Kellams. She also leaves behind her brother, Scott Castor, and several cherished nieces and nephews. Rebecca was preceded in death by her parents, Rollin and Rosemary Castor, and her sister, Deborah Castor.

The family has selected a simple cremation and services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Family and friends are encouraged to share their memories and upload photos of Rebecca to the memorial page. Your stories and pictures will serve as a reminder of Rebecca's compassionate, resilient, thoughtful, and loving spirit.

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Kristin L. Grimes

July 13, 1952 – February 5, 2026



Kristin L. Grimes was born on July 13, 1952, in Indiana and left us on February 5, 2026. A compassionate soul and a lifelong resident of Cicero, Kristin was well known and loved within her community. Her loving nature, thoughtful approach to life, and loyal friendship have left an indelible mark on all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Kristin's professional life was spent serving others, first at Fred's Frozen Foods in Noblesville, and then as a dedicated secretary at Booker Realty in Cicero. She was known for her commitment and dedication, becoming a fixture of the businesses she worked in. In her personal life, Kristin was a devoted cat lover, with a particular affection for her cat, Molly. She also found solace and joy in her hobbies of knitting and crocheting, creating beautiful pieces that were a testament to her fine crafting skills. Despite her eventual status as a divorcee, Kristin's heart remained full of love, especially for her parents, Dakres Douglas and Harold Grimes, whom she deeply missed.

As we bid farewell to Kristin, we celebrate her life and the legacy she leaves behind. She was a beacon of warmth and kindness, a woman whose compassion was felt by all who met her. She was a testament to the power of love and loyalty, and her memory will continue to inspire and uplift those who were fortunate to have known her.

In remembrance of Kristin Grimes, you are invited to share your memories, stories, and photos on her memorial page. Each contribution will serve as a testament to her life and the impact she had on all of us. Services are under the direction of Hartley Funeral Homes – Cicero.

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Beverley Jean English

August 26, 1937 – February 6, 2026



Beverley Jean English, 88, Sheridan, passed away Friday morning, February 6, 2026, at Carmel Health and Living. Born August 26, 1937, in Port Huron, Mich., she was the daughter of Lt. Col. Edmond J. and Mable E. (Hawkins) Padgett.

As the daughter of an Army officer, she called many places home depending on where her father was stationed, but her "real" home was always on her grandparents' farm southwest of Sheridan where she would eventually live out her life.

Jean was a 1955 graduate of Fort Knox High School. After graduation, she took art classes at Herron School of Art in Indianapolis where her natural talent for drawing and painting developed into a lifelong passion. She became known for her portrait and landscape artwork. She attended the Penrod Art Fair several years in a row. She also taught art lessons in Sheridan for several years.

Jean met the love of her life at Elliott's Pharmacy in Sheridan. Tom asked her out on a date; that led to 60 years of marriage. Tom and Jean had many adventures together, including travels to many states and long drives to explore unknown places in Indiana, but mostly they enjoyed each other's company and would sit down every night for a talk and a glass of wine.

The family would like to thank the nurses and caregivers (specifically Rachel, Elizabeth, Tammy, and Vania), who helped take care of Jean during the last several months of her life. Your compassion meant so much to us.

Jean is survived by her daughters, Carrie Elizabeth Sutton (Joel) of Sheridan, and Emily Anne Snell (Steven) of Lebanon; eight grandchildren, Addison, Evan, Eli, Thomas, Claire, Tracy, Landon, and Chandler; and brother-in-law, John D. "Tim" English (Anita) of Fishers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lt. Col. Edmond J. and Mable E. (Hawkins) Padgett; mother and father-in-law, Tony and Mary Kathryn English; and by her husband, Thomas C. "Tom" English on September 1, 2023. She and Tom were married on May 5, 1963.

Jean will be laid to rest during a private ceremony at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan Public Library.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

K. Elaine Weaver

July 22, 1949 – January 19, 2026



Elaine was born on July 22, 1949, in Indianapolis. She passed away on January 19, 2026.

She grew up in Sheridan, where she graduated from Sheridan High School in 1967. She then attended and graduated from DePauw University.

For 36 years, Elaine made significant contributions as a personnel specialist at the Defense Finance Agency located at Fort Benjamin Harrison. After her retirement in 2009, her influence continued to be felt, as she remained an active participant in her community and her church.

Stephani Jean Scherer

November 5, 1944 – February 8, 2026



Stephani Jean Scherer, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on November 5, 1944, to Ted and Carol (Ausman) Neward in Long Beach, Calif.

Stephani was a first-grade teacher for many years. She enjoyed solving Sudoku and crosswords, working on jigsaw puzzles, and sewing. Stephani was a wonderful sketch artist and had recently started painting. And she was a BIG Harry Potter fan.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Roger Scherer; son, Scott Michael (Stacy) Hinojos; grandchildren, Miles, Henry, and Aron; brother, Lance (Donna) Neward; and sisters, Nancy (Paul) Jacobson and Allison (Chuck) McKay.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Tod Hinojos.

The Scherer family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Stephani's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 508, Greenwood, IN 46142 (ihelpveterans.org); or Catholic Associations or Catholic Associations (thecatholicassociation.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Sherry Rose Price

May 6, 1938 – February 4, 2026



Sherry Rose Price, 87, Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday evening, February 4, 2026, at Wellbrooke of Westfield. Born May 6, 1938, in Hamilton County, she was the daughter of William H. and Clara Mae (Cox) Hoover.

She was a 1957 graduate of Sheridan High School and a member of the Sheridan First Christian Church.

There was nothing more important in Sherry's life than her family. She was the glue that held everything together, and the oil that kept it running on all cylinders.

Most importantly, she was exactly what you needed her to be at any given moment.

Sherry took her role as mom very seriously. When the kids were growing up, mornings were filled with the sounds of country music on the radio, the smell of a hearty breakfast – and the knowledge that, unless your morning chores got done, breakfast would remain just a smell. She instilled a strong work ethic in her children. Though it may not have been appreciated at that moment, work ethic became a cornerstone of every one of them as they grew older. In the summers, school gave way to mowing lawns (push mowing; no riders on this crew). Keeping the kids busy was just one of her many life lessons. As the summer grew hotter, that usually meant the addition of hiring on with a detasseling crew, and the teaching of another of Sherry's life lessons, roll up your sleeves and take care of business. When there weren't enough hours in the day to work in the fields and mow yards, Sherry would handle the mowing so that everything that needed done, was done. This lesson was best taught through example.

In October of 1973, the family purchased Boyer Heating and Air Conditioning in Sheridan, where Charles had been working for 19 years, and Price Heating was born. While he (and eventually the boys) did the leg work, Sherry slid into the management position and never looked back. Though she could be a task master, Sherry knew that the crew ran on their stomachs, so she always made sure that she kept their bellies filled with her excellent home cooking. After six years of managing the shop, she was "promoted" to managing the family's other business in town, McDonald's Hardware, which she and Charles owned until 2000. One of the conditions of her relocation was that she still had to cook for everybody over at the shop.

As much as she loved her children, becoming a grandma was the role Sherry was born to play. This gave her a new opportunity to share the things she loved with a whole new set of people. She loved celebrating Halloween: she'd don her witch costume, pass out treats (and some tricks), and finish the evening by feeding and entertaining grandkids. She loved hosting family Easter egg hunts and game nights (Uno, Aggravation, and spoons were favorites), and she delighted in finding the perfect (and most embarrassing) gag gifts for Christmas.

Her garden was her pride and joy; it was the source of the ingredients that made her wonderful meals. She learned canning and preserving during her youth, and she passed the tradition and knowledge down to her own family. She loved to cook but loved it even more when she got to share that time in the kitchen with her family. Everyone knew that the door was always open and there was always a place for you at the table.

She was also a fantastic seamstress. She could make wedding and prom dresses and liked to see how long she could make a pair of pants last. Sewing was just one outlet for her creative talents. She also had a flare for drawing and painting.

Most important was her love for her husband Charles. High school sweethearts turned lifelong partners, she and Charles did everything together. They both loved to square dance and later migrated toward taking up country line dancing. Sheridan Athletics also held a special part within the family, and together, they made every effort to be as supportive as they could. One of their favorite things to do was to hop in the truck (or on the motorcycle, when they were younger) and go for a ride, just the two of them.

