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# It started in a coffee shop

## SMC & HSE partner to train students for real-world career

### The REPORTER

A meeting held over coffee in late 2024 has led to a partnership between Hamilton Southeastern Schools (HSE) and SMC to train high school students in advanced manufacturing and offer careers to those who choose to complete the program. As part of this partnership, SMC has donated three Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machines, valued at over \$155,000.



Morrison

On March 23, SMC and HSE held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and student demonstrations at HSE High School, 12499 Olio Road, Fishers. SMC Corporate Communications Manager Hannah Morrison told The Reporter the event went even better than anticipated.



Photo provided

**These students may not have crafted the very scissors they used to cut the ribbon on the HSE Schools training facility, but now they can manufacture the next set!**

than I had anticipated it looking," Morrison said. "We're incredibly excited about the students and seeing what they're already accomplishing on the machines. It was a really great event. I couldn't be happier with it."

According to Morrison, it all started with two cups of coffee. "This whole project came

about 18 months ago in a coffee shop," Morrison said. "We had a meeting with Steve Lozier from the schools who sat us down to ask, 'What are the most critical workforce needs your business has and how can we as a school system help you guys build those pipelines?' From there, we built out a partnership that looked at how we can start

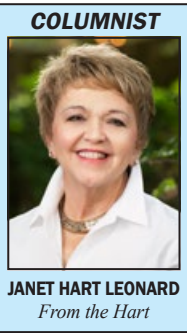
filling these CNC roles. There's a critical lack of a CNC pipeline, not just in Hamilton County or Indiana. It's a nationwide shortage."

CNC operation is a critical role, and one of the most difficult to fill at SMC and countless other companies.

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# Finding real beauty

"Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty – they merely move it from their faces into their hearts." – Martin Buxbaum, American author and poet



COLUMNIST

JANET HART LEONARD  
From the Hart

His words hug my heart.

Some people, when you meet them, and they speak, they immediately show their beauty. It's not their outer appearance that stands out, but their inner beauty.

I just spent five days with 60 of the most beautiful women you could ever come to know. The beauty of their hearts shone brightly through their faces. We hugged, prayed, worshiped, hiked, wiped tears, ate decadent food, and laughed – oh, how we laughed. You should have seen their hearts! They were truly beautiful.

These First Daughters attended the soul care retreat at Glen Eyrie Castle in Colorado Springs, Colo. Yes, a real castle, nestled on a mountain near the Garden of the Gods. Have you ever thought about the fact that your soul needs to be cared for?

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# She could tell you how much potential energy is inside the Golden Apple Award

By HANNA MORDOH  
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

WISH-TV celebrates extraordinary teachers in central Indiana with the WISH-TV Golden Apple Award.

The award comes with a trophy, \$500 in cash thanks to our partners at Hensley Legal Group, PC, a school supply shopping spree to Teachers' Treasures, and a surprise visit from the News 8 team.

March's Golden Apple Award winner is Miss Katie Hagerty. She is a science teacher at Fishers High School and is also a coach outside of the classroom. Her students say she makes tough subjects fun.

Walk into Hagerty's classroom, and you will notice the notes on the wall. Letters expressing admiration and gratitude from students emphasize the impact she is making from the science lab to the track. Proof that in this experiment of high school, one teacher makes subjects – loved and loathed – a whole lot more fun.

Juan Maccarone, 17, is a senior in Hagerty's geology class. He says he's not really a science person, but he's enjoying class.

"She makes it different,"



(ABOVE LEFT) Miss Katie Hagerty's students were there to support her when she received WISH-TV's Golden Apple Award. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Hensley Legal Group attorney Mitch Waldroup, Fishers High School teacher Katie Hagerty, and WISH-TV's Hanna Mordoh.



WISH-TV photos

Maccarone said. "She sort of did a tournament where everybody participated, and we were in groups, and the top three got candy, the top two got donuts, and the top one got bonus credit on the next test."

Hagerty teaches Earth science, geology, and the physics portion of ICP, or Integrated Chemistry and Physics. She has mastered the science of making it relatable to the teenagers in her class.

"I'm not a chemistry and physics lover," Sage Keffaber, 15, said. She's a sophomore who loves biology and genetics, but not physics. Still, Miss Hagerty makes it an atmosphere she enjoys. "She defi-

nately makes it more tolerable, because the labs are so interactive."

Gabriel Pyle, 17, agreed. "Recently, we did a lab that involved a Hot Wheels toy, and we had to measure the velocity and acceleration of it," Pyle said. "And using that Hot Wheels toy, it made it a lot easier to understand how velocity and acceleration work."

Pyle says that Hagerty knows how to connect with students.

"She is always willing to help if you're ever confused, and she's always trying to get to everybody that she can to make sure that they all understand the subject."

Keffaber added, "She's just very pleasant, so I'm not really ever stressed going into her classroom. She's patient, she's helpful, so I can probably get through physics."

Jacob Kapitan teaches the biology and chemistry portion of ICP. He says Hagerty isn't the type of teacher to just teach science and call it a day.

"She's really, really good at bringing that motivation, bringing that excitement, helping kids get excited about what we're doing every day," Kapitan said. "It's, 'Let's tie it in with what they know, what they're used to.'"

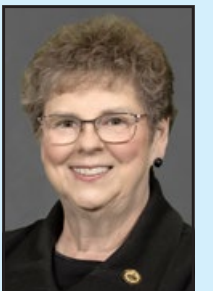
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# Deadline nears for voter registration

County Clerk encourages parents to talk to teens about voting for the first time

### The REPORTER

Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Kream Williams is reminding those who aren't already registered to vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 5, that they have one week left to do so. The deadline to register to vote is Monday, April 6.



Williams

"If you're not sure whether or not you're currently registered, you can always check online," Williams said. "You'll find everything you need to know at [indianavoters.com](http://indianavoters.com)."

Williams also reminds parents of first-time voters that they can vote in the primary even if they are not yet 18 years old.

"Any 17-year-old who will be 18 by Nov. 3 is eligible to vote in the May primary," Williams said. "Primary elections offer a valuable introduction for first-time voters and help build long-term civic engagement. We encourage families to talk about the importance of voting and support teens as they take that first step."

In addition to registering online, you can also register by mail or in person at the Hamilton County Clerk's Office on the first floor of the Judicial Center in Noblesville. If you are currently registered to vote in Hamilton County and have moved or changed your name, you can submit these changes at [indianavoters.com](http://indianavoters.com) as well.

# Husky 4-H'ers have a ball serving their community

By CASH CAMPERELLI  
Husky 4-Hers Club Reporter

On March 11, the Husky 4-H'ers started our meeting out with a pizza party! This wonderful event included pizza, carrots, chips, and cookies.

After that, we started things out with a little bit of exciting news: Two of our 4-H'ers, Lauren Happel and Addison Mann, got scholarships! Lauren got a scholarship to Purdue University for vet school, and Addison got a full ride to IU for business school. They told us about how they got to where they are (newsflash: It wasn't easy!), then we got down to business.

Colton Hoane did the Secretary's Report: Our meeting went pretty well last time. Then Stella Hartwick gave the Treasurer's Report: We're doing



Photo provided by Husky 4-H'ers

**The Husky 4-H'ers packed 15,168 meals for IDES on March 14 at Cicero Christian Church.**

pretty well. Zuri Ebigbo did Devotions on rejoicing God, which is always a good message. Then Sophia Camperelli gave a Health and Safety

demonstration on how to eat healthy so you can stay healthy (again, another good message).

Our guest speaker was Lisa Han-

ni from the Purdue Extension office. She told us about one of her many

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### BEAUTY

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I sat among writers, speakers, authors, podcasters, and pastors who share hope and love in a world where kindness and genuine compassion are gradually being erased or hidden.

During these few days, we learned that it did not matter what we are called to be, but who we are ... Daughters of our Heavenly Father.

Dear Daughter,  
*Don't be afraid, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine.* Isaiah 43:1 The Message

Redeem: To free from captivity and bondage from your past. Can I get a Hallelujah?

Have you ever considered that your Heavenly Father calls you by name? Have you ever read the scriptures with your name in mind?

Isaiah 43 goes on to say ...

*When you're over your head, I'll be there with you.*

*When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.*

*When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end*

*—Because I am God, your personal God, the Holy of Israel, your Savior.*

Each one of these women has a story to tell. They have been in over their heads in hard circumstances. They have struggled in rough waters where they feared drowning. They know more than a few rocks and hard places.

And yet, don't you love the power of the word,



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard  
**Janet wrote about the Kingdom of Heaven from inside an earthly castle. Let that sink in.**

YET?

Yet, God redeemed their difficult stories, just as He can redeem yours. He transforms ashes into beauty. He grants new life after losing a dream or a relationship. He offers hope to the hopeless. He tells us we will see streams in our deserts. We might even dance in our deserts.

This week, we were reminded that God is still doing new things. He is still redeeming our story. He is making a road through our deserts.

This is where real beauty is found.

When you have a story of redemption to tell, beauty will be revealed. The beauty of a heart that has found new life radiates on the face of one who has known great pain, hurt, and sorrow.

When you hug someone with a redemption story, you feel the love in their hug, and their beauty is evident.

When we allow our Heavenly Father to hold the pen as our stories are written, when we allow him to hold the paintbrush that creates a new picture of our lives, and when we allow Him to spackle the broken cracks in our hearts ... beauty will be found.

How do I know? I saw it in the faces of some 60 women worshipping in a castle this week. They did not have the official title of queen or princess, but they were called Daughters of their Heavenly Father. Their beauty radiated as I hugged them.

“When there is beauty in the heart, a woman shall be called beautiful.” – JHL

*Editor's note: Janet recently released her latest book, "From the Hart: Two Decades of Columns, Kindness, and Kitchen-Table Wisdom." You can purchase it on Amazon at [a.co/d/06ktySik](http://a.co/d/06ktySik).*

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## Westfield PD receives eight AEDs from Bolt for the Heart



Photo provided by City of Westfield  
**On Thursday, March 19, the Westfield Police Department received 8 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) donated by Bolt for the Heart, a nonprofit organization serving Indiana with a clear mission: to save lives by expanding access to lifesaving Automated External Defibrillators (AED). At the age of 13, Danny (now 23, pictured second from left) experienced a sudden cardiac arrest while playing baseball in Westfield. Sgt. Tyler Dougherty (middle) quickly responded, using a donated Bolt for the Heart AED to save his life. Westfield Police currently outfits all patrol vehicles with an AED, due to the generous donations from Bolt for the Heart.**

## Westfield Fire receives awards



Photo provided by City of Westfield  
**Congratulations to Westfield Fire Division Chief Ryan Flora and the Fire Prevention Team on their outstanding recognition at the Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana Annual Conference. Division Chief Flora, Public Educator Thida Donel, and Deputy Fire Marshal Mark Fuller were honored with the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Year award. Flora was also the recipient of the FIAI President's Award, recognizing his exceptional contributions to fire safety and training. Westfield's Fire Prevention Division protects the community through education, inspection, and proactive safety efforts.**



Photos provided  
**Would you like to try something different this Easter? Come to Woolly Yak Ranch and Winery for a European Easter Walk. There's nothing to rush through. Just relax. Walk. Enjoy the scenery.**

## Have you ever been on a European Easter Walk? Come to Woolly Yak!

### The REPORTER

In many parts of Europe, families celebrate spring with a relaxed Easter Walk, a peaceful stroll outdoors to enjoy the beauty of the season together.

