




Kroger inspires Duke & The Reporter to give

Have a “blessing” day

The REPORTER

Someone once told Hamilton County Reporter Publisher Stu Clampitt you can tell what someone cares about by looking at their day planner and their bank statement. By that metric, Kroger, Duke Energy, and The Reporter all care about Prevail, Inc.

On Tuesday, March 10, representatives from Kroger, Duke, and The Reporter took the time to meet with Prevail Inc. Executive Director Tami Wanninger to present a \$3,000 donation in the form of both money and Kroger gift cards.

“It was all Eric Halvorson’s idea,” Clampitt said. “When The Reporter was looking for advertisers for our special edition to commemorate the Carmel Girls Swim Team’s 40th consecutive state championship, Eric asked if he could pay for Kroger’s ad with gift cards to be donated to a local nonprofit. Prevail was The Reporter’s first thought.”

After checking to make sure the special edition would



(From left) Eric Halvorson, Manager of Public Affairs for the Central Division of The Kroger Company; Tami Wanninger, Executive Director of Prevail, Inc.; and Mark LaBarr, Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager. Not pictured: Reporter Publisher Stu Clampitt, who held the camera to avoid appearing in his own newspaper.

not go into the red after a donation, Clampitt reached out to Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager

Mark LaBarr to ask if he’d like to do something similar. LaBarr agreed immediately.

The final piece of the puzzle

came after the special edition was delivered. After doing the

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“Don’t just do something. Stand there.”

It’s a quote from a sermon my husband heard many years ago. I believe it offers a clever twist on a well-known saying.

Do you often feel like you need to be doing something?

Do you ever feel like you’re burdened with extra guilt for not meeting your own expectations?

Do you often find yourself thinking, “I should be” or “I need to”?

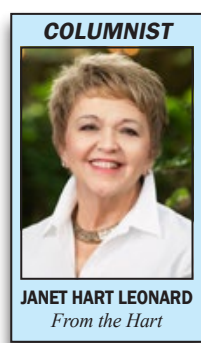
Do you ever feel guilty about relaxing and spending an afternoon reading a book or binge-watching a Netflix series?

Do you feel like you have to earn your rest? Rest isn’t a reward, it’s a necessity. Read that again.

There’s something about slowing down and realizing you’re not supposed to keep going nonstop all the time. Have you ever considered the fact that God rested on the seventh day?

By the seventh day, God had finished the work he was doing; so on that day, he rested from all his work of creation. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy because, on it, he rested from all the work of creation he had done. Genesis 2:2-3 NIV

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JANET HART LEONARD From the Hart

Student leadership takes center stage in Tipton H.S. Pep Band

Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.

The Tipton Pep Band has long been known for its energy, spirit, and unmistakable Blue Devil pride, but at the center of that sound is something even more powerful: student leadership that drives the entire program.

For decades, the Pep Band has grown into a space where students don’t just perform; they lead, mentor, and shape the experience for their peers.

Each year, a core group of student leaders step forward to guide rehearsals, model musicianship, and set the tone for what it means to represent Tipton in a positive way. They choose the music that helps the band stay relevant and connected to the community. The student leaders also work to try new ideas, like including a rock band into their normal pre-game routine.

Their influence, however, reaches far beyond the notes on the page.

The student leaders take responsibility for connecting and communicating with their peers outside of the band as well. They coordinate between the Blue Crew, Cheer Team, and Band

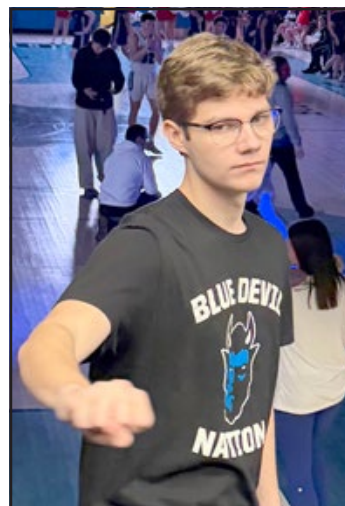


(LEFT) Cady Martin leads the band through the pregame warmup. (RIGHT) Cayden Osbon keeps communication flowing between the announcers, team, and band during lineups. (BELOW) Connor Clouser is “suited” and ready to lead the band.

to make the game experience even more fun. They also work with the adults who run the announcements and video boards to create a strong “home court” advantage for our Blue Devils.

“Their decisions and efforts are often in the background and done so well that most don’t realize how amazing it is that students are able to lead a band like this,” Tipton High School Band Director

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Photos provided



Photo provided (From left) Sarah Eberhardt, Monya Wolf, and Jo Bennett star in *The Drowning Girls*.

The Drowning Girls is the play everyone will be talking about

By STU CLAMPITT news@readthereporter.com

If you choose to see *The Drowning Girls* on stage March 19 to 29 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., it may be a live theatrical performance unlike anything you have ever seen before . . . or will again.

Three actors, Sarah Eberhardt, Monya Wolf, and Jo Nemmett, will portray nine characters each in a 75-minute show with no intermission and no costume changes. Director Molly Bellner told The Reporter the uncredited fourth actor in this play is water, on stage, in the bathtubs where victims of a serial killer drowned.

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Kaufman named Indiana Golden Owl Award finalist

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Chris Kaufman, Agri Science Teacher at Westfield High School (WHS), has been named a finalist for the FFA Indiana Golden Owl Award. He received the news during a class, presented by the students who nominated him, WHS administration, and representatives from the FFA and Nationwide.

Educators devote limitless time, and often their own resources, to helping students pursue their passions. To recognize the contributions of Indiana’s leading agricultural teachers, the Indiana FFA and Nationwide are honoring eight exceptional teachers as finalists for the Golden Owl Award.

From Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, nomina-

tions were collected for the state’s top agricultural teachers from local students, parents, fellow teachers, and community members across Indiana.

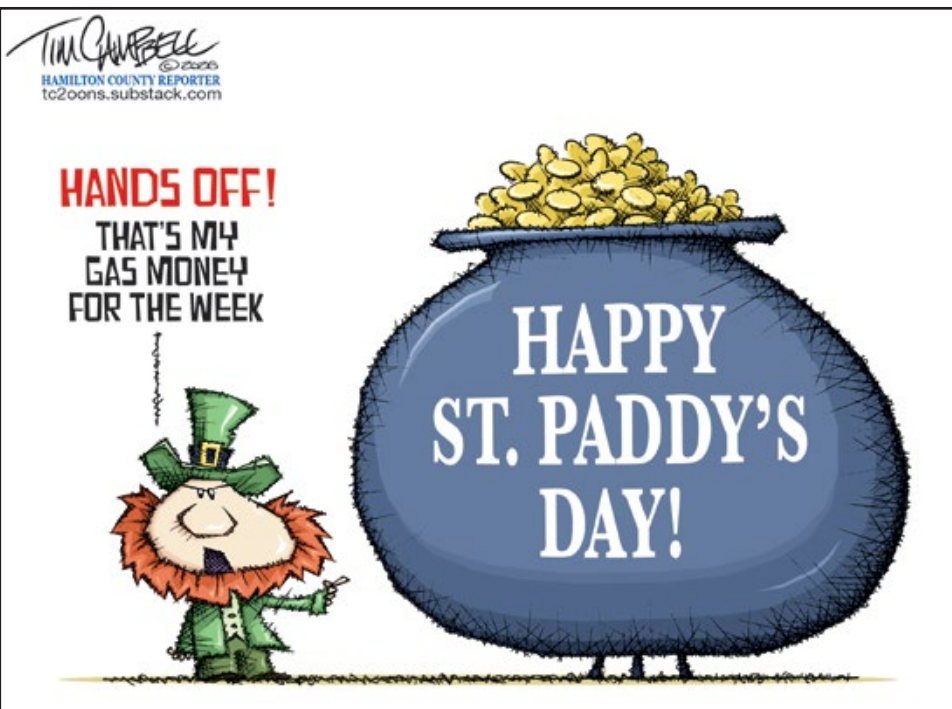
Each finalist was presented with an individualized plaque in front of fellow teachers and students and received a \$500 check to support future educational efforts. Next, they’ll be entered into a final selection stage for the chance to be crowned as Indiana Ag Educator of the Year, earning an additional \$3,000 Nationwide-funded check and the coveted Golden Owl Award trophy.

Nationwide established the Golden Owl Award to honor the contributions of teachers and support their programs with additional resources

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Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools Chris Kaufman, Westfield High School AgriScience Teacher, has been named a finalist for the FFA Indiana Golden Owl Award. He was nominated by his students and received a plaque and classroom donation from the FFA.



Get your Peonies in the Park tickets now

By **KELLY McVEY**
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

The Indiana Peony Festival is delighted to announce Church Church Hittle + Antrim as the presenting sponsor for our 2026 Peonies in the Park fundraising event.

CCHA Law, a comprehensive law firm with offices in Noblesville, Westfield, Fishers, Carmel, Zionsville, and more locations, is committed to families and has a strong history of community involvement in the areas where their attorneys reside, work, and serve.

Together with CCHA Law, we will host our festival weekend kick-off event, Peonies in the Park, under the stars at Seminary Park, amidst stunning floral displays. This year's event will feature floral backdrops, award-winning chef creations, a classic



Photo provided
The team at Church Church Hittle + Antrim is pleased to be this year's presenting sponsor of the Indiana Peony Festival.

cakewalk, fine spirits, and a chance for the community to celebrate Indiana's state flower, the peony.

We have partnered with James Beard nominee, Chef Samir Mohammad & wife Rachel Firestone Mohammad, from 9th Street Bistro, to present an evening of exquisite cuisine and handcrafted refreshments. Enjoy tastings from some of Indy's top chefs

while sipping beverages from a local brewery, distillery, or winery.

Join us the evening before the Festival on May 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. for our fifth annual VIPP celebration. Tickets for this year's event are now available! More details will follow, but be sure to secure your ticket now before they sell out.

Get yours now at tinyurl.com/PITP2026.

Heights names February Coffee Beans

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of February. They include Jackson Cantlon, James Lawton, Juan Ortiz, Averie Scott, Alivia Simpson, and Luke Sullivan.

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



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation
(From left) Averie Scott, Alivia Simpson, Jackson Cantlon, James Lawton, and Luke Sullivan. Not pictured: Juan Ortiz.

during the month are included in a drawing where the first five to seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more

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



Photo provided
David Heighway faithfully served as Hamilton County's Historian for 18 years. Thank you for your dedication, sir.

David Heighway honored with Indiana House District Declaration

The REPORTER

At the March board meeting of the Hamilton County Historical Society, State Representative Alaina Shonkwiler (R-29-Noblesville) presented David Heighway, Hamilton County Historian Emeritus, with an Indiana House District 29 Declaration.

A House District 29 Declaration is a local recognition presented to individuals who have served their community with distinction and made a meaningful impact on the lives of others.

This honor was given in recognition of Heighway's contribution of 18 years as Hamilton County Historian. The county historian program, administered by the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana Historical Bureau, is a volunteer position where the appointed person is nominated by the county's historical societies and public libraries.

Text of the Declaration

In recognition of the vital role of history in our community identity, and in honor of those who preserve and interpret history, the legislature affirms the importance of acknowledging individuals whose service deepens our sense of heritage.

Acts of recognition remind us of what we value as a community. In this declaration, we recognize the values of scholarship, storytelling, and civic engagement, and today, we proudly recognize Mr. David Heighway for 18 years of living those values as Hamilton County Historian.

Mr. Heighway's works are a seminal contribution to the preservation and interpretation of Hamilton County history. Through his book *Hidden History of Hamilton County, Indiana*, his historical essays, and public programs, he illuminated overlooked stories that otherwise would have been lost. His work spans local history including early settlement and treaties, transportation and canals, community celebrations, sports and recreation, notable individuals, economic life, and the everyday experience that shaped the county.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, David

Heighway was supported and inspired by the love of his brother Rob and his sister Anne. Their encouragement allowed him to devote countless hours to public service, and they share in his legacy.

Let it be affirmed that this declaration is not merely ceremonial, but a meaningful acknowledgment of public service. To honor David Heighway is to recognize the profound impact one historian can have in education, preserving memories, and setting alight local pride in Hamilton County.

Declared with gratitude on behalf of the people of this district, this recognition stands as a testament to our values and to the importance of preserving history through the service of individuals like David Heighway.

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Directed by Molly Bellner

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Get tickets for HOPE Bingo fundraiser

Submitted

HOPE Family Care Center, a free health care provider in Cicero, extends a sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone in the community who donated, volunteered, sponsored, or participated in an event to support HOPE in 2025.

HOPE's patient numbers and total provided services were up almost 50 percent last year. Since

services are provided at no charge, the organization relies on dedicated grants, fundraising events, and individual/corporate contributions to meet the financial demands of providing medical, dental, counseling, and women's health services to the uninsured and under-insured of central Indiana.

One of the fundraising events is HOPE's annual Bingo Night, which will be

held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 16 at the Tipton County Event Center, 1200 S. Main St., Tipton.

HOPE's 2026 Bingo Night will feature games, raffles, a Silent Auction, food, prizes – and even some surprise guests. The event will generate much-needed funds to con-



tinue HOPE's vital community mission.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to tinyurl.com/HOPEBingo2026 or call the clinic at (317) 984-3444.

Sheridan gets 'HELP' with skid steer purchase

Submitted by Office of Indiana Treasurer Daniel Elliott

Indiana Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott has announced that the Indiana Bond Bank assisted the Town of Sheridan with financing a skid steer loader through its Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase (HELP) Program.

The \$110,207.68 purchase of essential equipment was made possible through this program.

"The HELP Program is super simple with just a one-page form, helping cities and towns score great rates with flexible terms," Treasurer Elliott said. "Without it, many places might not afford the gear they need to keep things running smoothly."

The HELP program assists Indiana communities in obtaining essential equipment through a standardized and efficient lease-purchase process.

It provides standard-term leases with flexible repayment options at competitive rates. By effectively securing competitive bids from various financial institutions statewide, the program ensures the lowest financing costs, thereby saving taxpayer money.

Since its inception, the HELP program has financed over \$471 million in essential equipment for Indiana communities.

About the Bond Bank

The Indiana Bond Bank (IBB) was established as a self-supporting quasi-government entity by the State Legislature in 1984. A seven-member board oversees the Bond Bank, with the Treasurer serving as the chair of the board, the Public Finance Director of the Indiana Finance Authority is statutorily appointed, with the remaining five members being appointed by the Governor.

DROWNING GIRLS

"The Drowning Girls tells the true story of serial bigamist and killer George Joseph Smith, who made a living out of marrying women and subsequently drowning them in their baths," Bellner said. "In *The Drowning Girls*, three of the known victims of George Smith come and share with the audience their story. They get to make their case as to why they fell into the trap of George Smith, how they ended up the way that they did, and kind of retry the case."

While that sounds dark, Bellner said there are also moments of levity in this play. The show does, however, come with a content warning.

"There is discussion of domestic violence and depictions of violence," Bellner said. "That being said, my oldest two children who are 13 and 10 years old are coming to see it. The depictions of violence are very very minimal and there actually is quite a bit of levity sprinkled throughout the show. I know it sounds like a really dark show, and it certainly is at times, but there is quite a bit of levity."

Bellner told The Reporter she feels fortunate to have had a large turnout for auditions, allowing her

to find three actors who can slip into various roles and make each one a distinct character, sometimes over the course of just a few lines of dialogue.

"It definitely takes a special type of actor to be able to do this," Bellner said. "They each play nine different characters and, dialects aside and the character switching aside, it's also a very physically demanding show. It plays 75 minutes straight with no intermission. This is set in the early 1900s, and they are in period-appropriate wedding dresses. They are moving around the stage quickly. They are in and out of bathtubs with water, so it is a slippery stage. It's a very physically demanding show in addition to just demanding a lot of their talent as actors."

Bellner calls water her fourth actor in the play.

"It has such a vital role and it is such a stunning and different thing to see on stage," Bellner said. "I've never directed a show where we've used water before. That's been very challenging but also fun and an interesting element to put into a theatrical piece."