Sherry is survived by her two sons, Randy L. Price (Debbie) of Sheridan, and Jerry A. Price of Sheridan; two daughters, Ramona K. Moore (Daniel) of Borden, Ind., and Elizabeth A. "Liz" Walden of Sheridan; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren (with one on the way); brother, Rex Hoover (Frances); two sisters, Winona Moss of Kokomo, and Wilanna McClay of Westfield; two sisters-in-law, Judy Jessup (Bill) of Zionsville, and Linda Williams (Jesse) of Sheridan; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William H. and Clara Mae (Cox) Hoover; father and mother-in-law, Charles Price Sr. and Geneva Price; brother, John Hoover; sister, Phyllis Quick and her husband Martin; brothers-in-law, William Moss, Jr., Paul McClay, and Kenneth "Tuffy" Keesling; sister-in-law, Nancy Carole Keesling; and by her husband, Charles A. Price, Jr. on September 18, 2023. She and Charles were married on Christmas Eve, 1955.

Visitation and services were held on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend Mike Sbrljan officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First Christian Church.

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Girls Swimming

County represented well in state prelims at IU Natatorium



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Izzy Schmitt (left) and Brooklyn Penn were among the 13 Royals swimmers that competed at the IHSAA state meet, stopping for a moment during the preliminaries on Friday, Feb. 13 at the IU Natatorium. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Heights Ayla Madara (left) and Amira Leer (right) represented the Huskies at state; they are pictured with their coach Brett Riley. Be sure to read *The Reporter's* Tuesday edition for a full report on the state meet.

Boys Wrestling Regionals



Photo by Mike Navarro

Noblesville's Luke Chastain finished third at 150 pounds during the Pendleton Heights wrestling regional on Saturday, Feb. 7. Chastain was one of 14 Millers wrestlers to place in the top four of their division and qualify for the New Castle semi-state.

Millers qualify all 14 for semi-state

The REPORTER

How could the Noblesville wrestling team top its sectional performance after qualifying all 14 of its wrestlers to the regional?

It's simple. Qualify all 14 wrestlers to the semi-state.

The Millers did just that at the Saturday, Feb. 7 Pendleton Heights regional. Noblesville had all 14 of its wrestlers finish in the top four of their weight class, thus sending them all to the Saturday, Feb. 14 New Castle semi-state. (Semi-state results were too late for press time and will appear in *The Reporter's* Tuesday, Feb. 17 edition.)

The Millers battled with Cathedral all day for the team championship. The Irish pulled away during the final matches, scoring 237.5



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points, with Noblesville scoring 215.5 points to take second. No other team at the regional was within shouting distance.

Cathedral had seven individual champions, but the Millers held their own, getting three individual winners. Freshman Brody Weimer was the first, sailing through the 126-pound division. He won his first match by fall, then took the next two by technical falls, beating Cathedral's Jackson Lavin in the final.

Sophomore Zach Nekolite was the 132-pound champion. He won his first match by tech fall, got a first-period pin in the semifinals, then beat the Irish's Gino Duncan by a 6-0 decision in the title match.

Junior Aidan Kincaide rolled through the final matches, scoring 237.5

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Boys Basketball

Sheridan clinches perfect HHC season, Royals score comeback win over Hounds



Photo by Dwight Casler

(ABOVE) The Sheridan boys basketball team clinched an undefeated Hoosier Heartland Conference championship on Friday, Feb. 13. The Blackhawks came from behind to beat Carroll 58-57, making a 24-13 run in the fourth quarter. The conference championship is the first one for Sheridan since the 2011-12 season. (RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Luke Weimer (33) drives the ball while being guarded by Carmel's Aiden Dickerson. The Royals came back to beat the Greyhounds 67-61 in overtime on Friday, Feb. 13.



Photo by Joshua Herd

Three county teams tie for second at North Montgomery

The REPORTER

Who was the most successful Hamilton County wrestling team at the Saturday, Feb. 7 North Montgomery regional? Take your pick.

Three local teams were involved in a three-way tie for second place at the regional. Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield all scored 108.5 points. The three teams were chasing Zionsville, who won the regional championship with 135 points.

All three schools had seven wrestlers finish in the top four of their weight classes, which qualifies them for the Saturday, Feb. 14 semi-state at New Castle. (Results from semi-state will appear in *The Reporter's* Tuesday, Feb.

17 edition.)

The Tigers get bragging rights with the most county champions at the regional. Seth Lamb started things off for Fishers with a victory at 120 pounds. Lamb won his first match with a technical fall, got a major decision in the semifinal, then beat Westfield's Aiden Driscoll in the championship with a 17-1 technical fall.

Camden Funk opened his 190-pound campaign with a tech fall, then won a 17-12 decision over Western Boone's Jacob Smith. Funk won the title with a 20-2 technical fall against the Shamrocks' Jon Stryker.



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Julian Burgett was next in line as the 215-pound champion. Burgett also won his first match by tech fall, picked up a major decision in the semis, then beat Carmel's Will Massey by a 15-2 major decision.

The Royals picked up two champions at the regional. Parker Culp won at 138 pounds. He started

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Photo by Cael Maddox

(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's Connor Maddox won the 106-pound title, beating Hamilton Southeastern's Nolan Culp in the championship match at the North Montgomery wrestling regional on Saturday, Feb. 7. Maddox took all three of his regional matches by pin. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Parker Culp won the 138-pound championship.

Hamilton County High School Friday Night Basketball Scores

BOYS

- Brownsville 51, Noblesville 38
- Fishers 50, Center Grove 44
- Hamilton Southeastern 67, Carmel 61, OT
- Sheridan 58, Carroll 57
- University 77, Shortridge 61
- Westfield 67, Harrison 26

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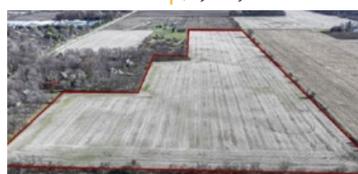
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Boys Basketball

HSE topples Indy Metro, wins third straight

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

The Class 4A Hamilton Southeastern Royals were hot from the start and never cooled off Tuesday, Feb. 10 to defeat Class A Indianapolis Metropolitan, 94-66.

HSE improved to 10-9 overall behind a quartet of double-digit scorers led by senior Landon Osswald's team-high 19 points.

The Royals opened their home contest with a 27-10 lead after the first quarter and surged ahead 43-29 by halftime. HSE shot 61 percent from the floor (44-for-72) and tallied 32 points off turnovers to build a 28-point advantage in a game they controlled wire-to-wire.

The victory extended HSE's winning streak to three straight and involved 12 different players providing at least two points apiece.

Sophomore Varschon Clark had 18 points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals. Osswald added two rebounds, four assists and two blocks.

Senior Jack Jacobs supplied 10 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals. Senior Luke Weemer finished with 10 points, four rebounds, two assists, two steals and three blocks. Senior Maverick Young chipped in eight

points, two rebounds, four assists and three steals.

The HSE bench poured in 29 points with both senior Kian Kelly and junior Alex Weber pacing the group with six points each.

Another big win

For the second time in two days, the Royals scored more than 80 points.

For the second straight game, the Class 4A Royals won big. This time at Muncie Central, 85-51, on Wednesday, Feb. 11 to win their fourth consecutive.

Weemer led the Royals inside Muncie Central Fieldhouse with a game-high 18 points and seven rebounds.

He was joined by Osswald with 16 points and Clark with 10 to give HSE three players in double figures.

HSE led 19-14 after the first quarter before building a 53-26 advantage by halftime behind a 34-point second frame.

The Royals tallied 23 points off turnovers and shot 61 percent from the floor, including 7 of 14 from 3-point range.

Weemer went 6-for-10 from the field and 5-for-5 from the free-throw line, while Osswald was 5-for-6 and a flawless 6-for-6 from the foul line.

Young had nine points on 3-for-5 shooting from deep.

Grissom's 37-point night leads GC past New Pal

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's boys picked up their seventh consecutive victory on Tuesday, Feb. 10, beating New Palestine 72-61 at The Nest.