Now you can enjoy that tradition at Woolly Yak Ranch & Winery with the Discovery Edition Easter Walk – and it's completely free to attend.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5, guests can wander the farm and visit a few Easter Discovery Stops, featuring charming seasonal decorations nestled by the pond and right alongside the sheep pasture, with a few other surprises around the ranch.

If you're hungry, try the Grill & Graze Food Truck.

Take in the fresh spring air, see the animals, and enjoy a simple springtime

experience on the farm. As families head out, children will receive candy-filled Easter eggs to place in their baskets.

This is not a rush, and it's not an egg hunt. Just a sweet little spring adventure on the farm.

Woolly Yak Ranch & Winery is located at 3124 E. 266th St., Arcadia, just east of U.S. 31. Learn more at [woollyyak.com](http://woollyyak.com).

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(ABOVE LEFT) The ribbon was cut on Graeter's newest location in Fishers last Wednesday, March 25. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Chip Graeter (fourth generation co-owner/chief of retail operations at Graeter's), Kathy Graeter (third generation and Chip's aunt), and Luke Graeter (fifth generation and Chip's son).

# Graeter's Ice Cream opens new shop in Fishers

**The REPORTER**

Graeter's Ice Cream, America's oldest family-owned and operated craft ice cream maker, held a grand opening event on Wednesday, March 25 in celebration of its new scoop shop in Fishers at 8699 E. 106th St. This location features dine-in seat-

ing, an enclosed patio area, and will offer the brand's full menu of ice cream, frozen drinks, sundaes, and other irresistible treats.

As the fifth Graeter's location in Indiana, this location joins stores in Butler-Tarkington, Carmel, Westfield, and the Fishers

Ambleside Drive location. This new scoop shop is conveniently located just off Interstate 69, effectively expanding Graeter's footprint to reach more ice cream fans and residents in the Indianapolis area.

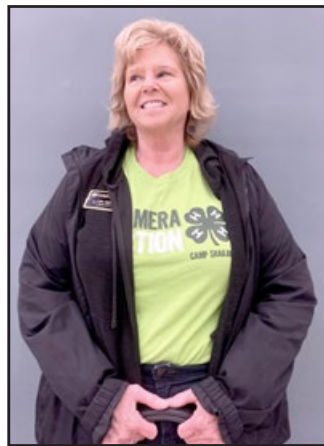
Hours of operation for this new Graeter's Scoop

Shop at Lantern Road are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

To learn more about Graeter's Ice Cream or to purchase online, visit [Graeters.com](http://Graeters.com).

## HUSKY 4-H'ERS

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Photos provided by Husky 4-H'ers

(ABOVE LEFT) Nathaniel Leonard knew the missing "H" in the original 4-H pledge. He was presented with a Chick-fil-A couple by fellow 4-H'er Addison Mann. (ABOVE CENTER) Colton and Brookyn Hoane demonstrated how to tell pigs apart. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lisa Hanni of the Purdue Extension office spoke to Huskey 4-H'ers about Camp Shakamak.

jobs for 4-H: Camp Shakamak. Camp Shakamak has been a 4-H camp for a long time, and she told us all about it. She told us about all the perks, details, and all that happens at Camp Shakamak. Then Addison Mann told us what it was like to be a junior director at the camp.

After our guest speaker, we had our trivia contest: What was the missing "H" in the original 4-H pledge? Health, Heart, Hands, or Head? The answer was health. Nathaniel Leonard got the answer right and won a gift card from Chick-fil-A.

Then Levi Small led us in song as we sang Happy

Birthday to all the Husky 4-H'ers who have a birthday in March.

After that, we had more demonstrations. Abby Martin demonstrated the parts of a tennis racket and how each part affects the game. Natalie Allen and Stella Hartwick gave a demonstration on how to braid hair in different ways. Brooklyn Hoane and Colton Hoane demonstrated how to tell one pig apart from another by the number of notches in its ear and then gave some 4-H'ers a chance to practice on paper pigs.

Then our Recreation Leaders Chiamaka Ebigo and Natalie Knapp taught us how to play the game

Silent Ball. In this game, players must stand in a circle and toss a ball to each other – but there's a catch: If you talk or throw a snake eye (look one way and toss the ball the other way), you are out. The last one standing is the winner. After a couple rounds of that, our meeting ended.

But that doesn't mean this report ends!

Now for a new feature, The Dirt, where I get the "dirt" on how people think our meetings have been going:

"Pretty good. The first meeting was especially fun because of the skits." – Levi Small, Song Leader

"Honestly, I feel like

it's gone pretty well. I think there's a lot of new people, and that's good for making connections." – Chiamaka Ebigo, Recreations Leader

"I think we've been doing good. We've been using our money well and donating. We have enough to up our scholarships to three a year." – Stella Hartwick, Treasurer

And speaking of donating, the Husky 4-H'ers finished out the week by meeting up at Cicero Christian Church on March 14 to pack 15,168 meals for International Disaster Emergency Service.

All in all, it was a pretty good week to be a part of 4-H.

## Community News

### Coffee Hour for Veterans

Attention Veterans in northern Hamilton County ... From 9 to 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, Veterans and the general public are welcome to get together at Remnant Coffee Shop, 101 W. Main St. (266th Street), Arcadia.

Come get to know other Veterans in the area. Tea drinkers are welcome.

### See all Westfield Winter Programs ensembles in one place ... no fooling!

Westfield Band Winter Programs Community Night is only days away ... Wednesday, April 1. This is your one opportunity to see all four ensembles in one place.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and include all four Westfield Winter Programs ensembles: RA Guard, Open Guard, Indoor Percussion, and World Winds. Senior members will also be honored ... and there may be a few other surprises throughout the night.

Tickets are \$5 (available online or at the door).

Get yours now at:

[whsband.ticketspice.com/community-preview](http://whsband.ticketspice.com/community-preview).

### GOP Women to welcome Sheriff candidates

The Hamilton County Republican Women will welcome Sheriff candidates Dustin Dixon and John Lowes for a public safety update in April.

The meeting will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 on the second floor of the Courthouse in Noblesville, 33 N. 9th St. Please enter on the west side of the building.

Dixon and Lowes will share current public issues and their visions for the future of law enforcement in Hamilton County. Don't miss your chance to hear directly from the candidates.

Food and drink will be provided. There is no cost to attend for HCRW members, but guests cost \$5. RSVP to [hamcogopwomen@gmail.com](mailto:hamcogopwomen@gmail.com) by April 6.

If you have not renewed your HCRW membership for 2026, there is still time to do so. Annual memberships are \$40 and can be purchased at [hamcogopwomen.org/membership](http://hamcogopwomen.org/membership).

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# Share your story on POW Recognition Day

Submitted by  
**Jon Baldwin**  
Clay Twp. Military  
Library & Museum



Clay Township Military Library and Museum invites former U.S. prisoners of war and family members of POWs to join us for a special observance from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 9 in honor of National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day.

The event will take place at the Clay Township Military Library and Museum, 10801 N. College Ave., Carmel.

### Why April 9?

April 9 is the official date designated to honor and recognize the courage, resilience, and sacrifice of Americans who were held as prisoners of war and returned. This day holds deep significance in military history and serves as a solemn reminder of the extraordinary hardships endured by POWs and their families.

### Featured presentation

We are honored to have George Matta Jr. share the powerful story of his father, George Matta, who was a prisoner of war during the Korean War. George will present twice, at 9 a.m. and at noon, in the Community Meeting Room of the nearby Township Government Center to accommodate all who wish to attend.

### We need your voice

We are seeking living former POWs and family members of POWs (now

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# Indiana American Water schedules main flushing in Noblesville & Sheridan

### The REPORTER

Indiana American Water will conduct water main flushing in two of its Hamilton County service areas beginning this week.

- In Sheridan, spring flushing will begin Monday, March 30 and run through April 3, from the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- In the Noblesville service area, flushing will begin overnight on Tuesday, April 14 and continue through Thursday, April 16 in the downtown area from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Flushing of the remaining areas of Noblesville and portions of Fishers will start on Wednesday, April 16 and run through Friday, June 26 on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The company conducts the annual maintenance program to assure high-quality water service and to ensure fire hydrants are operational. Water main and fire hydrant flushing is an important part of a regular maintenance program for water distribution systems.

No interruptions in water service are anticipated as a result of the work. Customers may experience a slight drop in water pressure or temporary water discoloration while this program is underway. Customers should refrain from doing laundry during the time of day if they observe flushing is taking place in or near their neighborhood.

If tap water is discolored, Indiana American Water recommends allowing several cold-water faucets to run for a short time until the water runs clear. Using more than one faucet allows the water to clear more quickly. The water main flushing will be performed by Indiana American Water crews. They will be working out of trucks identified with the company logo. All employees will also have photo ID badges.

### Fire hydrant safety

Unauthorized use of fire hydrants can be dangerous. Only fire department personnel and authorized maintenance workers should operate fire hydrants. Unauthorized use can damage hydrants, lower water pressure, and risk water quality. If you see an open hydrant, report it immediately to the local authorities.

### How to receive customer notifications

American Water often uses its phone/text/email customer notification system to notify you before we begin flushing your neighborhood. You must opt-in to these types of non-emergency alerts.

- Log into the MyWater customer portal at [mywater.amwater.com](http://mywater.amwater.com).

- On the Alert Settings tile, click on the Edit button, which will take you to the page where you can update your contact information and preferences.

# Well-shod for a good cause

Heights students collect shoes to raise funds & reduce waste

### Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights Class of 2029 is already lacing up and making strides with a fundraiser that's equal parts creative, sustainable, and community-powered.

The freshmen have officially launched their Shoe Drive Fundraiser, and they're inviting families, neighbors, and local partners to jump in and help keep the momentum going.

Donate your gently used or new shoes and help the Class of 2029 raise money for future class activities, all while keeping reusable materials out of landfills.

Every pair makes a

difference. The more the shoes weigh, the more the class earns. All types of shoes are welcome – sneakers, athletic, sandals, boots, dance, dress shoes – as long as they're in good condition and still wearable. Shoes will be repurposed or rehomed, giving them a second life and reducing waste.

This is a fundraiser that helps students and the planet – a win for the Heights community.

Bring your bagged pairs to any of these convenient locations: any HHSC School, Arcadia Christian Church, Cicero Christian Church, Remnant, or Beck's Hybrids. For questions or



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation  
**Freshmen from the Class of 2029 proudly hold up donated shoes as they rally the community to join their creative, sustainable Shoe Drive Fundraiser. (From left) Iain Van Elk, Adler Effing, Reagan Van Kirk, Stella Hartwick, and Mazie Morrison.**

more information, contact [man@hhschuskiies.org](mailto:man@hhschuskiies.org) or Caty Wiegman at [cwieg- \(317\) 984-3551](tel:3179843551), ext. 1050.