There are a few things that will show you when an actor is slipping into another role.

Get Your Tickets

When: March 19 to 29. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m.

Where: Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St.

Cost: \$17 for adults 18 and older, \$15 for seniors 62 and older and for students with ID, free for active military and veterans

Where to buy: Go to BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org or call (317) 402-3341 for tickets.

"They're very talented, capable, smart actors," Bellner said. "They're able to use their whole toolbox, as we say. They're not just able to memorize and recite lines but they're able to fully embody all of the characters that they take on in body, voice, and their energy. This is remarkable to have as a director. To have that type of capacity and capability in all three of my actors – it's just remarkable and makes my job all that more easy."

The voice portion of characterization is easier for Bellner than it might be for other directors.

"In addition to being an actor and director, I'm also a dialect coach," Bellner said. "They're all very capable when it comes to dialects. The dialects in this show are primarily various dialects from England. We have what's called RP, which is like a kind of standard British pronunciation. We have some Cockney. We also have some Irish and

then also what we call a General American, which is a general American dialect."

"I have said this already but it really is not a super dark depressing piece," Bellner said. "Yes, it's about a serial killer, but it's also the opportunity for these three women to state their case and come before us. It's beautiful the way that they form this sisterhood among them. They have this shared life and, sadly, death experience, but they get to retell their tale and they do it in a very fun way. We're left with – I don't want to say hope necessarily, but you're definitely left with a sense of understanding of them and their story. I think, through that, we can all find understanding and strength together as a community."

The Drowning Girls stages March 19 to 29 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St. Go to BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org or call (317) 402-3341 for tickets.

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BLESSING

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Imagine the God of the universe saying, "It's okay to rest and take a 'blessing' day."

I spent many years trying to keep up, do everything, and burn my candle at both ends. I finally ran out of wick. There were never enough hours in my day.

I was determined to prove I could handle everything life threw at me and accomplish what seemed impossible, all while keeping a smile on my face. I took pride in doing so.

What was I thinking? God rested before a shrub appeared, rain fell, or man was created. He took a break.

Nowhere in the Bible are you told to keep a house that is Martha Stewart perfect. I hope you realize that she has a large production team that keeps her house white-glove clean, gathers all the ingredients for her culinary masterpieces, and designs her over-the-top creations.

You are a one-person company.

You weren't meant to bring home the bacon, fry it up in a pan, serve it on fine china, wash the dishes by hand, and serve it all with a homemade German Chocolate Cake, while always looking perfectly put-together.

You know what? Taking a timeout helps your body and mind reset.

Reset: to return to the proper position. Avoid becoming overworked, overstressed, or overwhelmed.

In my book, *From the Hart*, I talk about my mother and how she would sit and rock on her front porch. She once told me that as you get older, you begin to appreciate the sounds you hear when you're sitting in silence. She said that the



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

quiet allows you to smell the scent of a rose or freshly mown grass in a way you can't when the world is noisy. Mom was right.

I'm really looking forward to warm weather, when you'll find me sitting on my porch, listening to

the kids playing at North Elementary, where I went to school, and enjoying a 'blessed' day. I'll be taking my own advice.

I might add a prayer: "Lead me not into exhaustion, where I fear the evil of needing to get it all done will take me."

It is in quietness and stillness that I find a refuge, a place to converse with God, where peace acts as a comfort blanket. In those moments of silence, my weary soul can breathe some sweet relief, and I can genuinely sing, "It is well with my soul." I have never felt that my soul is nourished in chaos.

How's your soul feeling? How's your barometer of peace? Are you feeling the need to have a 'blessed' day?

If I can do anything with the words I'm writing this week, I am giving you permission to rest and not feel slathered with guilt.

Blessings,
Janet

I also want to wish my mother a Happy Birthday in Heaven. On March 14, she would have celebrated her 100th birthday. I still hear her voice when I write. She taught me well.

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INSPIRE

math on very reasonable press fees, over-priced postage, and paying the people who put the special edition together, The Reporter chipped in almost every dollar left from that edition, bringing the total donation from all three companies up to \$3,000.

"Please don't think this is just Kroger, Duke, and The Reporter helping Prevail," Clampitt said. "The Reporter's part of this donation comes from everyone who advertised in that special edition. We could not have done this without Gaylor Electric CEO Chuck Goodrich, Merchants Bank, Carmel Fire Auxiliary, The Committee to Elect Chris Barrows, Friends of Mark Hall, Pasto Italiano, and the Nickel Plate Express."

Eric Halvorson, Manager of Public Affairs for the Central Division of The Kroger Company, said he wanted to find an easy way to make a difference.

"I just love the oppor-

tunity to help people and sometimes we have to be a little creative in how we finance it," Halvorson said. "This gave us the opportunity to offer some gift cards that we know can make a difference in the lives of the people served by Prevail. I thought this was an easy way for us to help put some food on the table and make a difference for the people who desperately need the services at Prevail every day of the year."

For Halvorson, it was about helping in the most efficient way possible.

"Food is the easiest way for Kroger to help make a difference," Halvorson said. "We can send checks sometimes, which we do for the food banks, but if we can give you a gift card, you can go out and get what you need when you need it. That seems to make perfect sense from our standpoint for the speed and efficiency they represent."

For Mark LaBarr, it is

about helping the whole community be stronger.

"Duke Energy thrives when our communities thrive," LaBarr said. "Anytime that we can help those among us who need it, that helps our community thrive."

Wanninger said the combination of gift cards and money was more helpful than just one or the other would have been alone.

"So many of our victims and survivors come to us for domestic violence and other issues, but they have other needs as well," Wanninger said. "They need food, they need hotel stays, they need those various things when they leave their situations. These gift cards help us to be able to serve our clients and really meet their holistic needs so they can be on their journey to healing." According to Wanninger, the money will go into Prevail's flex funding program. From that account, Prevail can purchase gas cards, more

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grocery cards, pay for hotel stays for clients who need emergency housing, and sometimes even car repairs.

"It's through all those various things that we can break those barriers for individuals to keep them out of those abusive situations," Wanninger said.

Prevail, Inc. helps people during moments in their lives when they need it most. Prevail supports survivors of all ages throughout their journey. The organization specializes in working with adults, teens, and children who have experienced trauma. All services are free of charge, confidential, and available in English and Spanish.

If you'd like to demonstrate your priorities with your own day planner and checkbook, take a few minutes out of your day to go online to prevailinc.org/donate, then give either a one-time or a recurring donation to help provide healing and hope to survivors.

PEP

Lisa Wallyn said. "Months before the season starts, the leaders are planning what music to play. They take the lead in connecting the groups that are present for basketball games."

Senior Cayden Osbon has been the drum major of the marching band and student conductor for two years. The cheer coaches have commended him for doing an excellent job communicating with the cheer team to make sure the band and cheerleaders work together. The cheerleaders now request songs through the student leaders for their dances. They've also created cheers and lifts that coordinate with the band's songs. This level of cooperation is excep-

tional in high schools and is rarely seen even at a collegiate level.

"I love being able to show support for the basketball team through the pep band," Osbon said. "It has been one of my favorite things to do throughout high school, and being able to get a group like ours together to play during the basketball season means a lot to me."

Senior conductor Cady Martin said, "Being a student leader in the band has been my dream since freshman year. As a freshman I always wanted to be the upperclassman that underclassmen looked up to, and I wanted to conduct as well! Conducting and being a student leader has brought me out of my comfort zone and

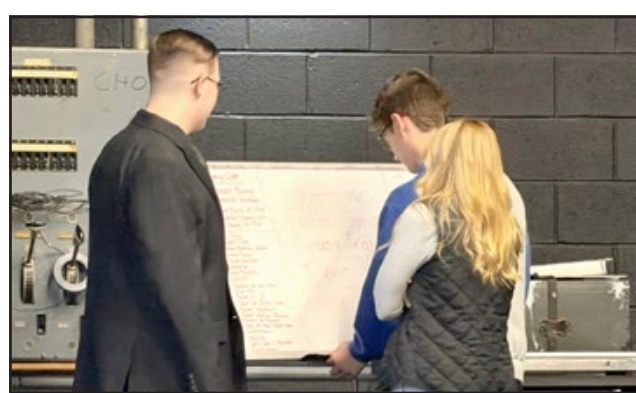


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Tipton Pep Band student leaders collaborate on the game-night set list.

helped me grow!"

The Pep Band is one of Tipton's most visible student groups, energizing crowds and bringing the school community together towards the common goal of school spirit. The leadership of Martin, Osbon,

and junior Connor Clouser within the band ensures that every performance is more than music – it's a celebration of teamwork, pride in our school, and a defining spirit that reflects the excellence of Tipton's music programs.

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to assist their continued educational efforts. This year, the award program honors outstanding ag educators in 15 states: California, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Utah.

"As the need grows for more ag educators across the nation, we are proud to thank and honor these hard-

working agricultural teachers for their dedication," said Brad Liggett, president of Agribusiness at Nationwide. "These educators play a crucial role in preparing students for successful careers in the industry."

In conjunction with the Golden Owl Award, Nationwide is also donating \$5,000 to further support the personal and professional growth of students, teachers, and advisors alike.

WHS Service Over Self Club & Westfield Lions teaming up to feed you pancakes

All proceeds will go to Miracle League of Westfield

Submitted by **JEFF LARRISON**
Westfield Lions Club

On Saturday, March 28, the Westfield High School (WHS) Service Over Self (SOS) Club, along with support from the Westfield Lions Club and the Westfield Lions Foundation, will hold their second annual pancake breakfast.

This year's fundraiser will be at the WHS cafeteria and will raise money for the Miracle League of Westfield. The breakfast will run from 8 to 10 a.m. and will feature pancakes, sausage, donuts, milk, juice, and coffee. The cost of the breakfast is \$8 for adults, children under 12 years old \$5, and children 2 years and under are free. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

Also, businesses and individuals interested in being "placemat sponsors" can help support this event. Anyone who would like to be a sponsor can contact Westfield Lions Club for more information. You can email them at info@westfieldlions.org, or call them at (317) 416-8330. The cost for a sponsorship is \$50.

All donations for the breakfast will be accepted by Westfield Lions Foundation Inc., which is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charitable

organization. Checks can be made out to the Westfield Lions Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 545, Westfield, IN 46074. Please note on the checks that they are for the pancake breakfast.

The Miracle League of Westfield is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe, successful, and enjoyable baseball experience for children and adults with disabilities or special health care needs. The committee that runs the program is 100 percent volunteer-led and offers "adaptive baseball" with an accessible stadium at the Roundtripper Academy.

The SOS Club's members are committed to serving others, like the Westfield Lions Club, and it has conducted various service projects, fundraising events, and volunteer efforts. This group of committed students is dedicated to helping make the community a better place. The Westfield Lions Club recognized the SOS Club's similar interests and goals and enthusiastically came alongside them to help fund their projects and assist with their service work.

For more information on the Miracle League of Westfield and the amazing project the organization has developed, go to MiracleLeagueOfWestfield.com.



Fishers Century Club awards donation to "Not Today" initiative

Group focused on protecting children from online predators

The REPORTER

The Fishers Century Club held its quarterly crowd-giving meeting on Tuesday, March 10, where members heard presentations from three impactful charitable initiatives serving veterans and protecting youth.

Presentations included *Indy Honor Flight*, presented by Brian Wright, which provides veterans with trips to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials built in their honor. Members also heard from Jared Hoss about *Indy Vet House*, a nonprofit that offers lodging and support for veterans traveling to Indianapolis for medical care at the VA.

The evening's winning presentation came from Howard Burd, representing a new initiative being implemented by the Fishers Kiwanis Club called "Not Today."

The initiative focuses on raising awareness among youth about the growing threat of online predators. Inspired by tragic cases that have impacted communities across the country, including a recent incident in our community, "Not Today" aims to reach young people where they spend a lot of time: online. Through targeted marketing, produced content, digital outreach,



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Generosity flowed at this quarter's meeting of the Fishers Century Club when the winning organization, Not Today, asked that the two other presenting charities also receive funds, Indy Honor Flight and Indy Vet House.

and partnerships with micro-influencers, the program will work to educate youth about recognizing dangerous online behavior and encourage them to alert trusted adults or authorities when concerns arise.

The message resonated strongly with Fishers Century Club members, many of whom are parents and grandparents and recognized the importance of helping protect children in an increasingly digital world.

After the winner was announced, in a moment that reflected the spirit of the group's mission, the "Not Today" initiative asked that \$500 of the evening's funds be shared with each of the other presenting charities, Indy Honor Flight and Indy Vet House.

Shortly after that announcement, Ned Campbell, a new member attending his first Century Club meeting, spoke up and offered to donate \$1,000 to replenish the funds being shared, ensuring the winning organization still received its full support.

Burd expressed appreciation for the group's support.

"We are thankful for the Century Club's donation toward this project," Burd said. "We've already met with local officials and public safety leaders who strongly support what we're doing and have highlighted the need for it. These funds will allow us to market directly to young people and help prevent tragic situations before they happen."

The Fishers Century Club is a men's crowd-giv-

ing organization that meets quarterly to hear presentations from three charities before voting to select a winning cause. All donations go directly to the selected nonprofit.

The next Fishers Century Club meeting will celebrate the club's fifth anniversary, set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23. Community members interested in networking and supporting local charities are encouraged to attend.

For more information and a list of previous winners, please visit FishersCenturyClub.com or visit Facebook.com/fisherscenturyclub. Those who wish to participate in the group who are unable to attend in person can visit their online Grapevine site at tinyurl.com/OnlineGivingFCC.

SR 47 project to begin soon in Sheridan

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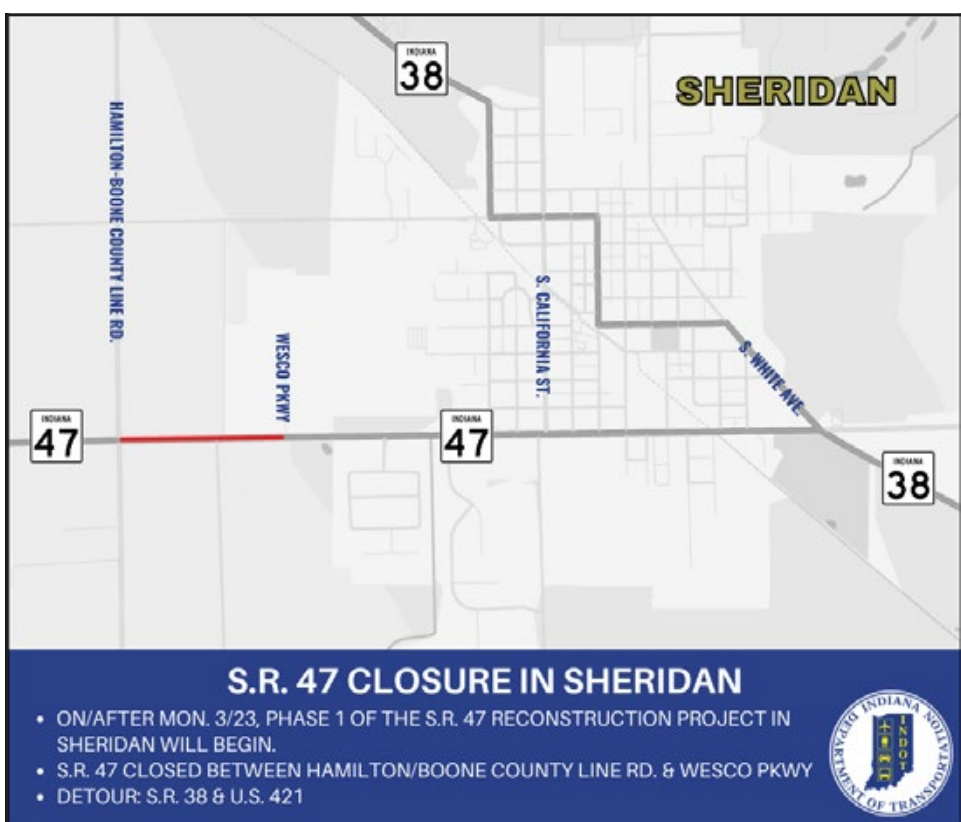
The Indiana Department of Transportation announces that Phase 1 of the State Road 47 Reconstruction Project in Sheridan is set to begin on or after Monday, March 23.