The Golden Eagles led 20-12 after one quarter, then extended that margin to 25-12 early in the second period for their largest lead of the night. The Dragons came back by halftime, cutting Guerin Catholic's lead to 31-26 by halftime.

The Golden Eagles held on to a 45-44 advantage af-

ter three periods, but turned it on in the fourth, pouring in 27 points to get the victory.

Jake Grissom had an outstanding night, scoring 37 points. Grissom and Alex Wall both collected six rebounds, with Andrew Reithman pulling five rebounds. Hayden Rogers added 12 points and dished out four assists.

Guerin Catholic improved to 15-5 with the win and plays Monday at Shortridge.

TIE

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with a first-match pin, then took his next two matches by decision, edging out North Vermillion's Aden Rangel 5-4 in the final.

Cohen Davis triumphed at 165 pounds. He won his first two matches by fall, then got past Crawfordsville's Aiden Hutchinson with a 4-1 sudden victory after the match was tied after the regulation six minutes.

Westfield's Connor Maddox was the Shamrocks' lone winner. The 106-pound sophomore ran through his matches, winning all by first-period pins. Maddox spent a total of 2 minutes, 19 seconds on the mat to win the regional title, pinning HSE's Nolan Culp in the title match.

Carmel finished fifth as a team with 77 points and also qualified seven wrestlers for the New Castle semi-state. Tyler Elliott (144) and Massey (215) had the best finishes for the Greyhounds, as they

were both runners-up in their respective divisions.

County results & semi-state qualifiers

- 106: 1. Connor Maddox (Westfield), 2. Nolan Culp (Hamilton Southeastern), 113: 2. Brayden Head (W), 4. Will Lakes (HSE), 120: 1. Seth Lamb (Fishers), 2. Aiden Driscoll (W), 3. Carlo Federici (Carmel), 126: 4. Cale Beattie (HSE), 132: 3. Will Hruskoci (F), 4. Trevor Humburg (W), 138: 1. Parker Culp (HSE), 3. Alic Washburn (W), 144: 2. Tyler Elliott (C), 4. Max Inman (HSE), 150: 2. Graydon Staley (W), 3. James Schwartz (F), 4. Jaxen Timmons (C), 157: 3. Dylan Lane (HSE), 4. Ezekiel Kramer (F), 165: 1. Cohen Davis (HSE), 3. Austin Yunker (C), 175: 4. Eli Isen (C), 190: 1. Camden Funk (F), 2. Jon Stryker (W), 4. Gavin Adkins (C), 215: 1. Julian Burgett (F), 2. Will Massey (C), 285: 2. A.W. VanKirk (HSE), 3. Ryan Dungee (F).

Gymnastics



Photos provided

(LEFT) The Noblesville gymnastics team placed second at the Rushville Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 7. The Millers scored 102.70 points. (CENTER) Valorey Bittles placed fourth on the balance beam with Noblesville's highest score of the meet (9.075), in addition to winning the vault. (RIGHT) Emmerson Leckrone finished 10th on the vault.

Millers take second at Rushville

The REPORTER

The Noblesville gymnastics team had a strong showing at the Rushville Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Millers placed second out of six teams, finishing with a score of 102.70. Noblesville also had two individual event champions.

Valorey Bittles won the

vault, scoring 9.05. Hailey Nobbe was first in the uneven bars, earning a score of 8.55. Bittles had Noblesville's highest score of the meet in the balance beam, scoring 9.075 to place fourth in that event.

Here are the Millers' scores and places from the tournament.

All-around: 2. Hailey Nobbe 35.075, 3. Valorey Bittles 34.975, 9. Emmerson Leckrone 32.65, Vera Deichman 31.775, Lilly Martin 24.35.

Vault: 1. Bittles 9.05, 7. Nobbe 8.70, 10. Leckrone 8.625, Deichman 8.225, Sterling Southard 8.15, Martin 7.50.

Uneven bars: 1. Nobbe 8.55, 3. Bittles 8.125, 10. Leck-

rone 7.35, Deichman 7.35, Martin 3.85.

Balance beam: 4. Bittles 9.075, Nobbe 9.00, 10. Leckrone 8.025, Deichman 7.925, Southard 7.20, Martin 6.525.

Floor exercise: 3. Nobbe 8.825, 5. Bittles 8.725, 10. Leckrone 8.65, Deichman 8.275, Southard 7.025, Martin 6.475.

Boys Basketball

Rocks beat Huskies for all-county win

By RICHIE HALL
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WESTFIELD – A fast start helped the Westfield boys basketball team to a solid victory over a county opponent on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

The Shamrocks beat Hamilton Heights 62-48 in a home game at CSI Gymnasium. Westfield ran out to an 11-0 lead to start the contest and weathered a Huskies comeback in the second half with a series of fourth-quarter scoring runs.

"We couldn't really pull away, and credit Hamilton Heights," said Rocks coach Shane Sumpter. "Those kids play hard, do a lot of good things."

Sumpter said several players contributed to Westfield's win, and that was evident from the start. The Shamrocks' strong start led to a 17-6 lead after one quarter, with Drew Haffner and Luke Vandegriff each scoring six points.

Vandegriff, the 6-10 junior, kept up the intensity in the second quarter, pouring in eight more points to help the Shamrocks lead 32-21 at halftime. Vandegriff made a pair of dunks during the first half.

"We thought we could take advantage inside and play with Luke a lot," said Sumpter. "He certainly had



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's Luke Vandegriff scored 16 points for the Shamrocks during their Tuesday, Feb. 10 win over Hamilton Heights. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Heights' Will DeStefano (right) takes the ball inside while being guarded by Westfield's Brock Detamore.

a great game." The Huskies cut into Westfield's lead during the third quarter, getting within 35-29. Rees Knapp helped out with seven points in the period.

But Westfield went on a quick 7-0 run to go ahead 42-29. Logan Sumpter hit his third 3-pointer of the game to start the run; he had already made a triple in both the first and second quarters.

Vandegriff finished the period with another dunk, giving the Shamrocks a 44-33 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Heights' Hayden Spicer began the fourth with two free throws, but another 7-0 spurt pushed the Rocks ahead 51-35 and their lead never dipped be-

low double digits again. Haffner scored six points of that run, with Bryce Bigsbee making a free throw for the seventh point. Haffner later scored a rebound basket to give Westfield a 54-38 lead; he finished the game with 25 points, scoring in each quarter.

Vandegriff totaled 16 points, while Logan Sumpter scored 11.

"Obviously Drew is our guy, but we got a lot of guys that we feel can score," said Shane Sumpter. "Balance is key."

Shane Sumpter noted that the Huskies used a triangle-two defense and were "chasing Brock [Detamore] and Drew. So, that just tells you what everybody thinks

about those guys and what you're trying to do there. We were able to jump out to a lead and Drew was able to create his own shot tonight, especially early on."

Knapp led the Huskies with 15 points, while Jack Kakasuleff scored 12 points. Heights saw a 10-game win streak come to an end with the loss, but coach Chad Ballenger was pleased with how his Class 3A Huskies competed against the 4A Shamrocks.

"I thought we did a good job," said Ballenger. "When we play big schools like Westfield and Noblesville, and the pace is different because of the competition level they play at, it sometimes takes us a while to adjust to that."

Diving

Carmel's Gibson triumphs at diving regional

The REPORTER

Carmel's Helena Gibson overcame tough competition to win the Homestead girls diving regional on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Gibson finished first at the event with a score of

451.75 points. She held off Noblesville's Eryn McMahon, who placed second with a score of 441.70 points.

The top eight divers at each of the four regionals across the state qualified for the IHSAA state finals. Car-

mel's Emily Linder joined Gibson and McMahon at state. She placed seventh with a score of 348.55 points.

Four other Hamilton County divers competed at the regional. Fishers' Francesca Robinson placed 10th

(314.90) and her Tigers teammate Paige Wilson was 12th (305.65).

Hamilton Heights' Mazie Morrison finished 17th (203.50) and the Huskies' Camille Powell placed 19th (178.55).

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165-pound field. He won all three of his matches by pin, spending a total of 2 minutes, 21 seconds on the mat. Kincaide beat Cathedral's James Grimme in the final.