# Westfield Washington Public Library & Township launch landscaping project

### The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) and Westfield Washington Township (WWT) have officially kicked off a major landscaping project as part of the final phase of their building project.

Once complete, the outdoor activity space will feature two shaded structures, reading nooks, ADA-accessible tables, drinking fountains, several water features, and fresh landscaping.

"This outdoor space is the

final piece of our new library's plan," WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said. "It will expand our programming possibilities in such exciting ways – from story times under the shade structures to family activities and summer learning events. And the best part is patrons can watch the progress through the library's many windows and outdoor patios."

The WWT office, located on the west side of the shared library building, is equally eager to see the new green

space take shape.

"This open lawn area will give us a beautiful, flexible space for township and library events alike," WWT Trustee Jamie Goetz Mills said.

"It will be a place where residents of all ages can come together to learn, celebrate, and connect. We're especially excited to use it for our summer camps and youth programs."



Sollars



Goetz Mills

The project was designed by Mader Design and will be executed by KD Landscaping. Construction is set to begin soon, with completion expected by the end of summer.

# SMC

"We donated these machines," Morrison said. "These were machines that were operational on our line, but that we wanted to be able to send off to the school. So these are the machines that replicate exactly the machines that exist on our floor. What they're working on in the classroom are the same machines that, if they step into SMC tomorrow, they'll be working on those same machines. The important part for us was that they're training on the industry standard. They're not training on something that's 30, 40, 50 years old like a lot of other places might have. If they stepped into a baby factory tomorrow, whether it's our business or someone else's, they'll have the skills and the knowledge to step right up and know exactly what they're doing."

The CNC machines

will enhance HSE's precision machining program, a two- to three-year sequence aligned to industry standards. Those students can also choose to participate in a capstone experience with paid internship opportunities at SMC.

"That's during their senior year," Morrison said. They'll have gone through the theory portions in some of their earlier years, and they'll start working in the lab and getting practice with it. Once they're fully skilled those who really have a knack for this and are really interested in pursuing this further as a career. They'll recommend those students to us, who we will bring on for our internship portion. Those are the students who, once they complete that internship, we want to offer a career at the end of it."

Courses supported through this program include Principles of Precision Machining, Precision Machining Fundamentals, Advanced Precision Machining, and a Precision Machining Capstone, where students gain experience in CNC programming, machine setup, and precision manufacturing processes.

"This partnership is a powerful example of what's possible when education and industry come together with a shared purpose," HSE Schools Interim Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "Students are gaining hands-on experience, earning valuable credentials, and seeing a clear connection between what they learn in school and the opportunities ahead."

There are already a handful of students taking the class this year who have already started to work on the

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donated machines. They can earn up to 48 college credits through Ivy Tech and obtain industry-recognized certifications, including National Institute for Metal Working Skills (NIMS) and American Welding Society (AWS) credentials.

According to Morrison, one student at the ribbon cutting said this is not a career he even knew existed, but now that he's had the chance to learn a little and get some time on the machines, he knows this is what he wants to do as a career.

"Hearing kids find a career that they're excited about, that's what it's really all about," Morrison said. "There are students already in the pipeline. There are 11 who started it this year. This is the very first pilot of it. And there are already 80 signed up next year to enter this program."

# GOLDEN

He says she incorporates music and content that resonates with students to help them better understand the subjects.

Science department chair Carmen Napolitano says she sees how Hagerty helps students shine.

"It's not just about the content we teach in class, but the relationships we form, helping them find their direction, and I think that she does that amazingly," Napolitano said. "She does a great job developing relationships with kids. I think that they all know that she really cares about them."

"They have a lot of fun in class with her, and I think that's probably the most important thing to making kids feel comfortable with making mistakes and learning from

mistakes is knowing that you care about them, that you're there to help them out."

She does this after school, too. Miss Hagerty helps run Quiz Bowl. Fishers High School is the defending state champion. She also brings her passion for running to the school as a coach for the Unified Track and Field team and Unified Football. Both bring students of all abilities together to compete.

"I've always said good teachers are coaches and coaches make good teachers, and she kind of embodies that," Principal Kyle Goodwin said.

He added that her ability to coach and teach kids comes down to balancing love and accountability.

"She loves her students

fiercely, and balances that with high expectations," Goodwin said. "And I think that balance, as I said, is easier said than done. It's something that I certainly want to give her credit for."

That's why she deserves the WISH-TV Golden Apple Award. So along with the superintendent and Hensley Legal Group, the WISH-TV team went to surprise her.

Personal injury lawyer Mitch Waldroup presented the \$500 check to Miss Hagerty. Then she watched a video from her students and coworkers.

When asked how she was feeling, Hagerty said, "Overwhelmed."

"I have never thought about doing anything else. I love teaching. I love being in the classroom, and I

like science, so I want kids to like science. I want them to feel like science is in everyday life and it is around them all the time. Especially in physical science. The earth, physics, and chemistry – they help us understand the world we are in."

She said she hopes people learn from her story that there are hard-working people making sure kids understand their world. Because in the science of teaching, that's a hypothesis with a conclusion of success.

Do you know a teacher who deserves WISH-TV's Golden Apple Award? Enter your nomination at [wistv.com/golden-apple](http://wistv.com/golden-apple).

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# Tipton breaks ground on new youth baseball complex

Submitted by City of Tipton

The City of Tipton officially broke ground Wednesday, March 25 on its new baseball complex at Tipton City Park, marking a major milestone in a project designed to expand youth athletic opportunities and enhance community recreation.

City officials, project partners, community leaders, and supporters gathered for a ceremonial groundbreaking at the future site of the complex, located just south of the existing park. The ceremony included remarks from city leadership, project partners, and major contributors, followed by the first turn of dirt and group photos.

The project will bring three new baseball fields to Tipton, designed to support multiple levels of play and provide a long-term home for youth baseball in the community.

"This is an exciting day for Tipton and a moment that represents years of planning, partnership, and commitment to our community,"



Photo provided by City of Tipton

Mayor Kegan Schmicker with Tipton Youth Baseball representatives.

said Mayor Kegan Schmicker. "We're proud to officially get this project underway, and we're incredibly grateful to everyone who has played a role in helping bring it to this point."

The project is supported through a combination of City investment and a community-driven capital campaign, with key contributions from IU Health Tipton Medical Staff, Tipton County Foundation, and Encompass Credit Union, who each serve as field sponsors for the new complex.

Additional collaboration from project partners, including Build BW and Engineering Resources, Inc., has helped move the project from planning to construction.

The new facility will include a Babe Ruth field, a Cal Ripken field, and a dedicated Pee Wee field, along with supporting amenities for players, families, and spectators.

Schmicker also expressed appreciation for those who have supported local youth baseball programs

during the transition period. "We also want to thank the Town of Atlanta for opening their fields to our youth baseball program over the past couple of years," Schmicker said. "Their willingness to step in and support our kids during this time has meant a great deal to our community."

Once complete, the complex is expected to serve as a central hub for youth athletics in Tipton, providing a dedicated space for games, practices, and community use for years to come.



Photo provided

# A night of fun with a purpose

Ben's Ranch Foundation opens ticket sales for 'Barn Bash'

Submitted

Ben's Ranch Foundation (BRF), a local nonprofit dedicated to empowering teens struggling with mental health challenges, has officially opened ticket sales for its annual "Barn Bash" fundraising event, taking place Saturday, April 25 in Carmel.

The community is invited to experience this one-of-a-kind evening featuring professionally led square dancing, live music from **Indy Annies**, a mechanical bucking bull, dinner, and a silent auction. All proceeds support programs that create meaningful employment and work-based learning opportunities for teens facing mental and emotional health challenges, connecting them to hands-on work through small group programs and paid internships on farms, at stables, and in other outdoor settings.

To purchase tickets, visit [bensranch.org/events](https://bensranch.org/events).

"The Barn Bash is more than an event – it's a chance to open doors for teens who need hope and opportunity," said Kathy Laigaard, event Co-Chair and Ben's Ranch Board Member. "It's also a powerful way for our community to come together and invest in the future of young people. We invite everyone to join us for a night that makes

a difference." The Foundation is seeking sponsors and donations or items for the silent auction. You can donate an auction item through BRF 2026 Barn Bash Donation Form. If you have questions, you can email [events@bensranch.org](mailto:events@bensranch.org).

Unable to attend? Please contribute by bidding on silent auction items! The Barn Bash silent auction will be available online to the public on April 15 at [galabid.com/barn-bash-2026](https://galabid.com/barn-bash-2026).

Based in Hamilton County, BRF serves young people at numerous locations in Hamilton and Boone counties. In 2023, Ben's Ranch assumed management of Koteewi Stable and Trails, located in Koteewi Park in Noblesville. At the stable, the public can enjoy trail rides on horseback, pony rides, hold birthday parties, attend special events, and adopt a horse. This unique partnership between BRF and the Hamilton County Parks Department allows BRF interns and small group participants to do chores, take care of the horses and learn skills at the stable.

For more about Ben's Ranch Foundation and Koteewi Stable and Trails, visit at [bensranch.org](https://bensranch.org) and [koteewitrails.org](https://koteewitrails.org).

# Westfield Intermediate School begins transition into Cool Creek Elementary

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) broke ground on Tuesday, March 24, marking the beginning of Westfield Intermediate School's (WIS) transformation into Cool Creek Elementary School.

Construction will be completed in phases over the next two summers, aligning with the district's plan to gradually transition sixth-grade students out of the building. This approach allows WIS to complete the current school year with minimal disruption while preparing for its future as an elementary school.

The groundbreaking signals a new chapter for the historic site, reimagining it as a vibrant, child-centered K-5 school designed to serve the district's youngest learners. The converted facility will include collaborative learning spaces, flexible classrooms, and a modern library media center that fosters curiosity, creativity, and connection.

Beyond the classroom,



Photo by Rocks Media House

The Reporter has rarely seen a groundbreaking that looks as fun at this one!

outdoor spaces will be significantly enhanced to provide safe, engaging play environments. The new playground will have designated zones tailored to different age groups and activities. Kindergarten students will benefit from a dedicated play area with age-appropriate structures and surfaces that promote fine and gross motor development in a secure, imaginative setting.

"It's exciting to see this building begin a new chapter as the district's newest elementary school," said Andy

Hilton, principal of Cool Creek Elementary. "The updates, including the newly completed media center and this soon-to-be renovated playground, are creating welcoming spaces where our students will learn, grow, and thrive for years to come."

The project also includes improved traffic flow and dedicated drop-off and pick-up zones to reduce congestion and enhance safety for families.

Superintendent Dr. John Atha reflected on the project's long-term impact.

"These improvements reflect our commitment to strategically prepare our schools to serve students well into the future," Hill said. "This updated space will soon be transformed into the perfect place for young learners to begin their journey toward becoming Life Ready."

Upon completion, Cool Creek Elementary will become the district's eighth K-5 school, reflecting WWS' continued commitment to thoughtful growth and high-quality learning environments.

# Hamilton County Federation of Democratic Women seeks members

Submitted by Hamilton County Democratic Party

Democratic women from across Hamilton County are invited to attend the inaugural meeting of the Hamilton County Federation of Democratic Women (HCFDW) at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at Eller House, 7050 E. 116th St., Fishers.