During the first phase of construction, SR 47 will be closed between Hamilton/Boone County Line Road and Westco Parkway. This closure is scheduled to remain in place for approximately one month.

Sections of SR 47 are scheduled to be closed through the middle of 2027, as crews work to reconstruct the road between the Hamilton/Boone county line and State Road 38.

During Phase 1, drivers are encouraged to follow the official detour of SR 38 and U.S. 421. Access for local traffic will be maintained throughout construction.

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, avoid



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distractions, and use extra caution while traveling in and around work zones. All

work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

Learn more about the project at tinyurl.com/SR47SheridanProject.

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Westfield Washington school board approves transition to semester schedule

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Board of Trustees voted Tuesday evening, March 10 to approve a transition from a trimester academic calendar to a semester calendar for Westfield schools, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year.

The 2026-2027 school year will remain on the trimester schedule, allowing time for planning, collaboration, and preparation ahead of the transition.

The move follows more than a year of research and discussion by the Westfield High School (WHS) Sched-

ule Task Force, a group of educators who studied scheduling models, gathered feedback from stakeholders, and evaluated how scheduling impacts student learning, course opportunities, and district operations.

"One of the things I would want our stakeholders to know is just how thorough of a process we went through as a scheduling task force," said Alexandra Mailoux, instructional coach at WHS. "As a team, we had a wide variety of educators from across the building that brought different experiences, different backgrounds, and expertise so that we really could consider all of the

different variables that are impacted by a schedule."

For many educators involved in the process, the research and analysis helped clarify the benefits a semester model could bring to students.

"At first I was not fully on board for the change because I love trimesters," said Emily Wetzel, a teacher at WHS. "But once we did some research and started digging in with the sizes of classes and the size of the building, it made more sense to have longer classes with longer passing periods."

The change will also support WWS' commitment to preparing students for life

beyond graduation.

In addition to deeper instructional opportunities, the semester model will provide continuous learning in core subjects (no more trimester gaps between subjects like math and English) and better align Westfield schools with other local similarly-sized schools, career and technical education programs, and college-level course partnerships.

WHS and district leaders emphasize that the transition will be carefully planned over the next two school years, with continued collaboration among teachers, administrators, students, and families.

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Tipton awarded \$6.6 million for Jefferson Street reconstruction

Submitted by City of Tipton

The City of Tipton has been awarded \$6,642,282 in federal transportation funding through the Indiana Department of Transportation's Local Public Agency (LPA) program to complete the full reconstruction of Jefferson Street through downtown.

The funding, provided through the Federal Highway Administration and administered by INDOT, will support the second phase of the Jefferson Street reconstruction project, allowing the city to complete improvements from Independence Street east to State Road 19.

The first phase of the project – already funded through a previously awarded LPA grant – will reconstruct Jefferson Street from Buck Creek on the west side of town to Independence Street. With this newest award, the city will now be able to complete the full corridor reconstruction across Tipton.

“Securing funding to reconstruct Jefferson

Street through town has been a high priority since day one,” Mayor Kegan Schmicker said. “We know from INDOT’s engineering assessment and their own project plans that Jefferson Street requires reconstruction to ensure its reliability and safety into the future. This funding will ensure that Jefferson Street through town is constructed with modern practices and infrastructure to support the city’s growth.”

The reconstruction will include a full-depth reconstruction of the roadway, along with major upgrades to the buried utilities running beneath Jefferson Street through the project area. Replacing and modernizing this underground infrastructure will help ensure the corridor can serve the community reliably for decades.

“Tipton Municipal Utilities (TMU) is pleased to participate in another signature City project,” TMU General Manager Jim Ankrum said. “For the past few years TMU has collaborated with the City of Tipton on



Schmicker



Ankrum



Dietrick

various infrastructure projects. These projects give TMU the opportunity to replace aging water, sewer, and stormwater piping systems at the same time roadway work is underway. It makes total economic sense for our ratepayers that we would continue this partnership on this recently awarded LPA project.”

In addition to roadway and utility improvements, the project will include construction of a 10-foot multi-use path designed to connect the west side of Tipton to the east side of town, creating a safer and more accessible route for pedestrians and cyclists.

“Receiving this award to rebuild Jefferson Street is more than an investment in asphalt and con-

crete – it’s an investment in safer travel and a future where our infrastructure truly serves the people who depend on it every day,” Tipton Municipal Services Superintendent Dylan Dietrick said. “Not only will this funding allow the city to complete the second phase of Jefferson Street, it will create the vital infrastructure needed to continue future development and growth across the city.”

The project funding includes allocations for utility work, construction, and construction engineering phases. Construction is expected to follow completion of the first phase of the Jefferson Street project and is currently anticipated to occur around 2031.

The golden key

For as long as I can remember, I have gone out of my way to make myself feel small. I have shrugged things off around others that are tearing my insides apart. I have tried to make myself appear less disabled than I am, often causing immense internal stress.

It was a way I could help ease the stress of those around me. My needs often make things feel chaotic.

It has not been that long since I have allowed a true depiction of myself to emerge.

I never want my needs to disrupt others. That is one of the things I despise most about my disability. Especially because it is the last thing I want but is a big part of my reality.

Society often views disabilities as an inconvenience or a disruption to the “normal” flow. This is not speculative, but rather a lived observation. For some, that will sound dramatic. If you have lived a similar experience to mine, or been with someone who has, you get it.

Today felt heavy. Today the lights were out. Thinking all these thoughts caused me to spiral. It is so easy to be swept up in the negative merry-go-round of thoughts, thinking about how I did it all wrong, and knowing there are no do overs.

Beating myself up for still struggling to show my true colors at times, continuing to make myself small in certain environments.

When the lights go out and darkness takes over, I am never sure how long darkness will linger. I have had periods of darkness that have lasted for years. Thinking of those times terrifies me.

An unspoken fear is that the lights will never come back on.

That thought pins me down by my throat. I am breathless at the thought of forever darkness. In times like these, I cannot pray or reach out to anyone. Forced

into silence by the darkness.

It is so true that the world marches on when the lights are out for some. I think of someone having their best day on one of my worst. I feel guilty for doing the ex-

act same thing on my better days.

Life is never in perfect balance.

I try all the mind tricks I have learned over the years to cope. Tools to keep me calm when my mind is hijacked with worry of my future. The coping skills are not coping today.

Like my disease, darkness is unpredictable.

There is a golden key that can unlock the dungeon of darkness. When plunged into darkness, I forget the key even exists.

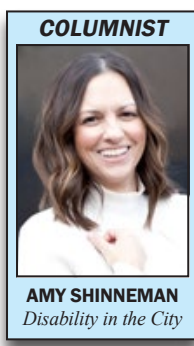
In my many years of therapy, I was repeatedly told to make a gratitude list. I was not even able to pick up my pen, how could I write the list? When I envisioned my gratitude list, it was blank.

Writing this column is one of the greatest joys of my life. In many ways, it has healed broken parts of me that I did not know existed.

As I told my Word Warriors group at our most recent monthly get together, the hardest part of writing about my disability is walking that oh so fine line of speaking my truth without it reading as a plea for pity. I fear my truth will become distorted.

Today, I was able to get my hands on that golden key by the end of the day. And that gratitude list? It is not blank anymore.

Until next time ...
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AMY SHINNEMAN
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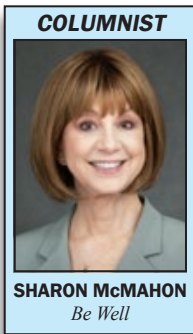
We all are wonderfully made, so let's treat our bodies like it

“I praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...” – Psalm 139:14, NIV

Show of hands ... how many reading this feel “fearfully and wonderfully made” today? Thought so. You can include me in that most days! I would like to explore some ways in which most of us can truly believe that we are part of that sentiment.

To review some of my comments regarding the recent Olympic athletes’ remarkable feats, it is amazing what the human body can do and will do if we just give it a chance.

Case in point as I write this: the Paralympics are in full swing, and WOW, these athletes can certainly work within their challenges to find the place of success and fulfillment most of us can only imagine. It is exhilarating to watch them work despite their physical challenges to show us what we are ALL “fearfully and wonderfully made” regardless of what our bodies and society’s expectations tell us.



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

Let’s time travel here just a bit and review what we – and others – expect from us as we go through the various stages and ages of this life.

As children we are fearless and open about trying new things and enjoying life. The doubts can begin to surface as we go through puberty and begin what is often a life-long odyssey of comparing ourselves to others. Personally, I did not feel so “wonderful” in glasses and braces! Breakouts and hormones – mercy!

As we move into adulthood, we have an opportunity to seriously appraise our health, appearance, and physical stamina. Unless you are challenged with a chronic disease or a specific disability, you have many options in how you wish to move forward, and many times those who face disease and disability are more active and fulfilled than those who do not face those issues.

In evaluating how these amazing bodies of ours can

work for us, let’s begin not at the top but at the bottom – our feet and ankles. When you think about how hard they must work to keep us upright it is pretty amazing. Taking time to keep our tootsies dry and free from bacteria and our ankles flexible and strong will help us with our balance and stamina.

Moving on up ... how about those knees? Yikes! One of the biggest mistakes I see for folks is when they stand with their knees hyper-extended back. Not only does this strain the muscles around the knees but also strains the lower back. Be sure to bend those knees!

Ah yes ... those pesky back muscles; usually the lower back which is easily strained when one 1) lifts objects too heavy and/or 2) does not bend properly. Use a squat position instead of bending forward from the waist. Our shoulders tighten up when we tend to carry stress and squeeze them upward and combining that with constant phone/computer surveillance only exacerbates the matter. Drop those shoulders down!

We are a mechanical masterpiece, “fearfully and wonderfully made” even

when these joints and ligaments do not cooperate fully. The science of exactly how our important internal functions are set in place is a miracle, indeed. Our hearts pump an average of 60 to 100 beats per minute, our livers and kidneys detoxify and cleanse, our digestive processes use our nutrition to keep us going, and the remarkable brains of ours are gifts beyond compare. Aren’t we something?!

Although the quote used above is from Biblical text, you may choose to meditate, journal, or otherwise consider and remember that we are far more than what we may glimpse in the mirror or even feel on any particular day.

We are unique and complex. We are works of art, we are amazing “machines” and we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” dear readers!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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Thawing out together while walking the labyrinth

L-A-B-Y-R-I-N-T-H

Even the word itself makes you slow down.

After this long, harsh winter – the kind that lingers in our bones and tests our patience – I find myself craving something simple. Not loud. Not crowded. Not another notification.

Just quiet.

A labyrinth is not a maze. You don’t get lost in it. There are no tricks, no dead ends, no competition. There is only one path: winding, circling, sometimes bringing you closer to the center, sometimes carrying you outward again, but always leading you somewhere meaningful.

This winter felt like a labyrinth.

There were days when the skies stayed gray longer than I stayed optimistic. Days when stepping outside felt like a negotiation. Days when the warmth I missed wasn’t just the sun, but the



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

warmth of connection and community.

And then, almost without announcement, the shift begins.

The light changes first. It lingers a little longer in the evening. The air softens. The birds rehearse their return.

Early spring in Indiana is not glamorous. It’s muddy boots and unpredictable winds. It’s stepping outside without knowing if you chose the right jacket. It’s hope mixed with hesitation.

But that’s exactly what a labyrinth teaches us.

You step forward anyway. Not because you can see the whole path. Not because you know what the center holds. But because standing still is no longer enough.

This season invites us to unplug, not just from our devices, but from the heaviness we carried through winter. To read again. To sit by a window with a book

and notice the light shifting across the pages. To take a slow walk, even if the trees are still bare. To reconnect with our own rhythm instead of the world’s noise.

There is courage in seasonal transition.

Winter keeps us inward. Spring nudges us outward. And somewhere in between is that tender space where we are asked to step outside our comfort zone and embrace what’s coming, even before it fully blooms.

And sometimes, we don’t have to do that alone.

Join us March 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. as we gather at the Peace Labyrinth next to PLC at Eagle Creek Park for a relaxed, low-key evening to welcome the season’s change.

For \$10 (park entry included), you’ll receive:

- A brief introduction to what a labyrinth is and the centuries of history behind it
- Time to walk at your own pace with soft music in the background
- A solid excuse to watch the sunset and notice that the world is thawing out

Dog walking ballet

Ever since I was a teenager, I’ve loved to walk my dogs. Seeing our pets’ joyful faces and furiously wagging tails, along with hearing their barks of excitement when I say, “Wanna go for a walk?” is the best feeling. And the walk itself is something I look forward to every day.

Walking gives dogs great exercise and mental stimulation. It strengthens the bond between them and humans. And it’s good for people, too. Fellow columnist Sharon McMahon has written about the benefits of walking over the years.

As my dogs and I stroll (and stop ... and stroll ... and stop) in nature, I often get inspiration for books, these columns, and other areas of life. The exercise is wonderful for us all, including the special “ballet” maneuvers we must incorporate when my husband John joins us.

Let me explain. When I walk Elli and Sasha by myself, I use a “splitter” so they’re connected and I have only one leash versus two. This makes things simpler, especially when it’s time for poo pickup.

When John walks with me, however, he uses one leash for Elli, and I use one for Sasha. This creates more fun, conversation, laughter, and ... challenges.

The girls don’t walk nice and straight when we go on our little adventures. Their

noses lead them to sniff all kinds of objects along and outside the sidewalk or trail, which typically means they’re zigging and zagging along. The next thing we know, we have a

Leash Entanglement Situation. This happens at least three to four times per walk.

When we encounter a Leash Entanglement Situation, we must do one of three things:

1. Pause and pirouette to untangle said leashes, hoping we don’t trip and fall flat on our faces.
2. Perform a plié to un-cross the leashes, which sometimes works and sometimes doesn’t.
3. Keep walking despite the tangles until we get to a good stopping point or one dog decides to investigate something or we stop at a crosswalk. At this point the leashes are so tangled that we must unclip the girls and figure out what to do.

These situations give us quite a chuckle, and I’m sure people walking or driving by give us some strange looks as we wriggle and perform our “Dog Walking Ballet.” Sometimes it moves into Breakdance territory – as in, we may break something during this dance.

I bet we’re not alone with our special walk, with 40 to 50 percent of our country’s population owning dogs.

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AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

A mild case of the dot-dot-dots

Winter can be rough. I know we don't get 158 feet of snow here in Fishers like they do north of us, but still, it can be rough. After the craziness of Christmas in December, January is brutal. Sure,



TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

it's a bit slower-paced than December, but after 31 days and four total hours of daylight, I'm usually getting a little stir-crazy for spring.

My wife, Megan, and I and our two kids have one saving grace for light at the end of the winter tunnel. And that is, we have several events in the month of February for us to look forward to. We have several family members' birthdays, Valentine's Day, and best of all, Megan's birthday. By the time all of that is over, it's almost spring!

This past January was the same gray, dreary month as it always is, but we knew February was coming fast. And then there it finally was. The cruel turd of a month that never ends is finally over, and now it's ...

I'm sure you're wondering why I ended that last paragraph with a dot-dot-dot instead of the word "February." Well, that's because the millisecond February rolled in, my four-year-old mobile germ unit, Pat, started throwing up all over our house. After a couple days of keeping him home from school, my 6-year-old daughter, Mary, also became a human faucet. This was not how we wanted the month of hope to arrive.

The good news is we were able to get them over the norovirus in a few days' time. Thank goodness! Now, on with the month.

We were thankfully able to have a nice, peaceful Valentine's Day dinner at home, filled with rib-eye steak and lobster. Now we're talking! Now let's just get through the next 10 days to Megan's birthday without the kids getting ...