Guerin Catholic finished in fifth place at the regional, scoring 40 points. The Golden Eagles were 4-for-4 at the meet: all four of their regional qualifiers advanced to the semi-state.

Rafe Liechty (106) and Jack Hubbard (190) had the best finishes for GC as they each placed third in their divisions.

Hamilton Heights took seventh place, totaling 37 points. The Huskies advanced three to semi-state, led by 150-pounder Simon Kuhn. He placed second at 150 pounds.



Photos by Mike Navarro

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Heights' Kolter Galloway finished third at 126 pounds. (ABOVE RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Rafe Liechty placed third at 106 pounds.

County results and semi-state qualifiers

- 106: 2. Henry Antrobus (Noblesville), 3. Rafe Liechty (Guerin Catholic), 113: 2. Eli Kincaide (N), 120: 4. Blake Weimer (N), 126: 1. Brody Weimer (N), 3. Kolter Galloway (Hamilton

Heights), 4. Gabe Liechty (GC).

132: 1. Zach Nekolite (N), 3. Kase Powell (HH), 4. Joseph Dunasky (GC), 138: 2. Justus Suddarth (N),

144: Isaac Suddarth (N), 150: 2. Simon Kuhn (HH),

3. Luke Chastain (N), 157: 4. Kyle Howard (N),

165: 1. Aidan Kincaide (N),

175: 2. Evan Nicholls (N), 190: 2. Yan Tioua (N), 3. Jack Hubbard (GC),

215: 2. Cale Metzler (N), 285: 4. Jackson Apple (N).

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Hamilton Southeastern junior Abby Orme helped the Royals to a defense of their Sectional 8 championship on Saturday, Feb. 7. Orme also serves as a ball girl for the Noblesville Boom in addition to playing for Southeastern.

Orme stepping up for Royals

By **RICHIE HALL**
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When Hamilton Southeastern's girls basketball team won Sectional 8 last year, Abby Orme was a sophomore and came off the bench.

This year, Orme is a junior and in the starting lineup. She is an integral part of a Royals team that defended its Sectional 8 title and played McCutcheon Saturday, Feb. 14 for the Frankfort regional championship.

"Last year, I was getting limited minutes and we had a stacked roster," said Orme. The 2025 HSE team featured Miss Basketball Maya Makalusky, along with then-juniors Kennedy Holman, Kayla Stidham and Antonette Green, all of whom are committed to play in college.

"This year, I think it feels even greater because we know we've had younger players step up," said Orme. Among those players are sophomores Piper Brinley and Eevey Tolliver, both of whom have helped out Southeastern during the course of the season.

Orme is averaging 5.0 points, 2.9 rebounds and 2.0 assists for the Royals. She's had three double-digit scoring games this season, the highest a 13-point effort in Southeastern's Dec. 29 win over Valparaiso.

Orme is quick to credit her teammates with her success.

"They always were lifting me up and they're always telling me to keep shooting," said Orme. "I struggled at the beginning of the year to keep shooting after a miss, but they always pick me back up."

In addition to her participation on the Royals' team,

Orme gets a chance to be a part of another basketball team: she is a ball girl with the Noblesville Boom.

"It's a cool experience," said Orme. "I get to watch basketball games every Sunday."

Orme said being a ball girl helps with her basketball IQ, since she gets to watch high-level basketball up close. Orme is also able to work her Boom duties around her Southeastern practice schedule.

"I normally don't work during the weeks because of practice, but I work on Saturdays and Sundays," said Orme. "Days when I practice until 5, I'll come in late if it's a 7 p.m. game."

Some of the HSE junior varsity players have been at Boom games, so they get to see Orme and her teammate Cameron Catlin in action.

"It's kind of embarrassing because I'm in my khakis and they're watching me get the water and stuff," said Orme. "They mess with me." But she enjoys the experience and working with her teammate Catlin — "it's fun," she said.

The Royals made it all the way to the final four last season, falling in the semi-state championship game to Warsaw. Orme believes the team is capable of another such run.

"We've known it since the beginning of the season that it's going to be a big change with losing a bunch of seniors, but it's nothing that we haven't set our minds to," said Orme. "And I think we've been working hard all season and we have players who, we all go 100 percent every game and I think that's what is going to help us beat other teams throughout the tournament."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team made it back-to-back Sectional 8 championships on Saturday, Feb. 7. The Royals beat host Carmel 50-34.

Royals' seniors, defense pave way for special sectional repeat

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

CARMEL — Kayla Stidham's first bucket flipped the scoreboard in the opening quarter, but the Hamilton Southeastern senior's second shot early in the second changed the mood.

Up early against Carmel, tied and then behind to start on Saturday, Feb. 7, HSE turned to its senior standouts and wasn't disappointed during the Sectional 8 championship inside the Eric Clark Activity Center.

Stidham's layup for her first points put HSE ahead 9-8, followed by senior Kennedy Holman's spinning layup to make it 11-8.

A 3-pointer by sophomore Piper Brinley increased the margin early in the second, then Stidham set her feet from 19-feet, 9-inches for a 3-pointer that sparked a 50-34 win and a sectional championship repeat.

Stidham's shot put the Royals in control, 17-10, and cemented her place in the 1,000-point club, which energized the crowd and emboldened her teammates towards the program's sixth sectional all-time and first repeat since 2006 and 2007.

"It's so cool. I'm so appreciative of my teammates. Just them getting me the ball in good spots. I couldn't have done it without them," Stidham said. "Doing it on a 3-pointer, the best. That's what I wanted."

The milestone was the first of many celebrations for the Royals, who cut down the nets wearing "Back to Back Champs" postgame t-shirts provided by the players' parents, while coach Brian Satterfield collected his fifth-career sectional title overall (three with the HSE boys).

"The thing about this sectional, if you come in and you have an off night, you're probably not going to advance," Satterfield said. "To be able to come away and win this sectional at any time, you always feel pretty proud because whether on the boys' side or the girls' side, you know you're running into quality competition."

Carmel (10-14) was a worthy opponent.

The Greyhounds gave the Royals fits initially, deadlocking the score, 5-5, and erasing an eight-point deficit, 22-20 to begin the second half.

However, Holman and Stidham showcased why their future plans include heading to Florida and Bowling Green, respectively.

Stidham finished with 15 points, six rebounds and a blocked shot while burying a trio of 3-pointers.

Holman had a game-high 22 points with six rebounds, five assists, a block and three steals, as the Indiana Miss Basketball candidate spearheaded a decisive 12-2 run in the third quarter.

"I think we both know when we need to get a bucket for the team. We can do that, and our team trusts us," Holman said. "It's funny because coach talks about it all the time. He thought that offense would be the thing, but defense kind of paved the way."

The HSE defense surrendered 10 points in the first quarter, but Carmel never surpassed more than nine points in any of the final three frames.

Holman kicked off HSE's second half run with three points and had two dishes for five more, as Stidham buried another 3-pointer.

Senior Antonette Green,

who assisted Stidham's 1,000th point, collected a pass from Holman and sank a 3-pointer to cap the Royals' wave.

"They step up in big moments. Kayla, with 1,000 points, is insane. Kennedy already reached that and her having over 20 tonight, they're both amazing players," Green said.

The Royals' championship mindset netted nearly 10 second half turnovers with consistent disruption.

"It's difficult to win this twice, but I think we put in the work, and this team is so deserving," Stidham said. "We lost a lot of people from last year, but I think we also gained a lot with the younger kids. They stepped up a lot."

Brinley had five points, junior Abigail Orme had three and Green added five along with three steals and two assists.

Holman tallied 14 of HSE's 28 points in the second half. Stidham provided seven.

Carmel senior Sydney Bonds had a team-high 11 points and 12 rebounds.

"HSE is so talented. Their leading scorers have such great ability, and they have great role players around them," Carmel coach Jessica Darmelio said. "But our kids don't let up. They play for each other. Wrapping up this first year, there's nothing more I could have asked for. I'm really excited where we left off."