The meeting marks the launch of a new caucus dedicated to educating, energizing, and empowering Democratic women while expanding civic engagement and leadership opportunities across the county.

Organizers say the moment presents a unique opportunity for local Democratic women to get in on the ground floor of a new group and help shape its direction, priorities, and impact from the very beginning.

As Democratic women across Indiana mobilize ahead of an important election cycle, the HCFDW aims to connect women who want to become more involved in local politics, support Democratic candidates, and build a stronger pipeline of women leaders in the party and public office.

"Women are the backbone of our families, communities, schools, and corporations," Jessica Irvine said. "It's time we made a concerted effort to ensure civic engagement has not only their input, but their strategic direction."

All Democratic women in Hamilton County, whether longtime volunteers, new activists, or those simply interested in learning more, are encouraged to attend, meet fellow community members, and help build this new organization together.



Photos provided by Allison Wait

# Sheridan High School honors outstanding students at National Honor Society induction ceremony

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan High School held its annual National Honor Society (NHS) induction ceremony on Monday, March 16.

This event recognized students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These values truly represent the best of the Sheridan Blackhawk community.

To be eligible for NHS membership, Sheridan High School students must have

a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. Eligible students are then reviewed and selected for induction.

The induction ceremony shines a light on students who are making positive impacts in the classroom and outside of it. The event brought together students, faculty, and families to honor the accomplishments of these new inductees.

Sheridan High School and Sheridan Community Schools are proud of their hard work and commitment,

and look forward to seeing the impact these individuals will continue to make both in school and beyond.

- Norah Adams
- Emily Berner
- Jordan Byrne
- Liliana Caudillo
- Lia Christman
- Dylan Clear
- Oliver Crail
- Tanner Dawson
- Isabella Delgado
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- Grace Pratt
- Khamila Reyes-Espinoza
- Lexan Huffman
- Alexis Sayre
- Kelsey Sedwick
- Elijah Shirar
- Madison Underwood

# POW

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deceased) who would be willing to share their stories – whether briefly or at length – during our event. Some have written accounts or been interviewed; others may wish to speak informally or simply be recognized for their service and sacrifice.

Your participation matters. Every story preserves history, educates our community, and honors the legacy of those who endured captivity in service to our nation.

**How to participate**

If you are a former POW, or a family member of a POW, and would like to share your story or simply attend and be recognized, please contact us:

- Email: [claytwpmilitarymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:claytwpmilitarymuseum@gmail.com)
- Phone: (317) 435-7194

• **In person:** Visit us at 10801 N. College Ave., Carmel

Our librarian and our genealogist are actively researching records to identify and reach out to former POWs in our county, but we know personal networks are invaluable. Please share this message with anyone you know who might be interested in participating or attending.

**Can't participate but want to support?**

If you know of a former POW or family member who should be invited, please share their contact information with us (with their permission), or forward this email directly.

We are honored to create a space where these important stories can be told and preserved for future generations.

## Father of slain teen pushes for new law to protect children online

By CAT SANDOVAL  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

The father of Hailey Buzbee is pushing for a new Indiana law to protect teens and children from predators.

If approved by next year's Legislature, Hailey's Law, named after his daughter, would give families and authorities opportunities to act in the most critical hours, Beau Buzbee says.

The Fishers girl and Hamilton Southeastern student went missing in January after communicating with a 39-year-old Ohio man she met online. She was later found dead in Ohio.

As a result of her death, Indiana lawmakers this year updated the Indiana Silver Alert to include high-risk endangered children who are missing.

The proposed Hailey's Law would institute a Pink Alert for missing high-risk youth in cases specifically involving online grooming or trafficking risks. It's a gap, the family says, that can be missed by an Amber Alert or an Indiana Silver Alert. The proposed Hailey's Law also would push for mandated online safety education in schools.

Beau said, "We're also asking for higher penalties for first-offense groomers. Right now, it's a misdemeanor, and we need that to be a felony, and I think Hoosier families would agree. In today's world, things move so fast we don't have days before we complete some initial steps."

A suspect has been arrested and charged in connection with Hailey's disappearance, but nobody has been criminally charged in relation to her death.

Talking about his desire to change Indiana law has not an easy conversation for Beau to

have as he mourns his daughter. He said she was interested in journalism and communications. "I saw a folder. It was full of college flyers and applications and Hailey. ... She had a future and was looking forward to it."

"She's a very special girl to us and because of that love and how selfless she was as a person and all about other people and those relationships, and we just want to carry that forward for others."

Beau said he intends to champion Hailey's Law in remembrance of her and to assure it doesn't happen to another child again. "The changes we make together will be rooted in the love Hailey brought into this world during her time with us."

Hailey was a good kid, a star student, and a hard worker, Beau said, and there were no obvious signs. The family implemented safeguards, such as keeping no computers or phones in her room at night and keeping her door open. Despite this, she was lured away.

Beau encouraged parents to be diligent and to keep communication open. "We know some of them have had to do it alone, and what we're trying to do is surround them with love and support to where they feel hope so they can feel like they can take action and fight. ... We're trying to getting work done to fill those gaps."

Beau said he is grateful for the community support, using that attention to act. The father said he intends to deliver a draft of Hailey's Law to state lawmakers next week.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/father-of-slain-teen-pushes-for-new-indiana-law-to-protect-children-online](http://wishtv.com/news/politics/father-of-slain-teen-pushes-for-new-indiana-law-to-protect-children-online).*

## Share your story of Indiana Peony Festival with Smith's Jewelers Special Moments Program

By KELLY McVEY  
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

Some special moments deserve more than a simple celebration. With the support of Noblesville's hometown jeweler, your heartwarming celebrations and stories bring "Your Love. Your Story. Your Legacy." to life.

From planning an engagement, anniversary, birthday, graduation party, family tradition, or meaningful life milestone, let Smith's Jewelers uniquely design a special moment experience to reflect your story being celebrated. Every experience is uniquely designed to reflect the story being celebrated, whether it's an engagement, anniversary, family tradition, or meaningful life milestone.

This year, Smith's Jewelers invites you to share your upcoming special peony occasion! Smith's will be selecting a small number of sentimental stories submitted to share with the public, as part of their Special Moments Program. If selected, participants will receive a curated experience from Smith's Jewelers. Each experience will be thoughtfully designed and curated by the Smith's team.

Here's how the Special Moments Program works:

- What selected participants receive**
- A personalized planning consultation with Smith's Jewelers
  - Professional photog-

raphy and short cinematic video capture

- Proposal coordination and ring presentation planning (if applicable)
- Exclusive festival-day staging and curated reveal location
- Special event-only pricing or gifting on select jewelry pieces
- A commemorative charm or keepsake item
- Printed heirloom photo or framed memorabilia
- A curated "Date Night" experience following the festival
- Story feature consideration across Smith's platforms (with permission)

**How Special Moments are selected**

- Applicants are invited to share:
- Who they are celebrating
  - What makes this moment meaningful
  - Why the Indiana Peony Festival is the right setting
  - What this person means to them

Every moment is tailored to the individual story being celebrated, whether it's an engagement, an anniversary, a mother-daughter tradition, or a meaningful life milestone.

Let the Indiana Peony Festival's 2026 Premier Sponsor help you create a festival moment worth remembering.

For more details or to submit a story, go to [indianapeonyfestival.com/smiths-special-moments](http://indianapeonyfestival.com/smiths-special-moments). We'd love to share a special moment with you this spring!

# Hamilton County Ag Day celebrates 40 years

### The REPORTER

In March, Hamilton County celebrated its 40th Ag Day with more than 2,000 second graders, parents, and teachers visiting the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds for an agriculture-focused field trip.

Participants rotated through nine educational displays including agricultural products and live animals March 17 to 19. Displays included information on corn, soybeans, wheat, beekeeping, soil and water conservation, drones in agriculture, and more. Students learned about animal production and animal by-products while interacting with beef cattle, dairy cattle, goats, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine.

More than 100 4-H youth and adult volunteers led the presentations and facilitated hands-on activities.

The Agriculture Council of America will host National Ag Day today, March 24. This is a nationwide effort to tell the true

story of American agriculture and remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us. Many agricultural associations, corporations, students, and government organizations involved in agriculture will participate. Educational programs like Ag Day help consumers understand how our food and fiber arrives at the grocery or clothing store and makes its way to dinner tables and closets across the country. We rely on agriculture for the very necessities of life. From beef and pork to cotton and corn, agriculture is working harder than ever to meet the needs of Americans and others around the world. A single American farmer feeds more than 169 people. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for food and fiber produced in the United States.

"Since many Hamilton County residents are now three or more generations removed from the farm, Ag Day provides students with



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a close up, hands-on exposure to agriculture that they would not have otherwise had the opportunity to experience," said Lisa Hanni, Program Assistant for Pur-

due Extension Hamilton County.

All of the amazing sponsors shown here allowed for Ag Day to be the success that it was.

## SERVE Season kicks off

Mobilizing Noblesville community for season of service & connection

### Submitted

SERVE Village is officially launching its annual SERVE Season inviting neighbors, businesses, and community organizations to come together to strengthen Hamilton County through service, connection, and celebration.

The SERVE Season features several community events throughout the spring and summer that bring neighbors together and encourage participation across Hamilton County including:

- **Lip Sync Battle – April 14:** A fun, high-energy, multi-generational community event where local individuals, teams, and organizations take the stage to

compete and celebrate community spirit.

- **Single Day of SERVE – April 24 and 25:** In partnership with the Indiana Peony Festival, Noblesville Preservation Alliance, and Keep Noblesville Beautiful, this weekend of service projects helps pave the Path to the Peony Festival as we spruce up with neighbors in historic downtown.

- **COME Together Week – May 20 to 27:** A grassroots initiative encouraging residents, businesses, and neighborhoods to host gatherings from cookouts to block parties to build relationships and foster community connection.



Photo provided by Chris Hartig

The March 20 FUN Fest was a cultural celebration where neighbors shared food, music, traditions, and stories from diverse backgrounds, strengthening their sense of belonging.

- **Longest Table, The Kickoff of COME Together Week – May 20:** A signature community appreciation lunch in Seminary Park that brings nonprofit leadership

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## Gaylor Electric delivers standout performance at ABC Convention

Earning national safety honors and multiple top-tier project awards

### The REPORTER

Gaylor Electric delivered a standout showing at the Associated Builders and Contractors Convention in Salt Lake City, earning multiple national honors that reinforce its leadership in safety, craftsmanship, and people-first culture.

Leading the recognition, Jennifer Ferdinand-Stong, corporate safety manager at Gaylor Electric, was named Associated Builders and Contractors' inaugural 2026 Health and Safety Professional of the Year, becoming the first professional nationwide to receive the honor. Read the full story here.

"Jenny's daily actions center on total human health, exemplifying her resilience and unwavering commitment to safety," said Thomas "Murph" Murphy, 2026 Chair of the ABC National Board of Directors. "She is fully present in the field, pairing prevention-focused hazard recognition with uncompromising ethics, stop-work empowerment for all and safety embedded in all planning."