... sick again. Sh#%!! It's only the 15th and now Pat has a fever. After a couple days at home with him, he couldn't shake the fever, so we took him to the doctor,

and he was diagnosed with a double ear infection. Well at least we knew the problem and had a path forward. So, we got him started on his antibiotic, but a couple days later the he still had a fever. So, I took him back to the doctor and he was diagnosed with influenza A, plus the antibiotic didn't seem to be working very well on the ear infection. So, with new medication and a couple days later, he is much better! Thank goodness! Now, on with ...

... AARRGGHH! Now our six-year-old daughter, Mary, has a high fever. This is getting ridiculous.

Two days passed and Mary still had a fever. Off to the doctor we go again. She was then diagnosed with an ear infection plus she caught that flu. It was a sequel to Pat's story. Well, at least we once again had a light at the end of the tunnel. Now on with ...

... really??? Just as Mary was starting to feel a little better, Megan and I started feeling flu symptoms. It was at least a couple days until we were feeling better. Megan's actual birthday came and went, but we were mostly better by the weekend after. So, now, finally on to her birthday celebra ...

... tion. Stupid dot-dot-dots!! Just as we were about to have a nice dinner, Megan had stabbing ear pains. Yep, you guessed it. Ear infection.

It was quite the February. We did eventually get to celebrate Megan, several days into March. Aside from the residual coughs and the mountain of work that was piled up on our desks (thank God we work at wonderful and understanding jobs), the Rathz family is back in action!

The moral of the story is ... (this is my normal closing dot-dot-dot, not another ear infection) Thank the good Lord February is the shortest month. I think next year we'll go directly from Christmas to St. Paddy's Day.

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Caylie Dicken named next Director of WWS Early Learning Center

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) has announced that Caylie Dicken has been named the next Director of Early Learning Programs at the Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center (ELC), continuing the district's commitment to providing exceptional care and early learning opportunities for young children and families. She will take over after Marci Derado, current Director, retires at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Dicken has served at the ELC since the facility opened in 2022 and is currently in her fourth year with the district. During that time, she has played an integral role in launching and supporting the district's early learning initiatives.

"I am honored and excited to step into the role of Director of Early Learning Programs," Dicken said. "I am so proud of the work that we do at the ELC. I am grateful for the mentorship Marci has provided over the years and hope to continue the good work for years to come. As both a leader and

a parent with my own toddler in our program, I feel especially connected to the work we do every day and the impact it has on families

in our community. I'm excited to connect with families and staff involved with before and after care (B.A.C.) and to listen and learn about the needs of the program."

The ELC provides a range of services designed to support young children and families in the Westfield community. The program offers childcare for district staff members' children from infancy through age 2, while 3- and 4-year-old programming is open to the broader community. The ELC also supports children with identified exceptionalities, helping them build the skills needed to successfully transition to kindergarten.

The ELC serves as a hub for several district early childhood services, including developmental preschool programs, evaluations, and transitions from Indiana's First Steps early intervention program into school-based services.

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Legislature cuts property taxes for Veterans ... sort of

This year the Indiana General Assembly changed how property tax relief for disabled veterans works, shifting it from a deduction on the value of a home to a tax credit on the final bill. On paper, that may sound like a simple adjustment.

In reality, it may leave many disabled veterans paying more.

Under the current system, a veteran who is at least 10 percent disabled, honorably discharged, and served during wartime is eligible for a \$24,900 deduction from the assessed value of their home before taxes are calculated. Veterans who are totally disabled or those who are at least 10 percent disabled and age 62 or older with wartime ser-



LISA WILKEN

vice can receive an additional \$14,000 deduction, provided their home is valued at less than \$240,000.

The new system replaces those deductions with fixed credits. Veterans rated 10 percent to 90 percent disabled who were honorably discharged will receive a \$350 credit on their property tax bill. Once they reach age 62, they can receive an additional \$250 credit. The credit will also apply to veterans in that disability range even if they did not serve during wartime.

Meanwhile, totally disabled veterans will now receive a 100 percent exemption from property taxes, with no limit on the value of the home.

At first glance, this may

appear to be an expansion of benefits. But for many veterans with 10 to 90 percent disability ratings, the math tells a different story. For a significant number of them, the new credits will not equal the value of the deductions they previously received, meaning their property taxes will actually increase, not decrease.

There is another change that may go unnoticed. Under the previous system, any unused portion of the deduction could be applied toward certain Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles fees, such as vehicle registration. With the shift to credits, that option disappears.

This raises an important question: did lawmakers strengthen a long-standing benefit meant to support disabled veterans, or did they unintentionally shift resource-

es away from veterans with partial disabilities to fund a stronger benefit for those who are totally disabled?

No one would argue that totally disabled veterans deserve strong support. But the program has existed in Indiana for more than 50 years to recognize the service and sacrifices of many veterans with varying levels of disability. Any change should lift them all, not leave some paying more than they did before.

Veterans deserve clarity about whether this legislation truly expands support or simply redistributes it. When it comes to those who served our country, the difference matters.

Lisa Wilken is a U.S. Air Force Veteran from Westfield. She is a 2023 Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee.

Thank veterans with real property tax relief, not just empty words

The 2026 Indiana General Assembly just ended after passing House Bill 1210: Department of Local Government Finance.

Any Disabled Veteran who is "totally disabled" and has an honorable discharge is eligible for a 100 percent tax credit on their property tax bill. Indiana will be the 23rd state to offer this benefit.

Congratulations to the thousands of Veterans who will qualify; they have earned this credit. These Disabled Veterans have already paid more than their fair share with their bodies, health, and future employment. Expecting them to fund state budgets through property taxes adds an unfair financial burden to those who can least afford it. This was long overdue. Thank you to



MIKE MADIGAN
Military Veterans Coalition of Indiana

state legislators for passing it!

The current law allows a Disabled Veteran who is at least 10 percent disabled and less than 100 percent disabled to deduct \$24,960 from the assessed value of their taxable home (not rental). The Disabled Veteran must be honorably discharged and provide to their County Assessor evidenced by: (A) a pension certificate, an award of compensation, or a disability compensation check issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or (B) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

Also, a surviving spouse of an individual who receives this deduction even after the Disabled Veteran

dies is also eligible for this deduction if the surviving spouse remains in the same dwelling and doesn't remarry. The law was changed to eliminate this deduction on Jan. 1, 2028.

The \$14,000 assessed value deduction which had a \$240,000 cap is eliminated. Starting in January 2028, this same Disabled Veteran, Surviving Spouses, and any new Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse as described above will receive a \$350 tax credit off their property tax bill.

This will be a financial loss to about 80 percent of the Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses.

Any of these Disabled Veterans or Surviving Spouses who are over 62 will be eligible for an additional \$250 tax credit regardless of the value of their taxable home. However, they may not be eligible for the \$100 senior tax credit that all other homeowners are eligible for

because of the 2025 property tax changes. This is new and will minimally offset the losses cited above.

I find it difficult and disturbing that all the Disabled Indiana Veterans do not receive a property tax credit equal to their VA Disability rating. Indiana has a moral and economic incentive to have each veteran join this property tax credit, equal to their VA Disability Rating. It's a matter of parity, fairness, and honoring service.

Let's make our gratitude tangible. Words like "thank you for your service" ring hollow without action. Let's get this done!

We need to get our priorities in order. Wars eventually end, but the wounds our veterans carry can last a lifetime. Taking care of them should never be optional; it should be our nation's priority.

Let's keep working together for help, aid, and hope for our Veteran Community.

Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's February Timesheet

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, February work included: watching Board of Commissioners' public meetings, meeting with the interim CEO of Riverview from Parkview Health, a review of the Council website updates, a meeting with Carmel City Council member Rich Taylor, a meeting with Jackson Township Board candidate Eric Scherer, and a Council Caucus session.

The in-person February personnel committee meeting was canceled in lieu of a poll of the voting committee members. The poll addressed five position requests for reclassification from the Auditor's Department and one reclassification from the Community Corrections department.

All requests were approved after committee members reviewed the supporting documentation which included studies from our outside vendor. Interestingly, one reclassification resulting in an expense reduction of over \$7,000. The requests were moved on to the full council for a final approval vote.

The finance committee did not meet this past month. The insurance committee did not meet this past month.



MARK HALL
The Timesheet

During February I received eight constituent service requests and communications. Several families living near the intersection of Pleasant Street and Cherry Tree Road contacted me regarding the speed limit along Cherry Tree Road and its intersection with the new Pleasant Street Parkway. After driving through the area myself, I contacted Brad Davis of the Highway Department to discuss both issues. The area is on a list of county roads that will undergo a formal speed test. There are no immediate plans to resurface Cherry Tree that I could discover (City of Noblesville or Hamilton County).

A constituent reached out asking me a question about the HCRUD (Hamilton County Regional Utility District). He was under the impression that the county was spending \$50,000 a month on dog food using it as a biological agent in the facility while HCRUD awaits enough connections to no longer need any additive. After researching the question and speaking with the Auditor's Office to verify expenses and with the head of the HCRUD, the county is using an additive named Smart B.O.D. which is used to feed and support the biological floc (biomass in activated sludge sys-

tems). For 2025 and so far in 2026 the district has spent \$18,600 in total.

Another constituent reached out asking if he could connect to the HCRUD. After researching the location, I connected him to the head of the Utility District where they planned for his connection as the lines come through his area.

A family reached out asking for advice on an issue with their HOA. They feel as though their HOA was selectively enforcing rules rather than universally applying them to all homeowners in their Noblesville neighborhood. Specifically, they asked about county or city zoning overriding the HOA and about litigation.

Lastly, it was an honor to represent you this month at the Pizza and Punchlines event produced by Crossroads Church.

Of special note this month was the briefing that council received from John Bowen, the interim CEO of Riverview Health. As a reminder, the county pur-

chased property from Riverview for \$17 million and created a secured debt refinancing package that allowed Riverview Health to continue operations.

Turning around a county hospital is an enormous challenge, and I'm happy to report that the new leadership has made and continues to make substantive improvements to operations, personnel, reimbursements, and processes. As my grandpa used to say, "It ain't soup yet," but I can tell you that the changes made so far have the confidence of many that the team brought in from Parkview to consult is well on the way to ensuring Riverview will be healthy for a long time to come.

Mark Hall is a Hamilton County Councilman representing District 3. Every month he brings readers a summary of council action in his column, The Timesheet. Feel free to contact him at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamilton-county.in.gov with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.

BALLET

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The "ballet" does help my flexibility, problem-solving capabilities, and patience. The four of us love spending time together on these adventures, and we look forward to more walks as the weather continues to warm up.

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.



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) A new citizen receives her naturalization certificate from Judge Sweeney. (ABOVE RIGHT) Amy Holzum, Robin Sullivan, and Carmen Clift present a flag to a new American citizen.

Welcoming new Americans

221 people earn the right to take Oath of Citizenship

Submitted

A Naturalization Ceremony was held Wednesday, March 11 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Prior to the ceremony, the Indiana Wind Symphony and the Indiana National Guard Band played patriotic songs in front of red, white, and blue background lighting.

The proceedings were opened by the courtroom deputy. Applicants were asked to stand as their country of origin was called; 221 applicants from 48 countries were in attendance.

All applicants stood as the Honorable James R. Sweeney II of the United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, administered the Oath of Citizenship. Following the National Anthem, Judge Sweeney delivered remarks and interacted with the applicants, discovering the three tallest were all 6-foot-3. He learned the shortest amount of time to receive citizenship was seven months, while the longest took 58 years. The youngest new citizen, age 19, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additional remarks were given by Jeffrey McDermott, CEO and President of the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, and David Burian, from the office of Congress-



Photos provided

(ABOVE) The Indiana Wind Symphony the Indiana National Guard Band performed at the Naturalization Ceremony. (BELOW) New citizens take the oath. Notice the gift bags from DAR Horseshoe Prairie Chapter in the foreground.

woman Victoria Spartz. Diane Powell, from the office of Senator Todd Young, and Abdul Alsaad, from the office of Congressman Andre Carson, also spoke and both shared that they are Naturalized Citizens.

A flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol was presented to the oldest new citizen, Champaben Patel, 82 years old. Judge Sweeney gave his final remarks, followed by the playing of "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Each new citizen was called to the stage, one at a time, to receive their Certificate of Naturalization along with other handouts from the represented offices.

The Horseshoe Prairie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was honored to represent the DAR at this large ceremony during America's 250th birthday year.



Chapter Regent Amy Holzum, Carmen Clift, and Robin Sullivan presented each new citizen with an American flag. As each new citizen descended the stage, Pam Bollier, Jenny Ward, and Shirley Hutchison gave them a Stars and Stripes gift bag filled with patriotic-themed items including a pencil, pen with

an attached bookmark, stickers, mints, and a pocket-sized copy of the Constitution, which was provided by Rep. Spartz's office.

As each new citizen left the auditorium, Billie Jones and Melissa Scheidegger distributed bookmarks with the Preamble to the Constitution and fliers with DAR scholarship information.

Community News

The Easter Bunny is on his way to Sheridan Public Library!

The annual Indoor Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Visit will return to the Sheridan Public Library from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21. Hunts will begin every 15 minutes.

This event is for kids aged 10 and under. Children are encouraged to bring baskets or bags to carry eggs.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.

Indiana Peony Festival unveils winning design

By **KELLY McVEY**
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

We're thrilled to reveal the official 2026 design for the Indiana Peony Festival, created by talented South Bend artist Sammy Kacius!

This vibrant artwork highlights the beauty and symbolism of historic Seminary Park, while showcasing the spirit of Hoosier tourism. We can't wait to share this design and our full festival collection with you this May!

We were blown away by the many amazing submissions we received and are deeply grateful to every artist for sharing their creativity, time, and effort in this year's competition.

Kacius is a graphic designer, illustrator, and engineer originally from Indianapolis. He has a passion for both creative and technical design, having graduated from Notre Dame in 2023 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Design. He now lives in South Bend and works for the university as a graphic designer on the Leadership Events team, where he uses his skills to craft meaningful experi-



Graphic provided

es that advance fundraising efforts.

As a lifelong Hoosier, Kacius said he couldn't be more excited to be a part of this year's Indiana Peony Festival and help showcase the beauty found here in the Crossroads of America.



Kacius

Thank you, Sammy Kacius! We love to hear our peony reach is growing amongst the state of Indiana!

Stay tuned for more merchandise updates and official IPF collectible offers as we progress into spring. Make sure to follow along on our social media for the latest news, announcements, and all things peony. May will be here before we know it!

Learn more at Indiana-PeonyFestival.com.

Carmel High School Girl Scouts to host Summer Badge Camp

The REPORTER

Girl Scout Troop 1887 from Carmel High School will host a Summer Badge Camp for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors.

The weeklong, half-day camp is scheduled to take place June 1 to 5 at the Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St., from 8 a.m. to noon each day. The camp is a fundraiser for the troop's Gold Award projects, the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve.

"These girls, many of whom have been Girl Scouts since kindergarten, have a deep appreciation of scouting," Troop Leader Tammy Sander said. "They're natural leaders and compassionate mentors who can't wait to share their love for scouting

with younger girls."

Campers will earn five badges during the week: Animals, First Aid, Craft & Tinker, Healthy Living, and Entrepreneurship. Activities are hands-on, creative, and designed to inspire curiosity and confidence. The camp is open to all girls, regardless of whether they're enrolled in Girl Scouts.

"Last year was our very first Summer Badge Camp, and it was even more fun than we imagined," Senior Girl Scout Roxy Stock said. "We loved getting to plan activities that made learning fun. Now word is spreading, and camp is filling up quickly because families heard how much fun it was. It's really special to be part of that."



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Registration is open through May 1 for the five-day Girl Scout Summer Camp in Carmel.

Registration is open now through May 1, with a discounted rate of \$200 per participant. Learn more at girl-scout-badge-camp-2026.cheddarup.com.

DICKEN

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In addition to early childhood programs, the Director of Early Learning Programs also oversees the district's B.A.C. program, which currently operates in seven school buildings and will expand next year.