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING Plan Commission City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Plan Commission on the **16th day of March, 2026**. This hearing, to discuss applications LEGP-00010-2026 and LEGP-00011-2026, will begin at **6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street**. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/CityofNoblesville. Applicant Drees Premier Homes, Inc. and property owner Crystal Creek, LLC request approval of a change of zoning of approximately 72 acres from Corporate Campus Planned Development, Innovation Mile District, and Flood Hazard District to R3 residential/Flood Hazard District and adoption of a preliminary development plan ordinance, including waivers, for the construction of 96 single-family dwellings to be known as Rollingwood Planned Development for property located in the **14300 to 14500 block of Prairie Baptist Road**.

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

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Plan Commission. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of staff report will be posted on the agenda on the city website, www.noblesville.in.gov at least 5 days prior to the hearing.

Noblesville Plan Commission
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R7504 2/16/26

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana will meet Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at their regular meeting place of One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Purpose of this meeting is for consideration of transfer of funds, 144 amendments, reduction of funds and to consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year. The Council will hold a public hearing for the additional appropriations. Any person having concerns or questions on said appropriations shall be heard at the public hearing.

1000 General Fund	1000 Personnel Services	499,473
	3000 Other Services & Charges	1,707,422
	4000 Capital Outlays	16,704,531
	6000 Interfund Transfer	250,980
1122 Community Corrections		
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Capital Development	3000 Other Services & Charges	16,800
1148 Drug Free Community	3000 Other Services & Charges	10,000
1152 Local Emergency Planning	3000 Other Services & Charges	22,785
1161 Health First Indiana	6000 Interfund Transfer	17,000,000
1186 Rainy Day Fund	3000 Other Services & Charges	83,852
1193 Sheriff Pension Fund	3000 Other Services & Charges	65,200
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1219 Parks & Recreation	3000 Other Services & Charges	900,000
1224 Reassessment	3000 Other Services & Charges	90,500
1234 Prosecutor Forfeiture Fund	4000 Capital Outlays	22,500
	2000 Office Supplies	43
1237 Opioid Restricted	3000 Other Services & Charges	104,810
	6000 Interfund Transfer	906,412
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4596 146th Ramps West TIF	6000 Interfund Transfer	26,389
4596 4618 HCRD LIT	6000 Interfund Transfer	1,546,720
4597 Thompson TIF	6000 Interfund Transfer	4,335,412
4598 96th Street/US 421 TIF	6000 Interfund Transfer	304,531
4807 Non Reverting Computer Maintenance	1000 Personnel Services	58,914
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	4000 Capital Outlays	82,000
	6000 Interfund Transfer	15,000
9000 State Grants	3000 Other Services & Charges	10,980
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— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
COUNTY COURT)
Case No. 29C01-2602-MI-001391
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Sunny Frischman
Name of Minor
Max Harris Frischman
By Next Friend
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Max Harris Frischman, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on February 2, 2026 to change the name of Sunny Frischman to Gefen Sunny Frischman.
The Petition is schedule for hearing in the Hamilton County Circuit Court on June 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: February 5, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R7464 2/16/26, 2/23/26, 3/2/26

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NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, Cause #
Notice is hereby given that Jamie Keenan was, on the 10th day of February, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara S. Kitterman, deceased, who died on the 15th day of January, 2026.
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 10th day of February, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court
Hamilton County, Indiana
R7490 2/16/26, 2/23/26

Guerin Catholic, Brebeuf Jesuit to join Hoosier Heritage Conference

Golden Eagles, Braves will become full members in 2027-28

The REPORTER

The Hoosier Heritage Conference is proud to announce the addition of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School and Guerin Catholic High School. Their full participation in the HHC begins in 2027-28, forming an eight-team conference with Greenfield-Central, Lebanon, Mt. Vernon, New Palestine, Pendleton Heights and Yorktown.

The addition of Brebeuf Jesuit and Guerin Catholic reinforces the HHC's commitment to fostering competitive and academic excellence, while emphasizing sportsmanship. Both schools already compete against multiple HHC teams in several sports.

Guerin Catholic and Brebeuf Jesuit were founding members of the Circle City Conference since it began in 2016.

In a statement, Guerin Catholic athletic director said: "We will remain in the CCC for the 26-27 school year with intention to join the HHC fully in 27-28.

While it was difficult to leave the CCC given our shared Catholic missions, we look forward to the tremendous opportunities that the HHC presents for our student-athletes and teams."

Brebeuf Jesuit and Guerin Catholic both have a history of athletic success and a commitment to academics. They also have a similar enrollment to existing HHC schools. Brebeuf Jesuit has won 22 IHSAA state championships across 10 different sports, most recently the 2024 boys tennis title. Guerin Catholic has eight IHSAA state titles in four sports, including this year's boys soccer state championship.

Founding members Greenfield-Central, Mt. Vernon, New Palestine and Pendleton Heights formed the HHC in 1993 with Hamilton Southeastern and Rushville. Southeastern left in 1997 to join the Olympic Conference, then became a founding member of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference in 2000.

Yorktown joined the Hoosier Heritage Conference as a full member in 1999. As one of the premier academic and athletic conferences in Indiana, the HHC is poised for continued success. The addition of Brebeuf Jesuit and Guerin Catholic add to an already-great league and expand the membership to eight schools.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to join the Hoosier Heritage Conference and for the many benefits this partnership will provide for our students, programs, and broader community. "We look forward to building strong relationships and working closely with fellow member schools in the years ahead," Guerin Catholic principal Christine Williams said.

"We are excited to enter a new chapter for Brebeuf Jesuit athletics by joining the Hoosier Heritage Conference. The conference's values around sportsmanship and the role of athletics in a well-rounded education are a great match for

Brebeuf, and our students will benefit from the new opportunities that the conference will provide. We are especially looking forward to developing relationships among our schools and learning from one another," Brebeuf Jesuit principal Greg VanSlambrook said.

With the addition of Brebeuf Jesuit, Guerin Catholic and Lebanon in 2027, the HHC's eight members will have a combined 58 IHSAA state championships in 13 different sports.

About the HHC

Since its founding in 1993, the Hoosier Heritage Conference has built a reputation for competitive excellence, strong academics, a commitment to developing the whole student, sportsmanship, integrity, and mutual respect. The HHC sponsors championships in 20 varsity sports (10 boys and 10 girls), as well as three academic competitions, and recognizes students and athletes who excel in the classroom and on the athletic fields.

COURT NOTICES

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)
R7361 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

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause 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,)
hereby 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: April 24, 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)
Cause 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

29D03-2602-EU-000055
Hamilton Superior Court 3
Bruce M. Bitner, #14775-29
CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE +
ANTRIM
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317)773-2190, FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton
County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Kimberly
J. Payne was, on February 4, 2026,
appointed Personal Representative of
the Estate of MICHAEL N. PAYNE,
deceased, who died November 18,
2025.
All persons who have claims against
this Estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this Notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on
February 4, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of
Hamilton County, Indiana
R7439 2/9/26, 2/16/26

29D02-2601-EU-000026
Jonathan L. Albright, Jr. (#28442-49)
Nickloy Albright Gordon & Siebe LLC
5540 Pebble Village Lane, Suite 300
Noblesville, Indiana 46062
Phone: (317) 773-3030
Fax: (317) 219-0545
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior
Court No. 2
In the Matter of the Estate of Donald
J. Clark, deceased.
Estate Docket No.29D02-2601-
EU-000026
Notice is hereby given that Michelle
Burns was on January 23, 2026,
appointed Personal Representative of
the Estate of DONALD J. CLARK,
deceased (May 31, 2024).
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the clerk of this court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, on January
23, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior
Court No. 2
R7424 2/9/26, 2/16/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT 1)
ESTATE DOCKET)
29D01-2601-EU-000032)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
OF NANCY AHRBECKER,)
DECEASED)
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE)
WILLIAM AHRBECKER)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
In the Superior Court 1, of Hamilton)
County, Indiana.)
In the matter of the unsupervised)
Estate of Nancy Ahrbecker, deceased.)
Notice is hereby given that William)
Ahrbecker was on the 23rd day of)
January, 2026, appointed as personal)
representative of the Estate of Nancy)
Ahrbecker, deceased, who died on)
the 21 day of December, 2026.)
All persons who have claims against)
this estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
clerk of this court within three (3))
months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice or 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 Jan., 2026.)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior)
Court 1)
William Ahrbecker)
11001 Latonia Lane, Carmel, IN)
46280, 317-938-2972)
R7416 2/9/26, 2/16/26