The company's success extended to project execution, with two national Excellence in Construction awards. Gaylor Electric received the Eagle Award, the program's highest honor, for the Margaritaville Beach Resort in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., and a Pyramid Award for the HSV Concourse Renovation at Huntsville International Airport.

"These recognitions re-



Photos provided (TOP LEFT) Jenny Ferdinand-Stong won the inaugural Health & Safety Professional of the Year Award. (TOP RIGHT) Gaylor Electric apprentice Cooper Fowler (center) earned a bronze medal in the National Craft Competition. (ABOVE) Alan Rich (fourth from left), a Gaylor Electric journeyman, earned a gold medal in the team competition of the National Craft Competition.

flect the caliber of our people," said Chuck Goodrich, CEO of Gaylor Electric. "When our employees succeed, our company succeeds."

Gaylor Electric also earned a National Health and Safety Pinnacle Award, one of ABC's most selective honors, presented to just 59 contractors nationwide. The award recognizes companies that achieve the highest levels within ABC's STEP Health and Safety Manage-

ment System and demonstrate sustained excellence in safety performance.

Rounding out the week, two Gaylor Electric employees placed in the National Craft Championships. Journeyman Alan Rich was part of a four-man team that won the Gold Medal and Safety Award in the Team Commercial category, while apprentice Cooper Fowler took home the Bronze medal in the Electrical: Commercial-In-

dustrial competition.

**About Gaylor Electric**  
As the Associated Builders and Contractors' only two-time Contractor of the Year, and with more than 40 years of experience, Gaylor Electric delivers design-build electrical construction, 24/7 on-demand electrical support, and utility services nationwide, operating across 13 office locations with three Production Innovation Centers. Learn more at [Gaylor.com](http://Gaylor.com).

Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

# Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. wins four Indiana Tourism Awards

Organization recognized for excellence in marketing & sports

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana Tourism Association (ITA) presented Hamilton County Tourism with four Indiana Tourism Awards during its 2026 conference in Indianapolis. A panel of out-of-state judges selected winners based on creativity, innovation, and maximization of budget. A total of 141 entries were received across 30 categories. First, Hamilton County Tourism won Best Culinary-Focused Marketing Campaign for *Around the Table*. This digital initiative featured video spotlights of

local restaurants and received over one million impressions during the monthlong marketing push to promote Hamilton County's growing culinary scene. The *HamCo Hubway* received recognition for Best Digital Marketing Campaign. The trail-focused campaign drove measurable visitation growth, boosting overall trail use and contributing to more than 300,000 attributable visits. Next, the Visit Hamil-



ton County website won Best Website for its success in design, interactivity and copywriting, among other attributes. The refreshed website saw a 16.7 percent year-over-year increase in new users, demonstrating a growing awareness of Hamilton County as a destination. Finally, Hamilton County Sports Authority secured the award for Best Event for hosting LIV Golf Indianapolis and supporting its success at The Club at Cha-

tham Hills in August 2025. This event set an attendance record for LIV Golf's United States tournaments. "Earning four Indiana Tourism Awards is a true honor, especially among such a talented and competitive field of entries," said Todd Bolster, Hamilton County Tourism Executive Vice President of Marketing, Sales and Sport. "These recognitions reflect the creativity and dedication of our entire team. We're proud of what we've built, and even prouder to bring attention to our communities at the state level."



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Danyele Easterhaus and Westfield Rotarian Ron Fall.

# Hamilton County Leadership Academy applications now open for 2027 season

By **DUBBIE BUCKLER**  
Carmel Rotary Club Board

Hamilton County Leadership Academy Executive Director Maria Kanger addressed Carmel Rotarians at their March 20 meeting about the Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA). She explained its purpose and the application process. Kanger shared that the HCLA was established in 1991 to develop a pool of knowledgeable community leaders to apply their skills to government, business, and civic activities and positively shape the future of Hamilton County. The HCLA was developed by the Noblesville Chamber and the Carmel-Clay Chamber of Commerce. HCLA's mission is to educate and inspire leadership to create a positive impact in our community. Funding is provided by participant tuition fees, contributions from local governmen-

tal entities and corporations, grants, and private donations. Kanger explained that each year the HCLA selects a cohort of leaders to complete a comprehensive, 10-month curriculum exploring local issues. After completing the program, graduates are prepared to assume active roles in addressing critical issues facing Hamilton County. Eligible applicants must reside or work in Hamilton County; share a desire to gain a deeper understanding of Hamilton County trends, operations, and services to the community; demonstrate a record of leadership both professionally and through volunteerism in the community; have the opportunity and passion to significantly influence issues facing our community; articulate the impact they hope to make in Hamilton County due to their HCLA participation; be able to commit to the

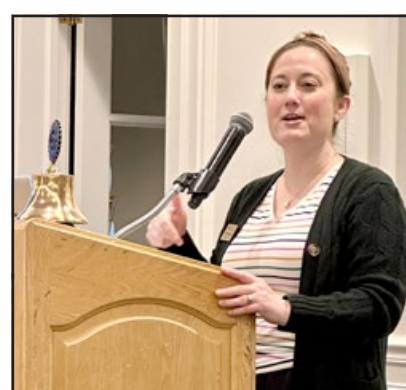


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HCLA Executive Director spoke with Carmel Rotarians at their most recent meeting.

attendance and time requirements of a monthly class experience from 8:20 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. one time a month from September to May (missing no more than two classes) and mandatory attendance at a two-day opening retreat in August and a two-day overnight closing retreat in June; invest in their leadership journey and have the

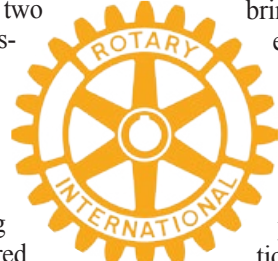
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# Danyele Easterhaus talks to Rotarians about compassion

Submitted by **Ron Fall**  
Rotary Club of Westfield

Recently, the Westfield Rotary Club had the privilege of hosting Danyele Easterhaus, a dedicated leader with over two decades of hands-on experience in the nonprofit sector. She delivered a deeply moving and inspiring message centered on empathy and resilience – qualities she's cultivated through years of advocacy and personal growth. Danyele joined us to share powerful insights from her recent contribution to the book *Empathy Impact: The Wild Effects of Kindness in Action*. This compelling collection features true stories from 15 remarkable women, each illustrating how empathy in action creates profound, ripple-effect transformations in lives, workplaces, organizations, and entire communities.

journey has been the heartbeat of Danyele's own path. What began as a mother's tender habit of journaling "Brookisms" (those unique, joyful expressions and perspectives Brooke brings to the world) evolved into something far greater. Brooke's adoption story became a turning point: by intentionally building a compassionate, ongoing relationship with her daughter's birth mother, Danyele's eyes were opened to layers of systemic injustice she hadn't fully grasped before. This experience ignited her evolution into what she now calls a "justice fighter" – someone committed to using empathy as a tool for equity and healing. True to her mission of turning compassion into tangible impact, 100 percent of the proceeds from *Empathy Impact* support Louder Than Silence, a Dallas-based nonprofit dedicated to providing long-term care, community, and essential resources to survivors of sexual violence – at no cost to those it serves. Danyele's presence and her story served as a vivid, heartfelt reminder: empathy isn't passive – when channeled into deliberate action, it becomes a force capable of mending divides, uplifting the overlooked, and creating lasting change. We're grateful for the wisdom and inspiration she shared with us.



# Celebrate Spring with a Wildflower Walk

Submitted

Wander the woods and welcome spring on both Saturdays, April 11 and April 25 at Blatchley Nature Study Club, 125 Boulder Drive, Noblesville. Explore the trails with guided tours anytime between 1 and 5 p.m. either day – or both. "From violets to trilliums, phlox to bluebells, trout lilies to wild geraniums, Blatchley Nature Study Club sanctuary boasts a wonderful display of wildflowers that you can learn all about with a guided tour," Club President Mike Culy. "The Wildflower Walk is one of our favorite events of the year," Club Communications

Chair Emma St.Dennis said. "Especially after a cold winter (and spring), spending an afternoon in the woods is an incredible treat." The event is free, open to the public, and great for all ages, kids, scout groups and adults! Although the walking path is moderate, it is not wheelchair accessible. In the event of lightning or downpours, the event will be canceled. Check the Blatchley Facebook page for updates. Questions? Contact Mike Culy at (317) 407-2332 or [mdculy57@gmail.com](mailto:mdculy57@gmail.com) or Emma St.Dennis at (317) 432-7146 or [threelsmom@hotmail.com](mailto:threelsmom@hotmail.com).



Photos provided

Blatchley Nature Study Club invites you to walk into spring on April 11 and 25 at 125 Boulder Drive, Noblesville.

# Actors Theatre of Indiana announces 2026-2027 season

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On Wednesday evening, March 25, Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) unveiled its 2026-2027 season of productions. The season kicks off on Sept. 4 with *Never Can Say Goodbye: The 70's Beehive Musical*. The sequel to last year's hit show *Beehive*, this will mark the regional premiere of this celebration of the women of 1970s music and culture. The music is the soundtrack of a generation and the songs are classics that everyone knows and loves, representing artists including Linda Ronstadt, Donna Summer, Heart, Debbie Harry, Pat Benatar, and other 70s legends. Directed by Carol Worcel. \*\*\* *Little Shop of Horrors* follows in October. In this classic Broadway parody of sci-fi/horror films of the 1950s, the meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant that he names "Audrey II" after

his co-worker crush. This sharp-tongued, R&B singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down-and-out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it ... BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination! The rock & roll inspired score and inventive puppetry have made this shows a massive hit over multiple generations, from Broadway revivals to the classic film adaptation, it is an American pop culture institution. Directed by DJ Salisbury. \*\*\* You may recognize the January 2027 production – *The Maltese Falcon: A Musical Nightmare*. Another ATI World Premiere, ATI was fortunate enough to feature *Falcon* as one of its Lab Series productions in 2024. This new musical adaptation of the famous Dashiell Hammett novel and Humphry Bogart movie finds hard-boiled detective Sam Spade wrestling with



ghosts, his consciousness, and the truth the night before his fateful deposition in the biggest case of his life. In the farcical tradition of *The 39 Steps*, this send-up of the film noir genre features all of the elements of the classic story including rough-around-the-edges Sam Spade, his long-suffering assistant Effie, femme fatale Brigid O' Shaughnessy, the scheming Mr. Cairo and bumbling Mr. Gutman all chasing down the stolen diamonds hidden in the statue of a menacing bird. Directed by Darrin Murrell. \*\*\* ATI will wrap up the 2026-27 season with *A Little Night Music*. Set in 1900 Sweden, this beloved Broadway classic by the legendary Stephen Sondheim and featuring his hit song "Send in the Clowns," is a sophisticated and en-

chanting masterpiece. The story explores the tangled web of affairs centered around actress, Desirée Armfeldt (played by ATI Artistic Director Judy Fitzgerald), and the men who love her. Estranged lovers' passion rekindles, a flurry of jealousy and suspicion erupts and the follies of love are illuminated by the smiling moon during a languorous weekend in the country at the family's estate. With everyone in one place, infinite possibilities of new romances and second chances bring endless humor and surprise. Directed by Richard J. Roberts. \*\*\* All shows will take place at ATI's home stage at The Studio Theatre. Tickets are available at [atistage.org](http://atistage.org) or through the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