Derado, who helped open the ELC in 2022, expressed confidence in Dicken's leadership.

"Making the decision to leave was hard for me, but I am comforted knowing that Caylie will be the one taking the lead because I have full faith in

her to continue what we've already started," Derado said.

Dicken says maintaining the ELC's strong culture will remain a priority moving forward.

"Our goal is to maintain our current vision of exceptional care and high-quality learning experiences," Dicken said. "We have built a great reputation for supporting and retaining our staff, and we believe that hiring great people and treating them well is the recipe for success."

Thanks for reading!

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Linda Isabel Villegas
March 22, 1948 – March 8, 2026

Linda Isabel Villegas, 77, Fishers, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at IU Health Fishers. She was born on March 22, 1948, to Atanacio and Isabel (Quiroga) Villegas in Toledo, Ohio.

Linda was an attorney with the Attorney General's Office. She enjoyed ballroom dancing, traveling, yoga, and Pilates.

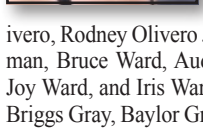
Linda is survived by her husband, Richard Eilar; children, Anthony (Mollie) Cable, Nichole Olivero, Kristi Eilar, and Laura (Mark) Ward; grandchildren, Cody (Brittney) Cable, Ashley (Brandon) Gray, Zach Cable, Savana Olivero, Rodney Olivero Jr., Isabel Olivero, Mathew Amerman, Zach Amerman, Bruce Ward, Audrey Ward, Mary Ward, Luke Ward, Dean Ward, Joy Ward, and Iris Ward; great-grandchildren, Payton Gray, Brody Gray, Briggs Gray, Baylor Gray, Cooper Cable, and Christopher Amerman; and her siblings, Deloris Brown, David Villegas, and Sandy Villegas.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Susan Villegas.

A Celebration of Linda's life will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Briggs & Brody's battle with Batten Disease CLN2 at facebook.com/p/Briggs-Brodys-battle-with-Batten-Disease-CLN2-61562282956394 or gofundme.com/f/help-brody-battle-batten-disease.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



Kiwanis Club of Cicero invites community to join Avenue of Flags

By **TODD CLEVINGER**
Kiwanis Club of Cicero

There are few sights more stirring than the American flag waving proudly in the morning breeze. It reminds us of who we are, what we stand for, and the generations who built this nation.

Reading is the foundation for learning, imagination, and opportunity. Thanks to the community's support of the Avenue of Flags, hundreds of local children are discovering the magic of reading. And the Kiwanis Club has an even bigger dream. With continued support from the community, the club hopes to expand the Books for a Bright Future program into the middle school, putting even more books into the hands of students who need them. Every flag subscription helps make that goal possible.



This year, as our country celebrates 250 years of independence, the Kiwanis Club of Cicero is inviting residents to show their patriotism in a meaningful way by joining the Avenue of Flags program.

That's why the Kiwanis Club has opened its second subscription opportunity for the Avenue of Flags program. The club hopes more residents will take part in this patriotic tradition, filling our neighborhoods with flags while investing in the future of our children.

The program is simple but powerful. On designated patriotic holidays (Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Patriot Day, and Veterans Day), Kiwanis volunteers place a beautiful American flag in front of subscribers' homes and return a week later to respectfully collect it. The result is a breathtaking display of red, white, and blue throughout the community, an "avenue" of flags that reminds everyone of the pride we share in our country.

Imagine driving through town on a summer holiday and seeing flag after flag lining the streets. It's more than decoration. It's a statement about who we are as a community, patriotic, generous, and committed to our children.

But the Avenue of Flags is about more than patriotic spirit. Every subscription helps fund programs that directly benefit children in our communities.

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero is inviting everyone to be part of that vision.

One of the most meaningful is the club's Books for a Bright Future program. Through this effort, every elementary school student in our communities receives a brand-new book to call their very own. For many children, it's the first book they've ever owned. The joy on their faces when they open that book is something Kiwanis members never forget.

Subscribe to the Avenue of Flags today and help bring pride to our streets and books to our children. Visit the Kiwanis Club of Cicero online at CiceroKiwanis.org/programs/flags and sign up for your flag subscription today. Your flag will stand as a symbol of patriotism, and a promise to the next generation.

Deborah Lynn (Nuce) Sutton
October 17, 1956 – March 4, 2026

Deborah Lynn (Nuce) Sutton was born on October 17, 1956, in Anderson, Ind. One of six children born to Raymond and Nancy (Melcher) Nuce, Deborah grew up surrounded by the joy, sounds, and deep bonds of a big family. She cherished time spent at the lake – fishing, camping, playing cards, and proudly beating everyone at Aggravation.

Deborah shared more than 20 years of marriage with her husband, Steve. Their partnership was built on loyalty, humor, and an unconditional love for one another. Steve stood faithfully by her side, lovingly and

steadfastly, until the very end.

Deborah was a devoted mother to her two girls, always working hard to provide for them and cheering them on through every season of life. She dedicated more than 30 years of her career to the State of Indiana, where she made a lasting impact. As Program Director at the Indiana Women's Prison, Deborah poured her heart into developing programs that supported rehabilitation and strengthened families. Her work helped women build parenting skills, focus on mental health, and maintain meaningful connections with their children – something she believed every mother deserved.

Outside of work, Deborah embraced life's simple joys. She loved traveling with her daughters, especially visiting her youngest in her favorite place: Maui. She was an enthusiastic TV watcher, a dedicated grocery shopper, and someone whose happiest moments were spent with family. Her grandchildren held a special place in her heart, and being "Mamma" was one of her greatest joys.

Deborah is survived by her husband, Steve Sutton; daughters, Heather (Gordon Merritt) Wilson and Amber (Cassandra) Hanger; stepson, Michael (Whitney) Sutton; grandchildren, Brayden Wilson, Noa Hanger, Ori Ray Sutton, and Livia Sutton; and siblings, Mike (Nancy) Nuce, Randy (Cindy) Nuce, Cindy Wilson, Vicki (Chip) Harneson, and John (Bobbie) Nuce.

In honor of Deborah's wishes, no services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 (cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html).

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Boys Basketball Sectional Championship

Hounds tame Tigers to win title

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Every loss this season was a lesson learned for the Carmel Greyhounds.

On Saturday, March 7, during the Class 4A Sectional 8 title game inside Noblesville’s Mill, the 10th-ranked Hounds put their wisdom and toughness on display to pull off the biggest upset the program has seen in five years.

Picked to lose against top-ranked and previously unbeaten Fishers (24-1) – a state finalist the past two seasons – Carmel (18-5) believed when many didn’t and halted the Tigers’ perfect run at 24 games with an intense, down-to-the-wire, 50-49, victory for the sectional championship.

“It took a few plays at the very end, but I think a lot of winning plays were being made in the second and third quarters as well that really affected the game,” Carmel senior Evan Harrell said. “Those big plays early on in the game really solidified us moving forward in the game.”

In a back-and-forth battle highlighted by six ties and 12 lead changes, every situation dominoed upon

each other and some boiled over, particularly in the second quarter.

The game’s tone was set from the opening tip, as the sold-out gymnasium’s crowd played a role and fueled both teams with chants, cheers and boos.

A heated county rivalry already, the stakes were raised for the coveted Sectional 8 title, and with Carmel up 25-20 and 1:16 remaining in the first half, emotional hard play led to a double technical foul and the ejection of Greyhound junior Cash Daniels.

Fishers junior Cooper Zachary and Carmel junior Vince Nover tussled for possession as the Tigers tried to claw back before halftime. However, a scrum for the ball led to a brief scuffle, and Daniels, who was on the bench, rushed onto the

court as officials attempted to calm the situation.

Zachary and Nover were called for offsetting technical fouls, while Daniels, one of Carmel’s top scorers, was ejected for leaving the sideline. Daniels’ night ended with six points.

Carmel went into the break leading 25-22, but the loss of Daniels didn’t deter them.

“We lost five games and all of them are one (or two) possession games. We learned from every one of them. It’s one thing to be able to teach kids how to do something, but you’ve got to have kids that are willing to do it and can ... It’s a process.”

– Carmel Coach Ryan Osborn



Photo by Joshua Herd

The Carmel boys basketball team won its first sectional championship since 2021 Saturday, March 7. The Greyhounds held off No. 1-ranked Fishers 50-49 at The Mill in Noblesville.

“In the locker room, we just gathered together and just told each other to power through it, just forget about it and move on,” Harrell said. “Toughness was the driving factor in that game.”

Efficiency was another. Carmel out rebounded Fishers 25-20, and the Greyhounds’ “pack the paint” defense led to 2 of 12 shooting for the Tigers from beyond

the arc and 41 percent from the floor overall.

“They killed us on the offensive glass. Any screen we did didn’t work because they were very physical and the refs were allowing it to be physical on both ends,” Fishers coach Garrett Winegar said. “They did a better job playing physical and

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With everything to gain and nothing to lose, the Greyhounds (18-5) relied on their physicality, defensive muscle and composure to knock off a No. 1 team for the third time during state tournament play since 2012.

Previously, Carmel eliminated No. 1 Hamilton Southeastern during the 2012 sectional final and No. 1 Homestead during the regional semifinal in 2021.

Now, they can add Fishers (24-1) to the list.

The Arena at Innovation Mile to host Horizon League basketball tournaments

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

NOBLESVILLE – Starting next year, the Horizon League’s path to the Big Dance goes through Noblesville.

The city announced that in 2027, the Arena at Innovation Mile will host the men’s and women’s Horizon League basketball championships. Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen made the news public at a press conference Thursday, March 12 at The Arena, calling it “another giant step forward” for the city.

Interim commissioner Chris Neuman also spoke at the press conference, as did Carl Daniels, director of Hamilton County Sports Authority.

The Horizon League currently consists of 11 schools from across the Midwest,



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Arena at Innovation Mile’s video screen announced the news of the Horizon League championships’ future plans soon after the press conference.

with a 12th school, Northern Illinois University, joining on July 1.

Next year’s tournament will be the first of a five-year run at the Arena. The facility will host quarterfinal games on Sunday, March 7, semifinal

games on Monday, March 8 and the championship contest on Tuesday, March 9. First-round games will be played at the different schools, with the winners advancing to play at the Arena.

“We’re super excited for

the City of Noblesville and the Arena at Innovation Mile to provide major experiences across our six-state, soon to be seven Midwest footprint,” said Neuman.

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Photo provided

The Arena at Innovation Mile will be the site of the Horizon League men’s and women’s basketball championships beginning in 2027. The announcement was made at a press conference Thursday, March 12 at the Arena. Speaking at the press conference were (from left) Carl Daniels, director of Hamilton County Sports Authority, Chris Neuman, interim Horizon League commissioner and Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen.

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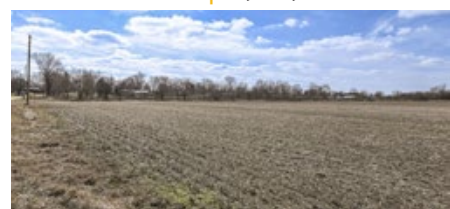


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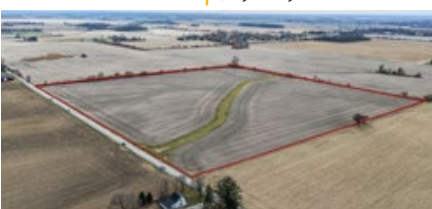


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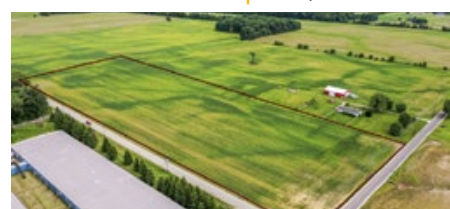
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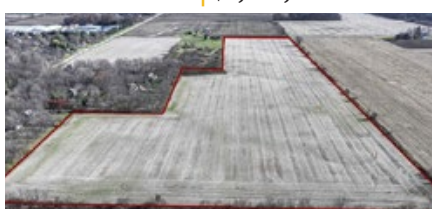
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Who’s in the Horizon League?

- Cleveland State University
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- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Northern Illinois University (joining on July 1)
- Northern Kentucky University
- Oakland University
- Purdue University Fort Wayne
- Robert Morris University
- Wright State University
- Youngstown State University

Fishers announces investment in athletic fields

Hamilton Southeastern Schools' Jim Self named City-District Athletic Director

The REPORTER

The City of Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern Schools announced a significant public investment in local athletic facilities and youth sports programming through a new interlocal agreement designed to expand access, enhance facilities, and strengthen alignment across school and community athletics.

The interlocal agreement was approved unanimously at a joint meeting for the Fishers City Council and the Hamilton Southeastern Board of Trustees held on Wednesday, March 11.

"Sports are part of the fabric of our community," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "From youth leagues to high school athletics, these programs help make Fishers one of the best places in the country to live. This investment builds upon our longstanding collaboration with HSE Schools and ensures our facilities can keep up with the incredible growth and participation we're seeing in youth sports."

Fishers will invest approximately \$3.6 million in improvements to athletic fields at Fishers High School and Hamilton

Southeastern High School to benefit student-athletes, youth sports organizations, and the broader Fishers community.

"Our partnership with the City of Fishers has always focused on finding ways to better serve students and the community, and we are thankful for the City's continued desire to partner with us," said interim superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley of Hamilton Southeastern Schools. "This initiative will help align school athletics, youth programs, and community resources while expanding opportunities for young athletes."

The improvements are designed to support increased participation, improved field conditions, and expanded opportunities for competitions and tournaments. These improvements are part of an overall reinvestment in athletic fields throughout Fishers, including those at park properties.

The interlocal agreement creates a new administration-level position at HSE Schools to implement a citywide strategy and manage all athletic fields. The City & District Athletic Director position will strengthen coordination between the city, the school district, and

Improvements to HSE Schools' high school athletic facilities

Fishers High School

- One new artificial turf field with lighting
- Upgrades to four existing natural grass fields through aeration and top dressing
- Construction of a pedestrian crosswalk connecting Sand Creek Intermediate School to Fishers High School

Hamilton Southeastern High School

- One new artificial turf field with lighting
- Upgrades to existing plateau fields through aeration and top dressing

local sports organizations while helping maximize the use of athletic facilities throughout the community. Longtime Hamilton Southeastern High School Athletic Director Jim Self will be appointed to this position, effective May 1, 2026.

Self told The Reporter that Fadness had approached him about working for the City in a new role to coordinate athletics.

"I'm a school guy. I wanted to stay with the schools," said Self. "He and [Superintendent] Pat Mapes put their heads together on what would be best in this position, and here we are. He has a vision and it's about quality of life and opportunity and experiences for young people in the

Fishers area. Athletics and sports play a role in that experience and he wants someone to help oversee that, not only in the schools, but in the city."

Self will still work the HSE school district, overseeing athletics for both high schools and the district's four junior high schools. He also will work directly with Mudsock Youth Athletics. Self became the Hamilton Southeastern athletics director starting with the 1999-2000 season and has been with the school for 32 years.

"I wasn't looking for a new job, but I see this as an opportunity to impact a lot of people," he said.

Self had kind words to say about everyone he worked with at HSE athlet-



Graphic provided

The City of Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern Schools announced a new interlocal agreement for a significant public investment in local athletic facilities and youth sports programming. Hamilton Southeastern High School Athletic Director Jim Self will take on the new role of City & District Athletic Director.

ics, including former athletic directors Ken Seitz, Greg Habegger, Drew Tower and current AD Tilmon Clark.

"I owe Ken Seitz a great deal and working with Greg Habegger was like working with my best friend," said Self. "Ken Seitz taught me what it means to be a Royal."

"I'm excited to evolve our approach to youth sports in Fishers, and with Jim Self

on board, I believe we have the right architect to ensure we lead the way when it comes to investing in our kids, our schools, and our community spaces."

Improvements for Hamilton Southeastern High School and Fishers High School will begin in late spring and are anticipated to be completed by late summer.