29D03-2601-EU-000045
Jonathan L. Albright, Jr. (#28442-49)
Nickloy Albright Gordon & Siebe LLC
5540 Pebble Village Lane, Suite 300
Noblesville, Indiana 46062
Phone: (317) 773-3030
Fax: (317) 219-0545
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior
Court No. 3
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary
Lou McDaniel, deceased.
Estate Docket No.29D03-2601-
EU-000045
Notice is hereby given that Danny
McDaniel was on 1/31/26, appointed
Personal Representative of the Estate
of Mary Lou McDaniel, deceased
(December 23, 2025).
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the clerk of this court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on
February 2, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior
Court No. 3
R7425 2/9/26, 2/16/26

29D03-2601-EU-000047
ATTORNEY:
Anne M. Curry
Mallor Grodner Plummer LLP
11595 N. Meridian Street #850
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 453-2000
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court,
Probate Division.
In the Matter of the Estate of
Thomas Anderson, deceased.
Cause Number 29D03-2601-
EU-000047
Notice is hereby given that Karlene
Drake was on February 2, 2026
appointed Personal Representative
of the Estate of Thomas Anderson,
deceased.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice or within
nine (9) months after the Decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or said
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on
February 2, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Probate Division
R7426 2/9/26, 2/16/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause 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 Laureiwood)
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

29D01-2601-EU-000044
GORDON D. BYERS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
298 South 10th Street, Suite 300
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR
COURT NO. 1
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF:
ROBERT STEPHEN STEWART, JR.,
DECEASED.
ESTATE DOCKET
29D01-2601-EU-000044
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
PAMELA WILHELM STEWART
was on the 4 day of February, 2026,
appointed Personal Representative
of the ESTATE OF ROBERT STEPHEN
STEWART, JR., deceased, and is
authorized to administer said estate
without court supervision.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 4
day of February, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R7441 2/9/26, 2/16/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT 3)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2601-EU-000041)
In the Matter of the Unsupervised)
Administration of the Estate of)
LISETTE M. ROBERT, Deceased.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
Notice is hereby given that Isabelle.)
Serinelli-Spolary was, on the 2nd day)
of February, 2026, appointed Personal)
Representative of the Estate of Lisette)
M. Robert, deceased, who died on the)
7th day of January, 2026.)
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 of 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)
2/2/26.)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 3)
Richard K. Milam,)
Attorney #10455-12)
310 N. Lebanon Street)
P.O. Box 601)
Lebanon, IN 46052)
Phone 765-482-2404)
R7442 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 appraisalment 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 appraisalment 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 appraisalment 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 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
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

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
BY: Noblesville Schools - Educational Services Center
Attn: Mr. David Hortemiller
18025 River Road
Noblesville, IN 46062
FOR: Noblesville Schools - 2026 Campus Paving Improvements
UNTIL: 1:00 P.M., EST local time, Monday, March 2, 2026.
RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received after the designated day and time listed
above will be returned unopened. Bids received by mail or other carrier must
be addressed to 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062, attention to Mr. David
Hortemiller. All responses must be received on or before the date and time
designated to be valid.
BID OPENING: All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:00 P.M.,
EST local time, Monday, March 2, 2026, at Noblesville Schools Administrative
Office, 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062. Deliver Bid in a sealed
envelope showing the project name and Bidder's name and address.
PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held
at 10:00 A.M., EST local time, Friday, February 20, 2026 at Noblesville Schools
Administrative Office, 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062. Attendance
at the Pre-Bid Meeting is strongly encouraged and may be part of determining if a
Bid is considered responsive.
CONTRACT TYPE:
The project(s) will be constructed under a Single Prime Contract with bids
received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material,
and services necessary to complete the projects in strict accordance with
the Construction Drawings and Project Manual. Prime bidders and their
subcontractors must be certified and in compliance with the Indiana General
Assembly's House Enrollment Act #1019.
RESPONSES:
Two copies of bid forms shall be submitted on forms provided in the project
manual and shall be executed in accordance with the current edition of the
Indiana Board of Accounts Form 96 - "Contractor's Bid for Public Works", with
a financial statement complying with Section III of Form 96, and a satisfactory
Bid Bond or certified check pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-4.5, payable to Noblesville
Schools. Bid Security shall be in the amount of not less than 5% of the total base
bid price. Should a successful Bidder withdraw their Bid, fail to provide the
required payment and performance bonds, or execute the contract, the Owner may
then declare the Bid security forfeited as liquidated damages.
Contract(s) will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder,
complying with the conditions of the Instructions to Bidders and Advertisements
for Public Bids. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids,
and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities
in bids received in its sole discretion. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the
"lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana's Public
Work Projects Act, Indiana Code 36-1-12. The bidder agrees to hold open its bid
for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening
BID DOCUMENTS:
Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Eastern
Engineering plan room at http://distribution.easternengineering.com per the
options and prices listed on the order page. All charges for bidding documents are
non-refundable.
Questions, or requests for equal status, pertaining to the Project shall be directed,
in writing, to the design professionals listed below:
Cameron Hull or Fred Prazeau
CONTEXT, LLC
5825 Lawton Loop East Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46216
317-485-6900
chull@context-design.com
fprazeau@context-design.com
BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW:
Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be
viewed at the following locations, as well as online plan rooms:
Administrative Center
Noblesville Schools
18025 River Road
Noblesville, IN 46062
PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT
BOND:
The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure
and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment Bond in the
amount equal to the contract price, and such bond shall comply with all laws of
the State of Indiana governing public contracts let by governmental units.
R7400 2/16/23, 2/23/26

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. 200000006007
(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 appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Plaintiff Attorney
ATTORNEY NO. 16163-49
Pamela A. Paige
PLUNKETT COONEY PC
300 N. Meridian, Suite 1250
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Direct: (317) 264-2730
Clay Creek
Township
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address
published herein.
NOTICE
WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOLDERS F COMM 2015-CCRE26
MORTGAGE TRUST COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO
COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
PURSUANT TO INDIANA LAW, YOU ARE TO VACATE THIS
PROPERTY BY THE DATE OF THE SALE SET OUT ABOVE UNLESS
THE SALE IS CANCELED.
R7411 2/2/26, 2/9/26, 2/16/26

HAMILTON COUNTY

Acorn Farm Master Plan
Request for Proposals and Qualifications:
The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department is seeking proposals and
qualifications for the development of a master plan for Acorn Farm. A bid packet
containing proposal information may be obtained at the Hamilton County Parks &
Recreation Department's Administration Office, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville,
IN, 46060-1305. A digital copy of the bid packet may also be requested over the
phone by calling the Administration Office at (317) 770-4400. Sealed proposals
will be received by the Department at the preceding address until 4:30 p.m. (Local
time) on Friday, March 6, 2026.
R7455 2/16/26, 2/23/26

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department 5-Year Master Plan
Request for Proposals and Qualifications:
The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department is seeking proposals and
qualifications for the development of a 5-year parks and recreation master plan
for the years 2027-2031. A bid packet containing proposal information may be
obtained at the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department's Administration
Office, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN, 46060-1305. A digital copy of the
bid packet may also be requested over the phone by calling the Administration
Office at (317) 770-4400. Sealed proposals will be received by the Department at
the preceding address until 4:30 p.m. (Local time) on Friday, March 6, 2026.
R7456 2/16/26, 2/23/26

WESTFIELD

Notice
Crown Castle is proposing to install a 33.75-foot pole telecommunications
structure at the following site: Grand Park Blvd, Westfield, Hamilton County,
IN 46074 and Lat. 40-2-35.16, Long. -86-8-46.1754. The structure will be in
the public right of way at the intersection between IN-32 and Grand Park Blvd.
Crown Castle invites comments from any interested parties on the impact of the
proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant
in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or
determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or
specific reason the proposed action may have a significant impact on the quality
of the human environment. Specific information regarding the project is available
by contacting Edward Reynolds, e.reynolds@trileaf.com, and 314-997-6111 during
normal business hours. Comments must be received at 1515 Des Peres Road,
Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131 for Comments within 30 days from the date of
this notice.
R7459 2/16/26