# SERVE from Page A6

together around one long table to share a meal, conversation, and connection. **• SERVE Week – June 23 to 27:** The season culminates with SERVE Week, Hamilton County's largest volunteer mobilization, where a thousand volunteers complete about a hundred projects throughout the community, including painting, landscaping, shed building, historic sidewalk recovery, and other neighborhood beautification opportunities. "SERVE Season is about reminding people that the strength of our community lies in our willingness to show up for one another," SERVE Village Board President Jack Mosely said. "Every year we see neighbors, businesses, and organizations come together to make a real difference. When people serve side by side, relationships are built and our community grows stronger." SERVE Village is a Hamilton County-based nonprofit dedicated to activating the power of "neighbors helping neighbors," bringing people together to serve, build relationships, and celebrate the strengths of every member of the community. Through events, programs, and neigh-

borhood initiatives, the organization helps residents identify ways to use their talents and resources to make a meaningful impact. "SERVE Village exemplifies what makes our community special, it's the neighbors working together to support one another to make our city stronger," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "The City of Noblesville proudly joins the initiative each year to inspire civic pride, community engagement, and to give back. I encourage residents and businesses to get involved during SERVE Season and be a part of what makes our community thrive." Community members can participate in SERVE Season in many ways, including volunteering for SERVE Week projects, attending community events throughout the season, hosting neighborhood gatherings during COME Together Week, or sponsoring SERVE initiatives and donating to support community projects. Residents interested in participating or learning more can visit [servevillage.org](http://servevillage.org) or follow SERVE Village on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn for updates and volunteer opportunities.



Photo provided by Amy Shankland  
Our columnist's rescuer, Sasha.

## Who rescued whom?

It's common to adopt a pet from a shelter. When we do, we often say we "rescued" our dog or cat. But I'm not sure this is truly the case.

Last fall, my family and I heard the devastating news from our vet that we would have to put our sweet cat, Chilly, to sleep. Her lungs were quickly filling up with fluid. She was only 11 years old.

This crushed me. Due to my husband John and I planning to get an RV once we retired, we decided a few years ago we wouldn't adopt any more cats. I dearly love felines, but I wasn't worried. Chilly wasn't that old. I figured I had plenty of time with my little friend. But fate didn't have the same plans.

On that sunny day in late October, my heart felt like a knife had plunged into it. Who would lie on my chest when I did my morning stretches (a.k.a., cat yoga)? Who would sit beside the window on our dining room chair and gaze out at the neighbors? Who would greet me every morning as I gradually awakened?

Our two young adult sons, John, and I were filled with tears and pain those first two weeks after we said goodbye to our Chilly.

Then one morning as I began to wake up, I heard a strange rumble. It was our one-year-old pup, Sasha, whom we had adopted last June. We no longer had a gate at the top of our stairs (a necessity when we had a kitty box) so Sasha burst into my room, leaped on my bed, and covered my face with kisses.

She decided to join me for my stretches, and cat yoga morphed into puppy yoga ... which is a bit more violent ... but still gave me some good laughs. I also remembered Sasha's enjoyment of looking out the window, and I put the dining room chair in front of it. She began to sit there a few times a day.

No new pet can completely replace the loss of another. I still have painful moments, especially when I open a can of tuna and don't see a ball of fur skidding into the kitchen. But Sasha's exuberance and love have eased our family's pain these last six months. Her joy has helped our grief in countless ways.

John was cuddling with Sasha recently when he looked up at me and said, "I know we rescued her ... but I think she really rescued us."

As we enjoy daily walks, play time, and Sasha's slobbery kisses, I agree. Maybe when we adopt a pet, they are the ones who rescue us.

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 [amyst@greenavenue.info](mailto:amyst@greenavenue.info).

## HCLA from Page A7

ability to pay the \$2,250 program tuition, and be eager to learn, network, and engage with peers across Hamilton County. Cohort members must arrive on time and stay until sessions adjourn.

If these requirements are not met, this could jeopardize the member's matriculation to graduation and grant of alumni status.

Kanger announced that applications for the 2027 HCLA are now open. Applicants can go to [HCLA.net](http://HCLA.net) for the application and instructions. Tuition for HCLA is \$2,250 and may be paid by the class member, their employer, or a sponsor supporting the class member. Limited scholarships are available, and applicants should state their interest and need in the HCLA application.

Kanger emphasized that the class size is limited and the selection of participants is highly competitive. She commended the many Rotarians who are HCLA alums and those who support HCLA.

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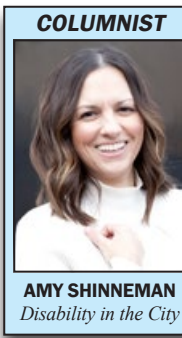
# An inclusive community

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and was established in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan. The purpose is to foster inclusion and highlight the contributions of people with developmental disabilities. The hope is that it will break down barriers and ensure equal opportunities in education, employment, and daily life.

I had the opportunity to support the developmentally disabled community in few amazing ways this month.

First, I partnered with the City of Noblesville, to take part in a Public Service Announcement for our city. The point of the PSA was to highlight Noblesville's commitment to make our community a thriving place for all abilities. I, along with a few others, participated by uniting our voices with an honest and encouraging message.

Next, I had the opportunity to attend the Fishers Arts Council's Disability Awareness Exhibition. It was a lively event where I was able to connect with people in the disabled community and enjoy their



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Disability in the City

art that hung on the walls throughout the Fishers Art Center Gallery. There were some really moving pieces in the exhibit illustrating life with a disability. It is mind blowing how one piece of art can take you to so many introspective places.

Last week, I went to an event hosted by Noblesville's Advisory Council on Disabilities. They hosted Disability Awareness Trivia Night at the Hamilton East Public Library. My son and his girlfriend were home from college for spring break, and they joined in on the fun with my husband and I, representing Team Humbly Courageous. I am proud to say we were the winning team! It was a group effort, and we all agreed that while we did collectively know a lot of the answers, there were many things we learned about various disabilities that night.

One of the important things that events like these remind us of, is that it should not be an "us versus them" mentality in our community. The disabled community is not a separate commu-

nity, but rather part of the community as a whole.

Although we cannot separate from our disabilities, not everything we do is about disability. Yet the fact that we are disabled inescapably shapes us.

I think my disability does define me in more ways than not, but that is not a terrible and sad thing. In many ways, it is a chance for me to highlight my strengths within my own community. Educating others on this very thing. The more we can see disability as a way someone is created beyond their control, just as your eye color is, the more we can start integrating disabled people into our communities.

Of course, not everyone who is disabled is born with their disability. Many people become disabled during their lifetime which is another great reason to educate yourself. You never know when you or someone you love will need the accessibility and inclusion that many disabled advocates tirelessly fight for.

Inclusion requires conscious effort. To learn from others, we must listen to gain deeper understanding. Attending community events and taking the time to

learn about others can shape our perspectives and broaden our knowledge.

Diversity is what makes communities interesting and promotes learning. Imagine how boring it would be if we are all the same. How stagnant that would become.

I encourage you to support our community members with disabilities. There is a lot to learn from people who live daily life persevering against constant hardship. I think what you will find is that the hardship is not the focus, but rather the consistent, bold effort that surrounds the hardship is what stands out.

I am encouraged by Hamilton County's efforts to move forward to make our county an inclusive place for all. Small, intentional steps pave the way to lasting change.

Until next time...

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## The Easter egg that says "I owe you"

Every spring, we step outside with baskets in hand, chasing pastel-colored Easter eggs scattered across green lawns. Children run with laughter, adults carry cameras, and somewhere between the sunshine and the search, we remember a simple joy: the thrill of discovering something hidden just for us.

Traditionally, those eggs hold candy, chocolates, or tiny surprises. Sweet treats meant to delight. But this year, as I watched families preparing for Easter egg hunts, I heard from my friend whose families do something different, and I wondered, "What if an egg held something even sweeter?"

What if inside each egg was an I.O.U.? Not a financial promise. A human promise.

An I-owe-you for kindness received. An I-owe-you for community built. An I-owe-you for showing up when life felt heavy.

In my *Taste of Community* journey, I have learned that we are all walking around carrying invisible I.O.U.s to one another. We owe the neighbor who waved when we first moved in. We owe the teacher who encouraged our children. We owe the friend who listened without judgment. We owe the stranger who became family through



POOJA THAKKAR  
Taste of Community

shared meals, shared stories, and shared humanity.

Easter reminds us of renewal, hope, and resurrection – not only in faith traditions, but in everyday life. Each season gives us another chance to begin again. To repair. To reconnect. To recognize that none of us grows alone.

Imagine an Easter egg hunt where instead of only candy, we placed notes inside:

- I owe you my time.
- I owe you my compassion.
- I owe you my listening ear.
- I owe you my willingness to help.

Suddenly, the hunt becomes more than entertainment. It becomes an invitation to belong.

Community is not built through grand gestures. It grows through small offerings – a meal delivered, a conversation shared, a hand extended. Much like an Easter egg, connection often waits quietly to be discovered.

The truth is, we each carry gifts meant for others. Your talent, your story, your culture, your experience – these are treasures. And when we offer them freely, we transform ordinary moments into meaningful ones.

This Easter, I am writing my own I.O.U. to the community:



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

- I owe you my passion.
- I owe you my presence.
- I owe you the stories I gather and share.
- I owe you my willingness to be used where needed – as a connector, listener, advocate, and neighbor.

Because *Taste of Community* was never just about food. It is about nourishment of the human spirit. It is about recognizing that every shared table, every conversation, every act of care reminds us we belong to one another.

Maybe the real Easter miracle is this: we are both the seekers and the gifts be-

ing discovered. So as you hide eggs this year, consider placing one invisible promise among them – a quiet commitment to give back, to reach out, to show up.

After all, the sweetest thing we can offer each other is not candy.

It is the simple, powerful message:

I see you. I value you. I owe you – because we are community.

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

## Food pyramid changes leave doctor uneasy

In January 2026, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Services, issued a new "food pyramid," the required five-year update entitled the "2025–2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans."

The new food pyramid is a significant change from previous federal nutritional guidance that was grounded on decades of evidence-based nutritional and metabolic research. The new pyramid is considered an "upside-down" version of previous models, including the more recent "MyPlate" adaptation. It **prioritizes protein, healthy fats, vegetables, and fruits** at the wide top and positions whole grains at the bottom narrow tip.

Kennedy developed the new guidance out of public view, using a panel appointed by him rather than utilizing traditional independent expert input. Kennedy has criticized previous recommendations as being influenced by the food industry; yet half of the members of his new panel have financial relationships with the food, beef, dairy, and supplement industries.

Consistent with Kennedy's



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State of Our Health

previous health recommendations (for example, the childhood vaccine schedule, COVID and influenza recommendations, and Tylenol use in pregnancy), portions of the new guidelines are confusing and conflictual, emphasizing research

consistent with his views while ignoring or minimizing unreported research.