Boys Basketball Sectional Championships

Blackhawks fall to Lapel

By RICHIE HALL

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ELWOOD – Sheridan's spectacular season came to an end on Saturday, March 7.

The Blackhawks played Lapel in the championship game of Sectional 38 at Elwood. Sheridan did its best to stay with the Bulldogs before they pulled away in the third quarter and rode the momentum to a 77-54 win.

Lapel won its first sectional title in eight years, while the Blackhawks finished with a 19-5 record, easily their best mark in decades.

The Bulldogs led 25-16 after one quarter. Sheridan got as close as two points twice during the second quarter. The Hawks went on a 7-0 run to get within 25-23, with Desh Donathan scoring four points and Devon Hamilton the other three.

Liam Ko scored Lapel's first basket of the second quarter with 4:20 left, but Page answered that with a lay-in, keeping Sheridan within 27-25. But the Bulldogs went on a 7-0 run, which Hamilton ended with two free throws right before halftime, making the score 34-27 at the break.

Page scored five points to start the third quarter, in-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Sheridan coach Bill Bowen talks with his team during a timeout at the Blackhawks' sectional championship game with Lapel Saturday, March 7 at Elwood.

cluding a triple to keep the Blackhawks within 41-32. After that, Lapel went on a 17-3 run to take control of the game. The Bulldogs led 58-35 before Hamilton made a jump shot right before the end of the quarter.

"They are really good," said Sheridan coach Bill Bowen. "They're good in every phase of the game."

Lapel entered the fourth period ahead 58-37 and the margin stayed around 20 points for the entire quarter. Page added seven more points during the fourth.

Page finished the game

with 23 points, including five 3-pointers. Hamilton added 12 points, with Jax Peerman scoring 10 and dishing out six assists.

"Super proud of the Blackhawks," said Bowen. "We didn't play our best game, but again, that has a lot to do with the opponent. Our kids battled, they gave effort, just wasn't enough tonight. That's a really good team."

Semifinal game

Sheridan held off Taylor 67-66 in an overtime semifinal game on Friday, March 6.

The Titans led 13-12 after one quarter and 28-27 at halftime. Taylor jumped ahead 43-35 midway through the third quarter and led 50-45 going into the fourth.

Chance Spencer made

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Braves edge out GC in championship

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's three-year sectional championship streak came to an end at the hands of Brebeuf Jesuit.

The Circle City Conference rivals – soon to be Hoosier Heritage Conference rivals – played in the final of Class 3A Sectional 25 Saturday, March 7 at Frankfort's Case Arena. The Braves, coached by Sheridan graduate Allen Glunt, won 48-47 to claim their first sectional since 2022.

The Golden Eagles led 15-11 after one quarter before Brebeuf blasted ahead 28-17 during the second period. Guerin Catholic went on a 7-0 run to cut the Braves' lead to 28-24 by halftime.

The Golden Eagles moved ahead 36-35 after three quarters. The teams were tied at 47-47 when Austin Ford made a free throw with 1.5 seconds left in the fourth to clinch the game.

Jake Grissom led the GC scoring with 15 points, followed by Carter Murans with 14 points. Grissom also collected seven rebounds while Murans pulled five.

In the Friday, March 7 semifinal, Guerin Catholic beat Danville 56-34. The Golden Eagles outscored the Warriors in all four quarters, leading 13-9 after one and 27-21 at halftime.

Grissom poured in 24 points, with Murans adding 14 points and eight rebounds. Alex Wall collected five rebounds. Hayden Rogers dished out eight assists.

Guerin Catholic finished the season 21-6, its first under new coach Sam Gardner. The Golden Eagles cleared the 20-win mark for the fourth consecutive season.

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The REPORTER**

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Daniels said bringing the Horizon League championships to Noblesville was a "collaborative effort" between the city, the Arena, REV Entertainment (operator of the Arena) and Hamilton County Sports Authority and the state of Indiana.

"The state of Indiana has a bid fund that we were able to tap into to help bring this event here," said Daniels. "It was about an 18-month process. And this is a fantastic venue that we've been able to secure for this event, and it was built intentionally for events just like this."

With the expected attendance, Jensen said the tournament will translate into "thousands of student-athletes and fans and families staying at our hotel rooms, dining at our restaurants, enjoying other entertainment opportunities all around central Indiana."

Luke Bosso is the athletic

director at IU Indianapolis, one of the Horizon League schools, and he attended the press conference as well.

"I've told the other athletic directors in the league, Indiana is basketball hungry and I feel pretty confident that we're going to sell out this arena when we have it here," said Bosso. "It's going to be great basketball."

Jensen said during the press conference that this is just the beginning for the Arena. Later, he expanded on that comment.

"I think you'll see an announcement later this month about this facility specifically, and I think you'll also see an announcement probably later this month, or in April, about other events happening here and in and around Innovation Mile," said Jensen. "So, we are in constant conversation with not just sporting opportunities, but also corporate opportunities."

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being tougher. That's a hard pill to swallow when you just got out toughed."

Harrell had a team-high 18 points for the Greyhounds and nine rebounds followed by senior Julian Vogt with 9 points and six rebounds.

Fishers' junior Jason Gardner had 13 points and six rebounds in just his second game back from an 18-game absence due to injury.

An and-1 dunk by senior Kai McGrew (game-high 22 points) late in the third quarter put Fishers ahead 40-38 entering the fourth quarter, but nothing was settled until the final 55.7 seconds.

But the Hounds believed.

Zachary, who had eight points, buried a 3-pointer to give Fishers a 49-47 lead with 55.7 remaining.

On the next possession, Carmel senior Ben Bremer (eight points) stepped up and dropped a dagger 3-pointer to put the Hounds in front 50-49 with less than 30 seconds left.

"We had a play. It was a



Photos by Joshua Herd
(ABOVE LEFT) Ben Bremer scored eight points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer that put Carmel ahead in the final 30 seconds of the game. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers' Kai McGrew (left) scored 22 points for the Tigers, while Carmel's Evan Harrell scored 18 points.



flare on the other side. Vince Nover caught it, drove it, kicked one more. He got my man, so I just hit the shot, go up one," Bremer said. "This is amazing."

The Hounds' defense

shut down four Tigers' inbound attempts (two timeouts, one block) in the final 19.6 seconds. McGrew went for the win on the final shot, but the ball rimmed out.

"The kids deserve all

the credit. Just happy to be along for the ride and being able to have an impact," Carmel coach Ryan Osborn said. "They're not satisfied. We'll continue that process over perfection."

Boys Basketball Sectional Semifinals

Hounds beat Millers in defensive semifinal

By RICHIE HALL sports@readthereporter.com

NOBLESVILLE – The first semifinal game of Sectional 8 featured a battle between two defensive teams. Carmel took on host Noblesville at The Mill on Friday, March 6. The Greyhounds played a near-perfect defensive first quarter and used that momentum to score a 44-30 game that sent Carmel into the championship.

The Hounds didn't get their first basket until the 5:15 mark of the first quarter, when Ben Bremer drained a 3-pointer. Bremer would make another 3, then Cash Daniels scored on a jump shot to put Carmel up 8-0.

"They made everything tough for us early, but we lean on our defensive ability and made some things tough for them," said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn.

Baron Walker spared Noblesville a first-quarter shutout by hitting a 3 with five seconds left in the period, then opened the second quarter with a basket off a steal. That kept the Millers within 8-5.

But Carmel took off after that, using a 13-2 run to increase its lead to 21-7. Julian Vogt, Aiden Dickerson and Vince Nover all drained 3s

during the run. Vogt hit another triple to push Carmel ahead 24-10 before Max Flanagan made a traditional three-point play to finish the half. The Hounds led 24-13 at the break. Carmel's lead reached 30-17 during the third quarter. Noblesville made a push after that, scoring 10 unanswered points to get within 30-27. Walker led the way by nailing back-to-back 3s, then Adam Fine made two free throws and Evan Mag-samen scored to get the Millers within three.

Carmel responded with a 14-1 run that took up nearly the remainder of the game. Nover and Daniels both scored to finish the third period, so the Greyhounds entered the fourth quarter up 34-27. The score stayed the same well into the quarter until a Daniels floater pushed Carmel ahead 36-27. The Hounds slowly added to their lead and held on from there. Daniels led the Greyhounds with nine points and four assists, while Vogt and Bremer each scored eight. Nover made two more free throws with 46.2 seconds left to finish with seven points. "They are really locked into doing what it takes to



Photo by Joshua Herd Noblesville's Adam Fine looks inside while being guarded by Carmel's Cash Daniels during the Millers-Greyhounds Sectional 8 championship game on Friday, March 6.

win, and so the locker room is fun. Practices are fun," said Osborn. "They're locked in together. That's what you ask for in high school basketball, is just a team that's cohesive and they play hard."

Walker, a strong candidate for Indiana All-Star, scored 19 points. The Butler University recruit finished his career with 1,001 points as a Miller.

"Special young man, terrific basketball player, terrific role model for our program," said Noblesville coach Scott McClelland. "To see him play like he has the

last month is just a real testament to who he is, because he's getting everybody's best every night."

Noblesville finished its season 13-11, showing toughness during the season despite dealing with injuries, including one to Valparaiso recruit Justin Curry II, a star since his freshman year.

Fine and Max Flanagan were also seniors on the team. McClelland said his seniors have been "good basketball players and they've been great role models and great leaders for our basketball program."

Tigers cool off Royals in semis

By RICHARD TORRES For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – For 18 minutes, the 12th-ranked Class 4A Hamilton Southeastern Royals didn't just challenge top-ranked Fishers, they stole the show.

That was until the unbeaten Tigers mounted a ferocious second-half comeback inside Noblesville's Mill to cool off the red-hot Royals, 75-65, during the Sectional 8 semifinals on Friday, March 6.

HSE entered the Mud-sock rematch winners of eight straight games, and with an 18-17 lead after the first quarter and a 35-29 advantage at halftime, a ninth straight seemed feasible.

However, HSE's 7 of 13 shooting from 3-point range in the first half and 13 points off seven Tigers' turnovers at sectional gave the Royals early momentum.

"In the first half, even though we still made some mistakes, the confidence that we had was just incredible. We've seen it for the past few weeks," HSE coach Bobby Allen said. "We hung with them. We kept fighting."

Seniors Luke Weemer and Landon Osswald were the Royals' driving force, combining for 4 of 7 treys, as HSE erased three first-half deficits.

Fishers' slow start (2-for-11 3-point shooting) opened the door, but a decisive 20-2 run in the third quarter flipped the game.

"Took too many quick shots first half, didn't make them work," Fishers coach Garrett Winegar said. "We felt they were really good at first-side defense. If we did not shift the ball to the other side, they were really good. When we would make them scramble and get multiple

sides of the floor, we could be effective."

The Tigers welcomed back junior star Jason Gardner, who came off the bench, in his first game since suffering a hand fracture against HSE more than two months ago.

Gardner converted his first bucket from the free-throw line in the first quarter and later helped facilitate Fishers' run in the third en route to a game-high and career-high 24 points (8 of 12 shooting) and five rebounds.

Senior Kai McGrew had 11 points and six rebounds with a block, while junior Cooper Zachary, who had six points in the third, finished with 17 overall, a team-high eight rebounds, two assists and five steals.

Junior Levi Walker added 13 points with five rebounds.

"That was the message of half. We have to get inside. The ball's got to go multiple sides of the floor, and we need to have a ball mover out there," Winegar said. "Coaches get a lot of credit for halftime adjustments, and maybe that's a small part of it, but the players have to go execute. They deserve all the credit."

HSE trailed by as many as 13 points, but cut the margin to three possessions five times in the second half after Fishers surged ahead 49-37 late in the third quarter.

Weemer had a team-high 17 points, followed by 13 points and eight rebounds for Osswald. Sophomore Varschon Clark had 12 points and drilled a 3-pointer before the buzzer to give HSE the lead to end the first quarter.

HSE's winning streak was its longest since the program rattled off 13 straight in 2019-20. Its previous



Photo by Joshua Herd Hamilton Southeastern's Varschon Clark (left) shoots the ball during the Royals' sectional game with Fishers on Friday, March 6. Pictured at right is the Tigers' Cooper Zachary.

loss occurred on the same court against Noblesville, 56-49, on Jan. 30, before the Royals climbed the 4A state rankings and produced the program's third consecutive winning season.

"The locker room after the game, we could have sat there and complained and been upset and blamed, but there was none of that. Our seniors were grateful for the year, and the underclassmen were grateful for the seniors," Allen said. "I just hate it for our seniors, who really were the engine that made this kind of team go. We had confidence, and it's fun to watch a group do that on their own. They're

out there playing together, making the right plays, and again, showed that we belong."

Hamilton Heights falls to Delta

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights lost in the semifinals of Sectional 24 at New Castle Friday, March 6, falling to Delta 70-61.

The Eagles led 15-12 after one quarter, then surged ahead 29-18 at halftime. Delta increased its lead to 48-34 after three pe-

riods, which allowed it to hold off a 27-point fourth quarter from the Huskies.

Rees Knapp and Jack Kakasuleff both scored 18 points for Heights, with Will DeStefano and Jackson Mikesell both adding nine points. Knapp made four 3-pointers, followed by three triples from both

DeStefano and Mikesell. Kakasuleff dished out eight assists, while Mikesell pulled six rebounds. Drew Woodruff collected five rebounds.

The Huskies finished their season 14-10, recovering from an 0-7 start to win 14 of their last 17 games.

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back-to-back baskets in midway through the fourth to push Sheridan ahead 54-52. Taylor came back to lead 58-54, but Page's 3-pointer tied the game at 59-59 with under a minute left. Sheridan took the lead in the overtime and Hamilton made a layin to help seal the win.

Page scored 20 points, draining six 3-pointers. Hamilton had 19 points and five rebounds, with Donathan scoring 11 points. Peerman dished out seven assists, while Spencer finished with 10 rebounds and seven assists.