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department 5-Year Master Plan
Request for Proposals and Qualifications:
The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department is seeking proposals and
qualifications for the development of a 5-year parks and recreation master plan
for the years 2027-2031. A bid packet containing proposal information may be
obtained at the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department's Administration
Office, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN, 46060-1305. A digital copy of the
bid packet may also be requested over the phone by calling the Administration
Office at (317) 770-4400. Sealed proposals will be received by the Department at
the preceding address until 4:30 p.m. (Local time) on Friday, March 6, 2026.
R7456 2/16/26, 2/23/26

SHERIDAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE
SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA
Notice is hereby given that at a meeting held on February 3, 2026, the Town
Council of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana (the "Town") adopted an Ordinance No.
2026-01, amending the schedule of fees for certain Town services, including, but
not limited to building inspection and permitting fees. A copy of the Ordinance is
on file at the Town Clerk-Treasurer's office.
Elizabeth A. Walden, IAMC, CMC, CMO
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Sheridan, Indiana
R7452 2/16/26

COURT NOTICES

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
DLC#:D284-48
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2510-MF-012025
FREDDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,)
) Plaintiff,)
) vs.)
ANTHONY RAINWATER AND)
OCCUPANT(S) OF 409 E HAMILTON AVE, ARCADIA, IN 46030,)
) Defendants.)
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:
Lots Numbered 91, 92, 93, 94 and 95 and the West Half of Lot Numbered 90 in the Arcadia Land and Improvement Company's First Addition, an Addition to the Town of Arcadia, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record 59, page 47 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
And Commonly known as: 409 E Hamilton Ave, Arcadia, IN 46030
This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me:
Occupant(s) of 409 E Hamilton Ave, Arcadia, IN 46030
This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:
Anthony Rainwater
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 25th 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.
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
By KARA BRODOWSKI
ATTEST:
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court 1

Tina M. Caylor (30994-49)
Alan W. McEwan (24051-49)
Nathan A. Devan (35006-82)
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R7447 2/9/26, 2/16/26, 2/23/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2507-MI-8095
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Kristi Kay Southard
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Kristi Kay Southard, whose mailing address is: 111 West Main Street Apt 2N Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Kristi Kay Southard has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Kristi Kay Saarela.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Kristi Kay Southard
Petitioner
Date: December 10, 2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7422 2/9/26, 2/16/26, 2/23/26

29D03-2512-DC-013934
Hamilton Superior Court 3
SUMMONS
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF)
HEIJAR MUBARAK, Petitioner,)
and)
FRANK DEEB,)
Respondent.)
SUMMONS
TO RESPONDENT: Frank Deeb
You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the Petitioner for Dissolution of Marriage in the Court indicated above.
If this summons is accompanied by an Order to Appear, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated in the Order to Appear. If you do not appear, evidence may be heard in your absence and a determination made by the Court. If a Temporary Restraining Order is attached, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
You may hire an attorney to represent you in this matter. If you are going to represent yourself, you must inform the Court by written notice that must include your name, address and telephone number.
If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage or make a determination regarding any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, visitation, property division (real or personal) and any other distribution of assets and debts.
Dated: 12/16/2025
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R7443 2/9/26, 2/16/26, 2/23/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2601-MI-00018
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Amy Bishay
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Amy Bishay, whose mailing address is: 15859 Black Willow Ln, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Amy Bishay has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Elham Henny.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: May 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Amy Bishay
Petitioner
Date: January 22, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7444 2/9/26, 2/16/26, 2/23/26

29D01-2511-EU-000495
S. MATTHEW COOK
Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Mark A. Clark was on the 12th day of November, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marilyn S. Clark, deceased.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 12th day of November, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
S. Matthew Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
R7457 2/16/26, 2/23/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2601-MI-001228
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Boyce Andrew Johnson
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Boyce Andrew Johnson, whose mailing address is: 17436 Fleming St Apt 307 Noblesville, Indiana 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Boyce Andrew Johnson has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Boyce Andrew Brannon.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: June 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Boyce Andrew Johnson
Petitioner
Date: January 30, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7446 2/9/26, 2/16/26, 2/23/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2602-MI-001525
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Antoinette Gayle Jerney
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Antoinette Gayle Jerney, whose mailing address is: 19585 Boulder Brook Lane Westfield, Indiana 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Antoinette Gayle Jerney has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Antoinette Gayle Jerney.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: June 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Antoinette Gayle Jerney
Petitioner
Date: February 5, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7448 2/9/26, 2/16/26, 2/23/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2602-MI-001525
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Antoinette Gayle Jerney
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Antoinette Gayle Jerney, whose mailing address is: 19585 Boulder Brook Lane Westfield, Indiana 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Antoinette Gayle Jerney has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Antoinette Gayle Jerney.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: June 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Antoinette Gayle Jerney
Petitioner
Date: February 5, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7448 2/9/26, 2/16/26, 2/23/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2601-MI-001241
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Lindsay Brooke Bevilaqua
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Lindsay Brooke Bevilaqua, whose mailing address is: 70 Hawthorne Court Carmel, Indiana 46033, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Lindsay Brooke Bevilaqua has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Lindsay Brooke Elliott.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: May 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Lindsay Brooke Bevilaqua
Petitioner
Date: January 30, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7449 2/9/26, 2/16/26, 2/23/26

29D02-2602-EU-000052
Hamilton Superior Court 2
Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
One Indiana Square, Suite 1800
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court
In the Matter of the Estate of Gregory Todd Loewen, Deceased.
Estate Docket 29D02-2602-EU-000052
Notice is hereby given that Alexandra Jeanna Rose Acs-Loewen was on February 9, 2026, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Gregory Todd Loewen, deceased, who died on the 19th day of July, 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 February 9, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R7458 2/16/26, 2/23/26

29D03-2602-EU-000056
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 3)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
PAUL J. LUND, DECEASED)
George G. Slater, Attorney
SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC
600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128
Carmel, IN 46032
317-571-9600
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Marina K. Papineau was on February 4, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Paul J. Lund, deceased, who died on January 16, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on February 4, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk Hamilton Superior Court 3
R7451 2/9/26, 2/16/26