That said, there are many positive aspects to the new pyramid, and it adds detail never before included. Kennedy's pyramid:

- **Emphasizes whole, minimally processed foods and strongly discourages** ultra-processed and packaged foods high in added salt and with chemical flavorings, including artificial additives, nitrates, petroleum-based dyes, and artificial preservatives.
- Encourages fruits and vegetables, which contain fiber, micronutrients, and anti-inflammatory components.
- **Strongly discourages refined grains and other refined carbohydrates, sugary drinks, and other foods high in added sugar and "junk foods."**
- **Promotes healthy fats**

from olives, avocados, nuts, and seeds.

- Supports cooking oils that contain essential fatty acids; examples include olive oil and canola oil.

**However, concerningly, the new pyramid:**

- **Recommends greater amounts of protein at every meal than previously recommended.** This includes proteins from plant sources such as beans, legumes, and nuts, as well as animal proteins from poultry and seafood, but also from eggs and red meat. There is little evidence that higher protein intake provides health benefits other than in strength training. It can even lead to worsening of chronic kidney disease and conversion to visceral fat, which increases diabetes risk in some people.

My concern with eggs and red meat is that they contain high amounts of saturated fat, which can lead to cardiovascular and cerebrovascular atherosclerosis. Decades of research confirm this.

Kennedy states, nonetheless, that "We are ending the war on saturated fats." Saturated fat from animal sources, including red meat, eggs, butter, and beef tallow, is emphasized and considered one of the healthy fats. But the new guidelines send

mixed messaging by simultaneously advising that saturated fat remain below the previously recommended 10 percent of total calories.

- Emphasizes full-fat dairy such as whole milk and cheese. Again, my concern is with the amount of saturated fats in whole dairy products. However, concern over the consumption of whole-fat dairy in people without cholesterol problems is somewhat controversial.

These are more than just guidelines; they also form policy frameworks for nutritional programs accepting federal funding.

Endorsements by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Cardiology carefully highlight only the positive aspects of the new nutritional guidelines as outlined above.

Although there are many positive aspects to the new nutritional guidelines, I remain uneasy, mostly about the new pyramid's promotion of saturated fats.

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

# Noblesville Elks install new officers

By Terri Sigman-Kennedy  
Noblesville Elks #576

Saturday night, March 21 was a great night at the Noblesville Elks #576. As we do each year, incoming officers are installed for the upcoming term.

At the completion of his year of service as the Exalted Ruler, Phil Anderson steps down as the New Exalted Ruler assumes the role. The newly installed Exalted Ruler, Jerry Wides, who last served as leading Knight for the past year, and his team takes over the reins.

Jerry Wides, ER and his team of officers celebrated the start of their new year. The Officers installed include Treva Vallier, Leading Knight; Michael Grubb, Loyal Knight; Nicholas Zumiga, Lecturing Knight; Geoff Robinson, PSP as Secretary; Mark Murphy, Treasurer; Michial Huber, Chaplain; Jeff Brown, PER, Esquire; Chris Ferguson, Inner Guard; and Lisa Robin-



Photo provided

(From left) Geoff Robinson, PSP; Jeff Brown, PER; Jerry Wides, Exalted Ruler; Trampas Whalin, DDGER; Wally Gerber, Treva Vallier, Mark Murphy, Michial Huber, Nicholas Zuniga, Mike Grubb, Lisa Robinson, and Blair Carmosino. Not pictured is Chris Ferguson.

son, Tiler. Trustees installed were Trampas Whalin, DDGER; Blair Carmosino, and Wally Gerber.

Outgoing Exalted Ruler Phil Anderson presented awards for Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year at the celebration.

Elk of the Year honors went to 27-year member Brad Howard. A longtime

resident, he loves being a part of the Noblesville community and that includes the Elks. He is a teacher in Noblesville.

The Officer of the Year award was presented to Blair Carmosino, a Trustee for his efforts in supporting our Elks. He has lived in Noblesville since 1994.

Finally, the award for Citizen of the Year honors

went to Trampas Whalin, DDGER. He is a local attorney with a practice here in our community. He is currently running for Hamilton County Judge, Superior Court 4.

Congratulations to all honored at the ceremony. Noblesville Elks looks forward to another year of great leadership and commitment to our community.

## Obituaries

### Marilyn A. (Gates) Jordan May 30, 1936 – March 20, 2026

Marilyn A. (Gates) Jordan, 89, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on May 30, 1936, to George and Lucia (McWethy) Gates in Dixon, Ill. Marilyn attended North Central College and obtained a bachelor's degree in Education. She worked as a teacher for many years, positively impacting the youth she served. Following her teaching career, Marilyn pursued an executive assistant position at Wheaton College for over a decade.

Marilyn's formative years began on a farm where she resided with her family, having many adventures with her siblings. Marilyn was a woman of faith, wife, mother, sister, daughter, friend, educator, and one of her most cherished titles, grandmother. Marilyn was known for her love of sports, always present for her sons' events, rain or shine. She was an avid reader, averaging one hundred books in a year at one point! Marilyn will be remembered for her Christ-like predisposition and fierce love for her family. She was the easiest hello and hardest goodbye. Marilyn will be missed tremendously by all who had the privilege of encountering her.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 65 years, Jim Jordan; sons, Rick and Bill Jordan; sister, Joan Jones; three granddaughters, Chelsea Wisniewski (Jordan), Shelbi Henderson (Jordan), and Kaylee Jordan; and three great-grandchildren, Logan and Jaxon Wisniewski, and Mabel Henderson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Dick Gates; and her sister, Kathy Pichotta.

No services are planned at this time. Randall & Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with cremation services.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Charles William Huffman May 22, 1973 – March 24, 2026

Charles William Huffman, a humble and empathetic man known for his funny and loving nature, passed away on March 24, 2026. He was born in Noblesville on May 22, 1973, and spent his life in his beloved state of Indiana, currently residing in Indianapolis.

Charles was never married, but he was a cherished brother, uncle, and friend to many. His outgoing personality was balanced by his love for quiet moments at home, reflecting his ability to find joy and contentment in both the company of others and solitude.

Charles' life was enriched by his varied interests and hobbies. He had a deep love for horses, and his collection of equine-themed items was a testament to his passion. His love for a good buffet was well-known, and he relished the opportunity to share a hearty meal with family and friends. Charles thoroughly enjoyed fishing and the moments of tranquility and connection with nature. Above all, Charles valued his family most.

Charles is survived by his sisters, Tina (Jamie) Sowers, Susan (Fred) Kemp; his brothers, Ronald Anderson, Richard Anderson, and Kevin (Lori) Anderson; and several beloved nieces and nephews. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Sr. and Betty Huffman.

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

The family would like to invite those who knew Charles to share their memories and upload photos to his memorial page. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate and remember the incredible life he lived.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

# Altrusa Club welcomes Hamilton County Health Department's Emily Tolerson to March meeting

Submitted

At the March meeting of the Altrusa Club of Hamilton County, Emily Tolerson from the Hamilton County Department of Health gave a fabulous presentation to members and guests. She talked about how to prevent falling, a major health concern for everyone although it needs more attention by elderly people. She presented each person present with a bag of goodies containing essential products for senior citizens to use.

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The President of Hamilton County Altrusa, Pam Wesley, was joined by a prospective member of the club plus a member of the Indianapolis Altrusa Club to read stories to all classes at the Hamilton County Head



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Altrusa Club President Pam Wesley and speaker Emily Tolerson from the Hamilton County Health Department. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Gloria White, Angie Gilbert, and Pam Wesley speak to one of the classes at Hamilton County Head Start center.

Start center.

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Our April meeting will be on April 13 at the Carmel MCL Restaurant & Bakery,

1390 Keystone Way. Charity Ballou will speak about human trafficking.

If you are interested in attending this meeting

or would like further information about Hamilton County Altrusa club, please email [sharon@justnoteworthyevents.com](mailto:sharon@justnoteworthyevents.com).



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**Deborah “Deb” Ann Stevens**  
 February 25, 1957 – March 20, 2026



Deborah “Deb” Ann Stevens, 69, Noblesville, passed away on March 20, 2026, surrounded by her family. Deb was born to William and Patricia (Castagno) Lefebvre on February 25, 1957, in New Britain, Conn.

Deb was a 1975 graduate of Bartlett High School in Webster, Mass. After raising her daughters, she briefly worked at Park Avenue Elementary in Webster, Mass, and Hinkle Creek Elementary in Noblesville, but her greatest joy was being a wife, a mother, and Nana to her three grandchildren.

Deb is survived by her husband and love of her life, Ken; daughters, Heather Stevens of Noblesville and Patti (Chris) Hall of Crown Point, Ind.; grandchildren, Madison (Keenan) Bowen, Jake Hall, and Mya Hall; sister, Yvonne Rusack of Webster, Mass.; uncle, Alphonse Castagno of Woburn, Mass.; best friend for over 50 years, Jayne Hinchcliffe and her family of Webster, Mass.; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends from Noblesville and Homosassa, Fla.

In addition to her parents, Deb was preceded in death by her brother, Noel Lefebvre; and infant sister, Mary Lefebvre.

A Celebration of Deb’s Life was held Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, followed by a small service.

As a family, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the nurses and doctors at Riverview Hospital for the care, support, and compassion they provided Deb throughout her stay.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Deb’s honor to Tunnel to Tower’s Foundation (t2t.org); or St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital (stjude.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

**Joyce Ann Fielden**

September 3, 1946 – March 20, 2026



Joyce Ann Fielden, 79, Carmel, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on September 3, 1946, in Knoxville, Tenn., to the late Joseph Frederick and Jessie Marie (Nail) Spradlin.

A proud 1964 graduate of Powell High School in Powell, Tenn., Joyce then married the love of her life, Howard “Sonny” Fielden, on July 1, 1966. Throughout her life, she worked in various medical and doctor offices, where her kindness made an impact on co-workers and patients alike.

Joyce lived a life full of energy, laughter, and devotion to others. Years ago, she was an avid bowler and a talented softball pitcher – often pitching to her sister, who served as her catcher. She enjoyed coaching, volunteering as a volleyball coach at her daughters’ school and coaching their cheer leading squad to an impressive 10 national championships. The door of her house was always open to her daughters’ friends and the Fielden house was usually full of teens every weekend. She had a huge impact on their lives with many of them looking at her as a mother figure.

Her faith was central and foundational to her life. At First Apostolic Church in Knoxville, Tenn., she served faithfully as a sound engineer and camera operator. After moving to Carmel, she quickly became known as the church’s beloved “Nana,” joyfully snuggling and caring for nearly every baby who came through the doors. Her gentle spirit and open arms allowed her to be a source of comfort to many.

Above all else, Joyce’s greatest joy was her family, especially her grandchildren. She cherished every moment spent with them, celebrating their milestones, cheering them on, and surrounding them with unconditional love.

Survivors include her devoted husband, Sonny Fielden; daughters, Jamie (Matthew) Ball and Jodie Fielden; her treasured grandchildren, Chelsea Ball, Chandler Ball, and Chloe Ball Comer (Isaiah); sister, Janet Spradlin; brother, Jim Spradlin; honorary daughter, Shelly (Josh) Wilson; and honorary grandchildren Kenadi Wilson and Levi Wilson, all of whom she loved as her own.