COURT NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT) Cause No. 29C01-2602-MI-1371) IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF:) KIERA ROSE WHITE) NOTICE OF HEARING) Notice is hereby given that) Petitioner, KIERA ROSE WHITE, pro) se, filed a Verified Petition for Change) of Name to change her name from) KIERA ROSE WHITE to KIERA) ROSE REDMAN.) 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. The parties) shall report to One Hamilton County) Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN) 46060.) Date: February 3, 2026) Kathy Kregg Williams) Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court) R7634 3/16/26, 3/23/26, 3/30/26

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STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT) Cause No. 29C01-2602-MI-002090) IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:) Trenia Andrea Dingle) Petitioner) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR) CHANGE OF NAME) Trenia Andrea Dingle, whose) mailing address is: 9728 Jupiter) Pass Carmel Indiana 46032, in the) Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby) gives notice that Trenia Andrea Dingle) has filed a petition in the Hamilton) County Circuit Court requesting that) name be changed to Trina Andrea) Dingle.) Notice is further given that the) hearing will be held on said Petition) on: May 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.) Trenia Andrea Dingle) Petitioner) Date: February 17, 2026) Kathy Kregg Williams) Hamilton County Clerk) R7555 3/2/26, 3/9/26, 3/16/26

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT) Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-002981) IN RE THE MATTER OF:) Manahil Rizwan Khatri) Petitioner) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR) CHANGE OF NAME) Manahil Rizwan Khatri, whose) mailing address is:) 12754 Bristow Lane Fishers, Indiana) 46037, in the HAMILTON County,) Indiana, hereby gives notice that) Manahil Rizwan Khatri has filed a) petition in the HAMILTON Court) requesting that name be changed to) Victoria Amber Khatri.) Notice is further given that the) hearing will be held on said Petition) on July 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.) Manahil Rizwan Khatri) Petitioner) Date: March 10, 2026) Kathy Kregg Williams) Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court) R7639 3/16/26, 3/23/26, 3/30/26

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT) Cause No. 29C01-2601-MI-000118) IN RE THE MATTER OF:) Emy Bishay) Petitioner) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR) CHANGE OF NAME) Emy Bishay, whose mailing address) is: 15859 Black Willow Ln, in the) Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby) gives notice that Emy Bishay has) filed a petition in the Hamilton County) Circuit Court requesting that name be) changed to Elham Hendy.) Notice is further given that the) hearing will be held on said Petition) on: May 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.) Emy Bishay) Petitioner) Date: January 22, 2026) Kathy Kregg Williams) Hamilton County Clerk) R7444 3/9/26, 3/16/26, 3/23/26

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF HAMILTON) IN THE HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT) Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-2666) IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:) BRITTANY ANN DELMORE) NOTICE OF HEARING) BRITTANY ANN DELMORE,) whose mailing address is: 43 63 Doura) Trail, Westfield, IN 46062, in the) HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby) gives notice that BRITTANY ANN) DELMORE has filed a petition in the) HAMILTON Court requesting that) name be changed to Brittany Gabriella) Ann Ruscello.) Notice is further given that the) hearing will be held on said Petition) on July 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.) Brittany Ann Delmore) Petitioner) Date: March 3, 2026) Kathy Kregg Williams) Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court) R7626 3/16/26, 3/23/26, 3/30/26

FISHERS

CITY OF FISHERS ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE TA-26-4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/ View the list of board members at FishersIN.gov/PlanCommission NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Fishers Advisory Plan Commission at 6:00 PM on April 1, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # TA-26-4 - Consideration of a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to Chapter 2. Administration, Chapter 11, Enforcement & Penalties and Chapter 12. Definitions. LOCATION: Citywide. The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact: City of Fishers Community and Economic Development planning@fishersin.gov (317) 595-3155 www.FishersIN.gov/notice Petitioner: City of Fishers R7654 3/16/26

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, April 1, 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. General Fund 1000 (101) 3000 Other Services & Charges 2,000,000 1025 Airport Authority Capital Fund 3000 Other Services & Charges 630,245 1159 Health Fund 3000 Other Services & Charges 27,606 1171 Major Bridge 4000 Capital Outlays 1,500,000 1176 Motor Vehicle Highway 3000 Other Services & Charges 1,630,100 1219 Parks & Recreation 4000 Capital Outlays 2,500,000 4807 Non-Reverting Computer Maintenance 3000 Other Services & Charges 176,508 4000 Capital Outlays 354,852 4824 G.O. Bond, Series 2025A 3000 Other Services & Charges 68,116 4905 Digital Orthophotography 2000 Office Supplies 14,230 8200 Federal Grants 4000 Capital Outlays 58,326 9000 State & Local Grants 6000 Interfund Transfer 7,700 R7655 3/16/26

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION
Phillip Eugene Duncan, Jr. is notified that a petition for adoption of a child, named Sawyer Abigail Duncan, born to Margaret Emily (Hodges) Neuberger on December 21, 2014 was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton County Circuit Court, 1 Hamilton County Square, Suite 313, Noblesville, IN 46060. The petition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption of Phillip Eugene Duncan, Jr. is not required because Phillip Eugene Duncan, Jr. has abandoned or deserted the Child for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the filing of the petition, has failed without justifiable cause to communicate significantly with said Child when able to do so and has knowingly failed to provide for the care and support of said Child when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one (1) year, and is unfit to be a parent, and the best interests of the Child would be served if the Court dispenses with the parent's consent.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN COUNTY
BRANCH VII
AMENDED SUMMONS (FOR PUBLICATION)
Case No. 26-CV-140
Code No. 30301

LaForce, LLC
1060 W. Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303,
Plaintiff,
v.
The Trim Wright, LLC
4206 W. 146th Street, Westfield, IN 46074
and
Miles Newkirk
616 Mill Farm Road, Noblesville, IN 46062
Defendants.
TO: Miles Newkirk
616 Mill Farm Road
Noblesville, IN 46062
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within forty (40) days after March 9, 2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Brown County Courthouse, 100 S. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301, and to Chad R. Levantz, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C., 130 N. Adams St., Green Bay, WI 54301. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

RUDER WARE
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: Electronically signed by Chad R. Levantz
Chad R. Levantz
State Bar No. 1044962

R7596 3/9/26, 3/16/26, 3/23/26

Summons - Service By Publication/Unknown Heirs and Devises of Barbara J McLain/Elizabeth Lovelace, as Trustee for the Barbara J. McLain Living Trust
State Of Indiana County Of Hamilton In The Hamilton Superior Court Cause No: 29D07-2405-MF-005823 PNC Bank, National Association, Successor By Merger To National City Bank Plaintiff-vs- Unknown Heirs And Devises Of Barbara J McLain (Now Deceased), Thomas McCammon Wise As Personal Representative Of The Estate Of Barbara J. McLain, Moss Well Drilling, Inc, Elizabeth Rogers Lovelace, As Trustee For The Barbara J McLain Living Trust Dated May 14, 1990 Defendant(s) Notice Of Suit To the defendants above named, and any other persons 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 the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows: Lot Number 2 Connerwood, Subdivision In Hamilton County, Indiana, The Plat Of Which Is Recorded In Plat Book 3, Page 64 In The Office Of The Recorder Of Hamilton County, Indiana. Commonly known as: 13910 Allisonville Rd, Fishers, IN 46038 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Unknown Heirs and Devises of Barbara J McLain, Elizabeth Lovelace, as Trustee for the Barbara J. McLain Living Trust In addition, to the above-named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Hamilton County at: Hamilton County Clerk 1 Hamilton County Square Ste. 106 Noblesville, IN 46060 on or before the 17th day of April, 2026, (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. Phillip A. Norman, P.C. /s/ Marsha A. Dailey, # 25539-88 2110 Calumet Avenue Valparaiso, IN 46383 Telephone: 219-462-5104 Facsimile: 219-462-9344 marsha.dailey@normanattorney.com 24-00484 2/25/2026
Attest: /s/ Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
Cause No.: 29D03-2602-EU-000084
In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM FRED WATSON, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that JEREMY REED WATSON was on the 24th day of February, 2026, appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of WILLIAM FRED WATSON, Deceased, who died intestate on September 30, 2025, and was authorized to proceed with the administration of said decedent's estate without Court supervision. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Jeremy Reed Watson
Attorney for Personal Representative:
James R. Browne, Jr.
GOODIN ABERNATHY & STEVENSON, LLP
301 E 38th St
Indianapolis, IN 46205
(317) 843-2606
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29D03-2603-EU-000102
Hamilton Superior Court 3
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF HAMILTON
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 3
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF CHRISTIAN V. LEGAND, DECEASED
G. Richard Slater, Attorney
SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC
600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128
Carmel, IN 46032
317-571-9600

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
n the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that George G. Slater was on March 3, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Christian V. Legand, deceased, who died on February 20, 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 March 3, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D03-2506-MF-006134 wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. was Plaintiff, and Jennifer L. Hammit, The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, City of Noblesville Utilities, Midland Credit Management, Inc., Velocity Investments, LLC, Porfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and Cumberland Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc. were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the April 16, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 265 in Horizons at Cumberland Pointe, Section Two, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per Plat thereof recorded November 2,2005 as Instrument Number 200500071854, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known address: 15484 Gallow Lane, Noblesville, IN 46060
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Ouakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Noblesville
Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 29-11-17-013-056.000-013
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
MDK Legal
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein
R7561 3/2/26, 3/9/26, 3/16/26

NOBLESVILLE

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By/At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Engineering Department
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: The proposed project will replace the existing 7 ft diameter by 43 ft long corrugated metal pipe that carries South Fork of Sly Run underneath Mill Creek Road with a 10 ft span by 8 ft rise by 61-ft long four-sided reinforced concrete box culvert, set at 5-degree skew. Headwalls and wingwalls will be constructed at upstream and downstream ends of culvert. Riprap will be placed within the South Fork of Sly Run on top of geotextile at upstream and downstream. The existing SB Mill Creek Road will be widened from 9 ft to 12 ft and a multi-use share path will be added on the west side of Mill Creek Road for pedestrian connectivity. The existing NB lanes will be milled and resurfaced. Grading on the west side of the roadway proposed. The project length is 285 ft. This small structure replacement project is located 1550 ft North of SR 32 on Mill Creek Road in Hamilton County, Indiana
Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, 24th day of March 2026
Receipt of Bids: Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:
SEALED BID: 2026 SMALL STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, 24th day of March 2026.
Qualification of Bidders: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Replacing small structure with RCB with headwall & wingwall, Replacing a portion of existing sanitary sewer, Placing Asphalt Pavement", "Asphalt Pavement Milling", "Traffic Control", and "Pavement Markings."
The Work: The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of Small Structure Replacement Project on Mill Creek Road over South Fork of Sly Run.
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.
Bid Documents: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after March 3rd, 2026. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to jhellmann@noblesville.in.gov and dochoa@noblesville.in.gov requesting instructions to download project documents.
Submit all bid questions in writing to VS Engineering and Carbon Copy to City of Noblesville - Engineering Department prior to 12:00PM, local time on March 19th, 2026. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is: Shailesh M. Desai, PE
VS Engineering, Inc.
Email: smdesai@vsengineering.com
Carbon Copy Question To: Jim Hellmann, PE
Assistant City Engineer
Email: jhellmann@noblesville.in.gov
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.
Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.
Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
BY:
PRINTED: Deon Ochoa
R7576 3/9/26, 3/16/26

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana
This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 6th day of April, 2026. This hearing, to discuss applications BZNA-000018-2026, BZNA-000019-2026, and BZNA-000020-2026 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. The applications submitted by James Coffey, James Coffey Rentals, on behalf of property owners Edward P and Susan McCoy, requests that approval be granted to a variance of use application pursuant to §4.D.3. to allow for two residential dwellings on one lot and variance of development standards applications pursuant to §10.1.4.C.2.d. to allow two driveways on one frontage and §9.B. to allow detached accessory structure square footage to exceed maximum allowed within the R1 zoning district at property located at 17995 Mill Creek Road, Noblesville, Indiana.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.
A list of each applicant's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on www.noblesville.in.gov/applications by clicking on the public records search and entering the case number or address listed above.
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R7627 3/16/26

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The Hamilton County Reporter

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29D02-2507-MF-008011 wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, was Plaintiff, and KIMBERLY A. BANDY, et al were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 16th day of April, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
LOT NUMBER 86 IN BROOKSHIRE LAKES, 2ND SECTION, A SUBDIVISION IN CLAY TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12 PAGES 31 - 32, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More Commonly Known As: 4835 Essex Court, Carmel, IN 46033
Parcel No. 28-10-28-103-006.000-018
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Ouakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Clay Township
4835 Essex Court, Carmel, IN 46033
Street Address
Phillip A. Norman #13734-64
Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45
PHILLIP A. NORMAN P.C.
April 16, 2026
Date
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R7557 3/2/26, 3/9/26, 3/16/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2404-MF-004599, wherein U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF2 Acquisition Trust was Plaintiff, and Edwin E. Moore, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Penny D. Biddle, Norman L. Biddle and Credit Acceptance Corp, 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 16th day of April, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Parcel I: The following real property, situated in the City of Cicero, County of Hamilton and the State of Indiana: And known as being Lot Number 53 in the Town of Deming (Deed Record E, page 5), the East half of the alley between Lot's Number 52 and Number 53, in the Town of Deming, and a part of the Southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 4 East, located in Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana being more specifically described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Lot Number 53 in the town of Deming (Deed Record E, page 5), said point of beginning being the North right of way line of Walnut Street (50 foot right of way), thence West 80.25 feet on and along the North right of way line of Walnut Street to the centerline of an alley (12 foot right of way) between Lots Number 52 and Number 53 In The Town of Deming; thence North 148.5 feet on and along the centerline of said alley to a point on the North line of the Town of Deming, said point being in the West line of the Southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 4 East; thence North 00° 43 min. 37 sec. West (assumed bearing) 68.52 feet on and along the West line of said Southeast quarter, thence South 77° 25 min. 35 sec. East 82.44 feet, thence South 00° 43 min. 37 sec. East 51.14 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot Number 53, thence South 148.5 feet to the point of beginning.
Parcel II: Lot Number 54 in the Town of Deming, in Hamilton County, Indiana as per plat thereof, recorded in Deed Record F, Page 5 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. ALSO: The West Half of that portion of a vacated street, vacated by court order under cause number C78-353 in Hamilton County Circuit Court, which lies of and adjacent to said Lot Number 54. Also: That portion of the East Half of said vacated street described as follows to wit: Beginning at a point 97.40 feet North of the center of Walnut Street and 33 feet West of the West line of Lot Number 55 in the Town of Deming, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded in Deed Record F, Page 5 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, said Point of Beginning also being on the centerline of Main Cross Street (Vacated C78-353) and South 5 feet (measured at right angles) of an existing two story frame garage; thence East 8.3 feet parallel with the South line of said garage to a point, said point being on a line parallel with and East 5 feet (measured at right angles) of the East line of said garage; thence North 34.3 feet on and along the last described line to the intersection of said line and a line North 5 feet (measured at right angles) of the North line of said garage; thence West 8.3 feet on and along the last described line to the centerline of vacated Main Cross Street; thence South 34.3 feet on and along the centerline of vacated Main Cross Street to the Point of Beginning.
29-06-05-401-004.000-008, 29-06-05-401-001.000-008, 29-06-05-401-005.000-008
and commonly known as: 4010 E 226th St, Cicero, IN 46034.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-2404-MF-004599 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
Dennis J. Ouakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Jackson Township
4010 E 226th St, Cicero, IN 46034
Street Address
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DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR
R7558 3/2/26, 3/9/26, 3/16/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2410-MF-011332, wherein MidFirst Bank was Plaintiff, and DeShawn L. Byers, Malinda M. Byers, Westminster at Fishers Property Owners Association, Inc. and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 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 16th day of April, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
The following described property located in the county of Hamilton, state of Indiana: Lot Number 31 in Westminster at Fishers, Section 1, a subdivision in the town of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded December 15, 2004 as Instrument Number 200400084480, and in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 540, and corrected in Surveyors Affidavit recorded October 10, 2005 as Instrument Number 200500066567, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
29-11-22-004-031.000-020
and commonly known as: 13754 Luxor Chase, Fishers, IN 46038.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-2410-MF-011332 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
Dennis J. Ouakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Fall Creek Township
13754 Luxor Chase, Fishers, IN 46038
Street Address
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R7559 3/2/26, 3/9/26, 3/16/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2402-MF-001726, wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and Camila R. Bogard and Star Financial Bank, 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 16th day of April, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot 20 in Turnberry, Section 1, as per plat thereof recorded December 15, 2015 as Instrument No. 2015063890, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
29-12-29-026-020.000-020
and commonly known as: 12889 Girvan Way, Fishers, IN 46037.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-2402-MF-001726 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
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29-12-29-026-020.000-020
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Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # 29D01-2402-MF-001726 in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
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R7560 3/2/26, 3/9/26, 3/16/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2402-MF-001726, wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and Camila R. Bogard and Star Financial Bank, 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 16th day of April, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
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29-12-29-026-020.000-020
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COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2602-MI-001680
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Cynthia Ann Culp
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Cynthia Ann Culp, whose mailing address is: 930 Ogala Drive Westfield, Indiana 46074, in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Cynthia Ann Culp has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Cindy Lu Ann Ford.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: June 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Cynthia Ann Culp
Petitioner
Date: February 23, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
3/2/26, 3/9/26, 3/16/26
R7578

29D03-2602-EU-000098
Hamilton Superior Court 3
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION STATE OF INDIANA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
LANA COMPO,)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO BE PUBLISHED
In the Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that on March 2, 2026, Matthew Compo was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lana Compo, who died intestate on February 29, 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 in Noblesville, Indiana, on March 2, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Lisa M. Dillman
Alexa K. Hart
DILLMAN & OWEN ESTATE AND ELDER LAW
2344 S. Tibbs Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46241
317-492-9569
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alexa@dillman-owen.com
R7606 3/9/26, 3/16/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2602-MI-1865
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Andrea Joy Johnson Ellingwood
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Andrea Joy Johnson Ellingwood, whose mailing address is: 1055 Cherry Street, Noblesville, IN 46060, in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Andrea Joy Johnson Ellingwood has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Andrea Joy Johnson.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: June 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Andrea Joy Johnson Ellingwood
Petitioner
Date: February 17, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
3/2/26, 3/9/26, 3/16/26
R7556