FISHERS

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF THE HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE SERIES OF PROPOSED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR ENTER INTO A PROPOSED LEASE OR LEASES OR AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENTS TO ONE OR MORE EXISTING LEASES OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE SCHOOL CORPORATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED 2026-2027 DISTRICT-WIDE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
Owners of real property, and registered voters residing, in the Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), hereby are given notice that the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board") preliminarily has determined, at its meeting held February 11, 2026, that (1) a need exists for (a) certain renovation, expansion, upgrade, improvement, site improvement and equipping projects, including, but not limited to, roofing restoration, repair and/or replacement, security upgrades, lighting upgrades, asphalt and concrete restoration, repair and/or replacement, and interior and exterior repairs, updates and/or restoration, at one or more of the existing buildings operated by the School Corporation, including, but not limited to, all or any of the existing Hamilton Southeastern High School, Fishers High School, Fall Creek Junior High School, Fishers Junior High School, Riverside Junior High School, Riverside Intermediate School, Sand Creek Intermediate School, Harrison Parkway Elementary School, New Britton Elementary School, Hoosier Road Elementary School, and Brooks School Elementary, Central Office, all or any of the other support buildings, all or any of the existing elementary schools, including, but not limited to, the existing Durbin Educational Center and all or any of the outdoor improvements or structures related to any of the foregoing buildings, all of which are used by the School Corporation in connection with its operations, (b) the acquisition and/or installation of certain equipment, including, but not limited to, solar arrays, playground equipment, musical instruments, curricular materials, laptops and tablets, furniture, food service equipment and other technology equipment, including, but not limited to, software, all of which will be used by the School Corporation in connection with its operations, (c) the acquisition of approximately 15 buses and one or more other vehicles over the next three years, all of which will be used by the School Corporation in connection with its operations, and (d) all of the projects related to all or any portion of any of the projects set forth in clauses (a) through and including (c) (collectively, the "2026-2027 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project"); and (2) to the extent permitted by law, to take all of the necessary steps to finance all or a portion of the costs of all, or as much as is possible based on the facts and circumstances at the time, of the 2026-2027 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project by issuing one or more series of proposed general obligation bonds (the "General Obligation Bonds") and/or entering into a proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to one or more existing leases between one or more local nonprofit school building corporations, as lessor (collectively, the "Building Corporation"), and the School Corporation, as lessee, relating to all or any portion of the school facilities operated by the School Corporation. The Building Corporation, as lessor, will issue one or more series of first mortgage bonds secured by and payable from the lease payments under the proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to one or more existing leases (the "First Mortgage Bonds"). The total maximum original aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation Bonds and the First Mortgage Bonds (collectively, the "Bonds") will be Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000), or such greater amount in the case of the issuance of any bonds all or a portion of which will be used to refund all or any portion of the First Mortgage Bonds.
The maximum term for each series of the Bonds will not exceed ten (10) years and the proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to one or more existing leases with respect to each facility subject to the proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to one or more existing leases at the time of the issuance of each series of the First Mortgage Bonds will have a maximum term not to exceed ten (10) years, beginning on the date each such lease or amendment to lease is recorded by the School Corporation in connection with the 2026-2027 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project. Based on an estimated maximum average interest rate that will be paid in connection with the Bonds of seven percent (7.00%) per annum, the total interest cost associated therewith, including any capitalized interest that may be paid by the School Corporation or the Building Corporation on all or a portion of the Bonds, is \$18,190,900 (which amount is net of any funds received by the School Corporation or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs). The maximum annual principal and interest to be paid on the Bonds plus the maximum annual lease rental to be paid by the School Corporation under the proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to one or more existing leases is \$43,536,050 (which amount is net of any funds received by the School Corporation or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), and the maximum total principal and interest to be paid on the Bonds plus the maximum total lease rental over the term of the lease or leases or amendment or amendments to one or more existing leases is \$58,190,900 (which amount is net of any funds received by the School Corporation or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), not taking into account any funds of the School Corporation or the Building Corporation available for capitalized interest. The School Corporation's certified total aggregate exempt and non-exempt debt service fund tax levy for 2025 pay 2026 (which is the most recent certified tax levy) is \$71,243,710, and the School Corporation's aggregate exempt and non-exempt debt service fund tax rate for 2025 pay 2026 (which is the most recent certified tax rate) is \$0.5885 per \$100 of assessed value. The estimated total maximum aggregate exempt and non-exempt debt service fund tax levy for the School Corporation and the estimated total maximum aggregate exempt and non-exempt debt service fund tax rate for the School Corporation after the issuance of the Bonds are anticipated to occur no earlier than 2026 pay 2027 and will be \$71,243,710 and \$0.5885 per \$100 of assessed value (based on the assumption that there is no change in the net assessed value of the School Corporation from the 2025 pay 2026 net assessed value), respectively, and are anticipated to continue at or below these levels through at least 2036 pay 2037, as a result of the payment of the debt service on the General Obligation Bonds and the lease rentals under the proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to one or more existing leases described herein and the amount of the debt service payments on other bonds and lease rental obligations paid by the School Corporation. The percent of the School Corporation's current annual debt service/lease payments and projected maximum annual debt service/lease payments after the issuance of the Bonds compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation is approximately one and six one-hundredths of one percent (1.06%). The percent of the School Corporation's outstanding long-term debt, together with the outstanding long-term debt of other taxing units that include any of the territory of the School Corporation, compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation is approximately five and forty-six one-hundredths of one percent (5.46%).
Petitions requesting the application of the local public question process to the Bonds and/or proposed lease rental payments and/or debt service payments related to the 2026-2027 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project may be filed with the Hamilton County Voter Registration Office within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this notice in the manner provided by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, as amended. If a sufficient petition requesting the application of the local public question process to the Bonds and/or the proposed lease rental payments and/or debt service payments related to the 2026-2027 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project has been filed as set forth in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, as amended, the Bonds and/or the proposed lease rental and/or debt service payments related to the 2026-2027 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project must be approved in an election on a local public question held under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.6, as amended, prior to the levy of any property taxes to pay such proposed lease rental payments and/or debt service payments. In the event that a sufficient petition requesting the application of the local public question process to the Bonds and/or the proposed lease rental payments and/or debt service payments related to the 2026-2027 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project has been filed as set forth in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, as amended, the Board has determined to reconvene as soon as possible after receiving notice of such petition to consider approval of the form of the public question to be recommended to the Hamilton County Auditor and the Hamilton County Election Board for consideration by the registered voters at the election conducted under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.6, as amended, and other related matters.
Dated: February 16, 2026.
HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Patrick Mapes, Superintendent
2/16/26

R7417

SHERIDAN

Sheridan Civil Town, Hamilton County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2025
Table with columns: Local Fund Number, Local Fund Name, Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2025, Receipts, Disbursements, End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2025. Rows include Governmental Activities, WASTEWATER, WATER, Storm Water, and Total All Funds.

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP

White River Township, Hamilton County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2025
Table with columns: Local Fund Number, Local Fund Name, Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2025, Receipts, Disbursements, End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2025. Rows include Governmental Activities, CERTIFICATION, and Total All Funds.

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CARMEL – The Carmel girls swim team took care of business at its own sectional on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Greyhounds won all 12 events while scoring 587 points to win its 42nd consecutive sectional title. Carmel also set itself up well to continue its state championship streak, sending 23 swimmers to the Friday, Feb. 13 state prelims at the IU Natatorium.

Ellie Clarke was a double winner, taking the individual medley and backstroke events. Molly Sweeney also got two victories, placing first in the butterfly and breaststroke.

Other individual winners were Haley Morris in the 200 freestyle, Story Hughes in the 50 free, Helena Gibson in diving, Sophia Floyd in the 100 free and Sabrina Ledwith in the 500 free. Carmel swept all three relays as well.

“Some really great performances, a lot of best times, high best-time percentage, and that’s really good,” said Hounds coach Chris Plumb. “But it doesn’t mean a whole lot if we don’t come back next Friday and be even better.”

Noblesville inched out Westfield for second place, with the Millers scoring 394 points and the Shamrocks 393. The Millers qualified six for the state prelims,

including two in the 200 free: Hayley Blackwell and Maya Preston.

Blackwell also reached a state cut in the 100 free, while Preston qualified by time in the 500 free. Noblesville also got its 200 and 400 free relays under the cut.

Millers coach Jess Preston said the day exceeded his expectations.

“I’m super excited,” said Preston. “I’m incredibly proud for the whole team. To get second place is incredible too. It was a complete team effort.”

Westfield had three swimmers earn callbacks to state: Evelyn Wheat in the butterfly, Delaney McCulloch in the 500 free and the 400 free relay.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Carmel girls swim team won its 42nd consecutive sectional on Saturday, Feb. 7, sweeping all 12 events and qualifying 23 for the state prelims.

Tigers claim sectional trophy, send 21 to state

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Fishers edged out host Hamilton Southeastern to win its eighth consecutive sectional championship on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Tigers scored 539 points to the Royals’ 504. Both teams also qualified many swimmers on to the state preliminaries, which took place Friday, Feb. 13

at the IU Natatorium.

Fishers won seven events. Emily Wolf swept the 200 and 500 freestyles, both well under state cut times. Other Tigers winners were Paige Wilson in diving, Audrey Wolf in the backstroke, Ashlyn Hayes in the 100 free, and the Fishers 200 and 400 free-style relays. The Tigers

qualified 21 for state.

Hamilton Southeastern claimed the other five events. The Royals began with a win in the medley relay, then Naomi Haines triumphed in the 50 free and backstroke. Kinsey Bogaards won the individual medley and Lauren Ing placed first in the breaststroke. Southeastern totaled 15 state qualifiers.

Hamilton Heights finished fourth as a team with 213 points. Ayla Madara was the Huskies’ top finisher, taking second in the 500 free with a state cut time and also made a state cut time in the 200 free. Amira Leer also qualified for state in the 500 free.



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The Fishers girls swim team won its eighth consecutive sectional title and qualified 21 for the state prelims.

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