29D01-2603-EU-000105
Jack G. Hittle, #7550-29
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 Kathryn Louise Hinds was, on March 3, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of SHIRLEY ANN BATES, deceased, who died February 23, 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 on March 3, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
R7612 3/9/26, 3/16/26

29D03-2603-EU-000100
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF NANCY ANN SAVAGE)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Khadija Carter, was, on this 3rd day of March, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Nancy Ann Savage, deceased, who died on the October 19, 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, which is earlier, or claims will be forever barred.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
Attorney for the Estate:
Stephanie L. Fall
Sidney V. Conner
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29D02-2603-EU-000113
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2603-EU-000113
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
ESTATE OF STEVEN L. SPILLER)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Andrew Spiller was, on the 9th day of March, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Steven L. Spiller, deceased, who died October 4, 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 Muncie, Indiana, this 9th day of March, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
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625 South Tiltonson Avenue
Muncie, Indiana 47304
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R7638 3/16/26, 3/23/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2602-MI-2583
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
LAUREN RENE BECK
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, LAUREN RENE BECK, through counsel, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from LAUREN RENE BECK to LAUREN BECK-EUSTACE.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on July 17, 2026 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: February 27, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R7616 3/9/26, 3/16/26, 3/23/26

29D03-2603-EU-000120
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5540 Pebble Village Lane, Suite 300
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior Court No. 3
In the Matter of the Estate of Ardell L. Evans, deceased.
Estate Docket No. 29D03-2603-EU-000120
Notice is hereby given that Theresa L. Evans was on March 11, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ardell L. Evans, deceased (December 30, 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 March 11, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court No. 3
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29D03-2603-EU-000119
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
OF JUDITH S. MCCORKLE,)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Fritz Wayne McCorkle, was on March 11, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Judith S. McCorkle, deceased, who died February 12, 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, on March 11, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
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R7646 3/16/26, 3/23/26

29D03-2603-EU-000117
Hamilton Superior Court 3
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR)
COURT 3)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
SCOTT A. JONES, DECEASED)
G. Richard Slater, Attorney
SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC
600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128
Carmel, IN 46032
317-571-9600
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Tyler Jones was on March 10, 2026 appointed personal representative of the Estate of Scott A. Jones, deceased.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on March 10, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R7636 3/16/26, 3/23/26

29D01-2603-EU-123
Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29
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Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Michael Thompson was, on March 12, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of SUE A. THOMPSON, deceased, who died February 22, 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 on March 12, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
R7646 3/16/26, 3/23/26

29D02-2603-EU-000114
Krieg DeVault LLP, Attorneys
111 Congressional Boulevard, Suite 400
Carmel, IN 46032
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In Re: the Estate of Peter B. Smith, deceased
Estate Docket # 29D02-2603-EU-000114
Notice is hereby given that Kristi Smith Petruzzi was, on the 9th day of March, 2026, appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Peter B. Smith, deceased, who died on the 29th 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 9th day of March, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division
R7631 3/16/26, 3/23/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29D06-2602-MI-002525
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
MINOR:)
ANASTASIA DU'PREE LAVALLE,)
By Next Friend:)
STEVE A. LAVALLE.)
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Steve A. Lavalle, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor Child to change the name of minor child, Anastasia Du'Pree Lavalle, to Stassi Lavalle.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on the 17th day of July, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: March 3, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R7615 3/9/26, 3/16/26, 3/26/26

29D02-2603-EU-000114
Krieg DeVault LLP, Attorneys
111 Congressional Boulevard, Suite 400
Carmel, IN 46032
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In Re: the Estate of Peter B. Smith, deceased
Estate Docket # 29D02-2603-EU-000114
Notice is hereby given that Kristi Smith Petruzzi was, on the 9th day of March, 2026, appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Peter B. Smith, deceased, who died on the 29th 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 9th day of March, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division
R7631 3/16/26, 3/23/26

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP

Table with columns: Local Fund Number, Local Fund Name, Receipts, Disbursements, End Cash & Inv Bal. Rows include Governmental, Activities, TOWNSHIP, RAINY DAY FUND, CARE FUND, TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE, EXCESS LEVY FUND, FIRE FIGHTING FUND, EQUIPMENT DEBT, BOND PROCEEDS FUND, PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS, Total All Funds.

HAMILTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE is hereby given that the Drainage Board of Hamilton County, Indiana, will on April 13, 2026 in the Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Courthouse in the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, at 12:00 p.m. receive sealed bids, and from day to day until sold for the furnishing of all labor, equipment and materials necessary for the spraying of ditch bank of regulated ditches under the jurisdiction of said Board for the calendar year 2026 and will award a contract to the lowest and/or best bidder according to specifications and proposal on file in the Hamilton County Surveyor's Office.
All bids shall be submitted on the form provided and must be completely filled out. Contract awarded will be based on the individual total for each drain. Bidders shall specify in the bid the materials and mix proposed to be used. Bidders shall submit bids on an individual total basis as per forms available in the Surveyor's Office, furnish financial statements, bidders bonds and written agreement to comply with prevailing scale of wages all as provided by law.
The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
A non-refundable fee of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars is required for these forms.
DATED THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2026.
ALL BIDS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY BY 12:00 P.M. APRIL 13, 2026.
HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
R7641 3/16/26

WESTFIELD

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance
Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Indiana
Ordinance 26-06, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Westfield Common Council on March 9, 2026. The annexation area consists of approximately 7 acres +/-, generally located on the west side of Chatham Ridge Blvd. The ordinance shall be effective in accordance with Indiana Law upon its passage by the Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance 26-06 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Westfield Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana.
Dated this 11th day of March, 2026.
R7635 3/16/26

Public Notice
Crown Castle is proposing to install antennas and equipment on a proposed 36.5-ft pole located at 437 E 181st St, Westfield, Hamilton Co, IN 47112 (40° 03' 00.36" N, 86° 07' 55.70" W). Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: V. Schaefer, Terracon, 930 Harvest Dr, Blue Bell, PA 19422, 267-512-7035, or vanessa.schaefer@terracon.com.
R7640 3/16/26

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the Common Council at their regular meeting place at Westfield City Hall at 130 Penn Street, in Westfield, IN at 7:00 PM, on the 23rd day of March 2026, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.
Additional appropriations to be added:
567 Opioid Distribution Grant Fund
Major Budget Classification:
Other Services and Charges-Grants-Transfers #567012349 \$25,000
TOTAL for Opioid Distribution Grant Fund \$25,000
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation.
R7643 3/13/26, 3/16/26

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana
This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 6th day of April, 2026. This hearing, to discuss application BZNA-0015-2026, 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. The application submitted by Dustin Simpson requests that approval be granted to a Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO § Table 8.B to allow for the reduction of the minimum 6-foot side yard setback for the construction of an addition on the property located at 901 N 10th Street.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.
A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on the Department of Planning website, http://www.cityofnoblesville.org/planning, by clicking the Boards & Committees button, clicking the icon on the map relating to this location and selecting the application materials link.
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R7632 3/16/26

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TAX RATE FOR FIRE CUMULATIVE CAPITAL FUND
To the Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, State of Indiana: You are hereby notified that on March 10, 2026, the Common Council of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, held a public hearing after publication of notice pursuant to law, concerning Ordinance No. 12-02-26, ("the Ordinance"). The Ordinance was approved and reestablished a Fire Cumulative Capital Fund, ("the Fund") and a tax rate to generate money for the Fund, all pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-41.
The Ordinance provides that the money in the Fund may be used for all purposes for which property taxes may be imposed by the City under Indiana Code 36-8-14.
The Fund will be funded by a property tax rate not to exceed \$0.0333 on each \$100 of taxable real and personal property within the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, beginning in 2026, payable in 2027, and each year thereafter, until reduced or rescinded. This property tax rate is subject to the maximum property tax levy control, pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-.18.5, and thus does not increase the total property tax rate the City may impose. Furthermore, this action leaves the maximum allowable property tax rate for the Fund unchanged.
Upon publication of this Notice of Adoption, 25 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund. Upon the filing of the petition, the County Auditor shall immediately certify the same to the Department of Local Government Finance, at which point the department will fix a date for and conduct a public hearing on the proposed rate and levy before issuing its approval or disapproval thereof.
Dated this 11th day of March, 2026.
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
/s/ Evelyn Lees
Clerk, City of Noblesville
R7648 3/16/26

FISHERS

CITY OF FISHERS
ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE # 2A-26-3
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/
View the list of board members at FishersIN.gov/PlanCommission
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Fishers Advisory Plan Commission at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.
REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # 2A-26-3 - Consideration of a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to Chapter 3. Zoning Districts, Chapter 5. Use Regulations, Chapter 6. Development Standards, and Chapter 12. Definitions.
LOCATION: Citywide
The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:
City of Fishers Community and Economic Development
planning@fishersin.gov
(317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
Petitioner: City of Fishers
R7649 3/16/26

CITY OF FISHERS
ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE # 2B-26-3
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/
View the list of board members at FishersIN.gov/PlanCommission
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Fishers Advisory Plan Commission at 6:00 PM on April 1, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.
REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # 2B-26-3 - Consideration of a rezoning request of 6.17 acres C3 to I1 with conditions for an existing 69,105 square foot building generally located east of I-69 and west of Carney Drive, with the common address of 9810 Carney Drive.
LOCATION: 9810 CARNEY DR, FISHERS, IN 46037
The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:
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Petitioner: ICC Holdings, LLC
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Special Olympics Hamilton County men's basketball teams celebrate successful seasons



Photos provided

Special Olympics Hamilton County is celebrating the successful season of its two men's basketball teams following Area 8 competition. The Special Olympics Hamilton County Bulldogs finished the season as Area 8 Champions in the Blue Division, Level 2, demonstrating teamwork, perseverance, and skill throughout the season. The Special Olympics Hamilton County Cardinals also had a great season, building teamwork and playing hard, earning second place in the Level 3 Area 8 Men's Basketball division. **ABOVE LEFT** The Special Olympics Hamilton County Bulldogs team: (Front row, from left) Blake Buckner, Caiden Wetherald, and Caleb Short. (Back row, from left) Coach Todd Hieber, Dylan Feil, Coach AB Buckner, Nash Huffman, Cade Agnelli, David Scott, and Colin Etchison. **ABOVE RIGHT** The Special Olympics Hamilton County Cardinals team: (front row, from left) Ryan McNarney, Christian Vittorio, and Raheem Harrington. (Back row, from left) Coach Drew Bollenbacher, Jerry Moore, Andy Poulter, Coach Mike Morris, Noah Morris, Derrick Moss, and Cashius Parker.

Gymnastics Regionals

Millers gymnastics heads to state

The REPORTER

The Noblesville gymnastics team vaulted back to the state finals.

The Millers placed third at the Franklin Central regional, which took place Friday, March 6 at The Gymnastics Company. The top three teams at each regional advance to the state meet, which took place this Saturday, March 14, at Ball State University's Worthen Arena. Results will appear in The Reporter's Tuesday, March 17 email edition.

New Palestine won the regional with 108.55 points, followed by Columbus North in second with 108.25 points. Noblesville's score was 106.55 points, which sets a new school record. The previous record was 106.45, set

by the Millers in 2001.

Hailey Nobbe also set a new Noblesville record while placing fourth in the floor exercise. Nobbe totaled a 9.50, resetting her own record of 9.425 that she set earlier in the year.

Valorey Bittles had the highest placing by tying for third in the balance beam. Her score was 9.05. Bittles also placed fifth in the vault with a 9.00.

The Millers competed at state for the first time since 2008.

Noblesville scores, including all top-10 finishes, now follow.

All-around scores: 5. Bittles 36.175, 6. Nobbe 35.75, Leckrone 33.975, Deichman 33.60.

Vault: 5. Valorey Bittles 9.00, 7. Hailey Nobbe 8.95, Emmerson Leckrone 8.425, Vera Deichman 9.375.

Uneven bars: 4. Bittles 8.875,

T7. Nobbe 8.725, Leckrone 8.05, Deichman 7.50.

Balance beam: T3. Bittles 9.05, 5. Deichman 8.95, Nobbe 8.575, Leckrone 8.30.

Floor exercise: 4. Nobbe 9.50, Bittles 9.25, Leckrone 9.20, Deichman 8.775.

Westfield competed at the Portage regional on Saturday, March 7 and qualified three gymnasts as individuals.

Sonoma Fischer scored 35.60 in the all-around to advance to state. The top six gymnasts, plus the next three not on an advancing team qualify for the state meet. Fischer placed ninth overall.

The Shamrocks qualified two more gymnasts in the balance beam event. Both placed in the top 10: Kelsey Atkinson tied for seventh

with 9.175, while Madie Doran placed ninth with 9.10.

As a team, Westfield placed fourth with 103.75 points. Valparaiso won the regional (110.40), followed by Portage (108.00) and Lake Central (107.525); all three advance to state as teams.

Westfield scores, including all top-10 finishes, now follow.

All-around scores: 9. Sonoma Fischer 35.60, Kelsey Atkinson 33.85, Hallie Walther 33.125.

Vault: Hallie Walther 8.80, Sonoma Fischer 8.70, Kelsey Atkinson 8.65, Avery Mason 8.40.

Uneven bars: T8. Fischer 8.85, Walther 7.925, Atkinson 7.90, Kaleia Cole 7.725.

Balance beam: T7. Atkinson 9.175, 9. Madie Doran 9.10, Fischer 8.95, Walther 8.475.

Floor exercise: Fischer 9.10, Doran 8.475, Atkinson 8.125, Walther 7.925.

All-HCC boys basketball team

The REPORTER

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference released its All-Conference Boys Basketball team last week.

Here are the honorees from Hamilton County.

FIRST TEAM

Varschon Clark, sophomore, Hamilton Southeastern – Youngest player on the First Team list. Averaged 12.3 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game. Made 47 percent of his field goals.

Justin Curry II, senior, Noblesville – Averaged 16.7 points, 5.0 rebounds and 1.5 assists per contest. Made 44 percent of his field goals.

Brock Detamore, senior, Westfield – Averaged 12.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.7 assists.

Jason Gardner Jr., junior, Fishers – Averaged 21.2 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.2 assists. Made 60 percent of his field goals.

Drew Haffner, senior, Westfield – Averaged 20.6 points, 3.4 rebounds and 2.0 assists.

Kai McGrew, senior, Fishers – Averaged 15.1 points, 6.6 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.4 blocks.

Landon Osswald, senior, Hamilton Southeastern – Averaged

13.5 points and 5.3 rebounds. Made 54 percent of his field goals.

Baron Walker, senior, Noblesville – Averaged 17.5 points, 5.9 rebounds and 3.9 assists. Made 48 percent of his field goals.

Luke Weemer, senior, Hamilton Southeastern – Averaged 13.9 points and 5.0 rebounds. Made 54 percent of his field goals.

Cooper Zachary, junior, Fishers – Averaged 15.0 points, 5.3 assists and 2.9 steals. Made 92 percent of his free throws.

Out-of-county honorees: Brandon Addison, Brownsburg; Jedidiah Minnet, Avon; Camden Moore, Zionsville.

SECOND TEAM

Max Flanagan, senior, Noblesville – Averaged 10.0 points and 3.4 rebounds. Made 78 percent of his free throws and 50 percent of his field goals.

Ethan Hillsman, senior, Fishers – Averaged 12.2 points, 3.2 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 1.0 steals.

Levi Walker, junior, Fishers – Averaged 9.1 points, 3.9 rebounds and 1.6 assists. Made 42 percent of his 3-point attempts.

Out-of-county honorees: Tyrone Elmore, Avon; Rylon Gore, Zionsville; Raymond Hayes, Franklin Central; Brandon Sharpe, Brownsburg; Chrishon Woodward, Brownsburg.

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