Family and friends gathered Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at Faith Apostolic Church, of which Joyce was an active member, followed by the funeral service with her son-in-law, Matthew Ball, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Faith Apostolic Church – Building Fund, 1212 E. 116th St., Carmel, IN 46032.

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**Nancy T. Jasper**  
 November 20, 1962 – March 22, 2026



Nancy T. Jasper (née Shultz), a woman of spirited humor and boundless love, was born on November 20, 1962, in Indianapolis. She passed away on March 22, 2026.

Nancy, a loving homemaker, was married to her beloved husband, Andrew Jasper, on January 7, 1992, and together they created a wonderful life and family. Their love story was one of patience, understanding, and endless devotion. Nancy was a funny, generous, and loving mother to her children, January Jones and Andrew Jasper, and to her grandson Kai Grise. Nancy is also survived by her sisters Betsy, Susan, Janet, and Mary Helen, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Betty Shultz.

Nancy’s visitation and memorial service were held Friday, March 27, 2026, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. Services were under the direction of the Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero.

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**MaryAnn Zaiger**

October 7, 1934 – March 24, 2026



MaryAnn “Tootsie” Zaiger, 91, Carmel, passed away peacefully on March 24, 2026. She was born October 7, 1934, in St. Louis, Mo. Even though Carmel became home, MaryAnn remained a St. Louis person at heart throughout her life.

Devoted completely to her family, MaryAnn was unwavering in her care, dedication, and love as she was the heart of her home. Putting others first was natural and easy.

A devout Catholic, MaryAnn’s faith was an important part of her life. She also enjoyed playing volleyball, was a Barry Manilow fan since the 1970s, and was known for her vibrant personality and wonderful sense of humor, which brought joy to everyone who knew her.

MaryAnn loved to tell the story of how she first noticed her future husband, James, when they were just children. Watching him ride his bicycle through an alley, she turned to her best friend, Anna Marie Fortune, and declared that he was the man she would one day marry – a testament to the lifelong love they shared.

MaryAnn was preceded in death by her beloved husband of nearly 68 years, James Zaiger; son, Mark Zaiger, and daughter, Christine Zaiger. Survivors include her son, Brian (Heather) Zaiger, and daughters, Marian (Kurt) Sprague, Karen (Paul) Medernach, and Kristine (John) Wood. She was a proud grandmother to 13 grandchildren; and a cherished great-grandmother to 10 great-grandchildren. MaryAnn’s legacy of love and family will continue through her beautiful family.

Family and friends gathered at 10 a.m. Monday, March 30, 2026, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, where the Mass of Christian Burial followed. Burial was at Our Lady of Peace cemetery.

In memory of MaryAnn, contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 3091 E. 98th St., #240, Indianapolis, IN 46280.

MaryAnn will be remembered for her kindness, devotion to family, her deep faith, and the joy she brought into the lives of others. She will be deeply missed and loved forever.

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**Lawrence “Larry” McMillan**

March 15, 1956 – March 21, 2026



Lawrence Joseph McMillan, 70, Carmel, passed into the presence of the Lord on March 21, 2026. He was born March 15, 1956 in Indianapolis to Paul E. and Beverly J. (Wilson) McMillan.

After hearing the gospel from his brother, Tom, Larry trusted in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior on New Year’s Eve, 1971. His family began attending Colonial Hills Baptist Church (then Northeast Baptist) a few months later.

After graduating from Carmel High School in 1974, Larry earned a B.S in Systematic Theology and a Master of Divinity from Denver Baptist Bible College and Seminary. He then began his career by serving as interim minister of music at Colonial Hills for nine months, during which time he was ordained to gospel ministry. He married Peggy Sue Harrell on August 11, 1984, and the couple moved to Arizona where Larry pastored a mission church in Flagstaff and then an existing church in Prescott Valley. Sensing that God was directing him into the legal field, they moved back to Flagstaff where Larry pursued a B.A in History and Political Science at Northern Arizona University. He spent most of his working years as a paralegal and then finished his career working in front office for Integrity Automotive in Carmel before his cancer forced him to retire in November 2024.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Paul McMillan; brother, Tom McMillan; sister, Cheryl Draper; and stepfather, William Marvel. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Peggy (Harrell) McMillan; three children, Merrilee (Jon) Gohdes, J.M., Park (Morgan) McMillan, and Abby (Esteban) Crawford; five grandchildren, Flannery, Adriel, and Santiago Crawford, and William and Elliott Gohdes; mother, Beverly McMillan-Marvel; and sister, Diane Walsh.

Family and friends gathered on Saturday, March 28, 2026, in Colonial Hills Baptist Church, followed by the Celebration of Life service at 11 a.m.

Larry’s final resting place is in the Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Larry may be directed to Colonia Hills Baptist Church, 8140 Union Chapel Road, Indianapolis, IN 46240, and designated for the International Ministry.

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**Karen Lay**  
 January 28, 1959 – February 11, 2026



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Karen Lay on February 11, 2026, at the age of 67.

Karen was born January 28, 1959, in Indianapolis, and raised in Sheridan. A proud graduate of Westfield High School’s Class of 1977, she was well-known and well-loved as Little Miss Shamrock, the school’s spirited mascot.

In early adulthood, Karen moved to California, where she embraced a life of adventure. She made her first on screen appearance in *Under the Rainbow* and later achieved a cherished place in film history as an Ewok in *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi*. During her years in California, she also worked for the Internal Revenue Service.

After returning to Indiana, Karen built a career as a Customer Service Representative with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. She delighted in meeting people from all walks of life and was especially tickled when local celebrities came through her line – often exchanging autographs with them. Many people knew her simply as “the little person at the Nora License Branch,” a recognition that always brought a smile to her face.

Karen is survived by her sisters Debbie (Richard) Baugh, Michelle (Jim) Sexton, Donna Lay Proctor; her bonus sister, Becky Rushing; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rena and Lloyd Lay.

A celebration of Karen’s life was held Friday, March 27, 2026, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with Pastor Chris Owens speaking.

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**David Allen Wright**

October 25, 1946 – March 19, 2026



David Allen Wright, born to Peggy Joan Stanley and Paul Franklin Wright on October 25, 1946, passed away on March 19, 2026.

In all he did, David had a devout devotion to God. He ran cross country for Jackson Central High School and enjoyed attending all sporting events. David was also an avid reader, collecting hundreds of hardbound classics. He went on to graduate from Indiana University with a degree in Education. He taught English in high school for several years before switching to Counseling. He was a drug addiction counselor for the remainder of his career.

David was a loving father and grandfather, who always tried to brighten someone’s day by saying kind words and making little jokes. Even in his final days, David made it a point to uplift his nurses with kindness. He truly had the kind heart of a teacher, always wanting to help others, including those in need. David was a survivor, facing serious illnesses over the last 10 years with courage and determination.

David is survived by his loving daughter, Patricia Tallent, and son, Kevin Wright. The love he had for his children was matched only by the adoration he held for his grandchildren, Alexis and Peyton Tallent, and Allyssah Wright. David was the cherished sibling of Cindie (Joe) Million, Mickie (Barry) Kerfoot, Paula (Robert) Adair, and Robert (Peggy) Wright. He had several nieces and nephews whom he loved spending hours playing games with, especially his favorite game, “Lions, Tigers, and Bears.” He leaves behind a legacy of love and affection that will be carried forward by his family and the countless lives he touched.

David was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Robert Stringer, and siblings Patricia Bess and Richard Wright. His spirit will forever be kept alive in the hearts of his family. As writer Thomas Campbell penned, “To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.” David’s memory will continue to inspire all those who knew him, a testament to his enduring impact.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Arcadia Brethren Cemetery, 8989 E. 266th St., Arcadia, with Pastor Ben Poole officiating.

David’s life was a testament to his strength and resilience, filled with moments of joy, triumphs, and an enduring love for his family. His services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes in Cicero.

In celebrating David’s life, we invite you to share your memories and photographs on his memorial page. These moments of reminiscence, laughter, and love will serve as a beautiful tribute to a life well-lived and a man dearly loved. Let us remember David Wright not with sadness, but with the joy and warmth he brought into our lives. His story is not just one of the end, but of a life filled with love, resilience, and enduring strength.

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**Sarah Avanelle (Avie) Huffman Halvorson**

September 5, 1941 – March 19, 2026



Avie Halvorson passed from this life on March 19, 2026, following a brief illness. She died the way she wanted, in her home in Fishers. Before she passed, she was cared for by an amazing hospice team who made her final days as comfortable as possible.

Born on September 5, 1941, at her family’s farm north of Noblesville, Avie was the fourth and youngest child of Gerald Huffman and Eva White Huffman. Avie graduated from Noblesville High School in 1960 and then attended Bob Jones University, where she met Daniel C. Halvorson. They married in 1963 and moved to Atlanta, Ga. Their daughters Amy and Holly were born in 1965 and 1967, respectively.

Avie graduated from DeKalb College in 1975 and became a registered nurse. She worked at Emory University Hospital until she returned to Noblesville in 1982. She worked in the Riverview Hospital Intensive Care Unit for 33 years until she retired from nursing in 2016.

Avie’s Christian faith was central to her daily life. She was a member of Legacy Bible Church, where she basked in the fellowship of dear friends, tended the peace lilies, and sang alto in the choir. She also loved her Bible study group and served as occasional hostess. She completed the Master Gardener course in 2017 and enjoyed working on projects with other gardeners as well as tending flowers around her home in the woods near the White River. Avie was also skilled in the culinary arts. She loved trying new recipes and was renowned for serving delicious meals on beautifully set tables for family and friends.

In addition to her loving family, Avie was blessed with many caring friends and neighbors. She made new friends wherever she went and cherished her lifelong friendships. Avie hosted extended family Christmas parties for many years; in her later years, she celebrated holiday gatherings with her niece Kathy Swackhamer and her husband Mike, along with their children. Her friends Shari Ferris and Joy Weiss were especially devoted to her and offered their loving, helpful presence in her final days.

Avie was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: sister Barbara Ellen Barker (and brother-in-law Morris Barker); two brothers, Harold Huffman and David Huffman; and half-sister Helen MacDonald. She was also preceded in death by her former husband Dan Halvorson. She is survived by her daughters and their families – Amy Halvorson Miller, husband Marty, and their sons Henry and Theo; Holly Halvorson Southern, husband Randy, and their children Amy, Brady, and Matt; her sisters-in-law Sue Huffman and Dixie Huffman; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation and a short service were held Sunday, March 29 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Private burial took place Monday, March 30 at Prairie Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made online to Wheeler Mission (wheelermission.org/ways-to-give) or by check to Legacy Bible Church’s music ministry (Legacy Bible Church, 13490 Howe Road, Fishers, IN 46038).

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# Riverview Health becomes naming sponsor of Arena at Innovation Mile

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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One of Hamilton County's most familiar medical names has put its mark on Noblesville's Arena at Innovation Mile, located at 14157 CJ Way.

Riverview Health, in partnership with the City of Noblesville and Parkview Health, is now the naming sponsor of the Arena, which will officially be known as Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile. The new name was announced at a Thursday, March 26 press conference at the Arena.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Pacers Sports & Entertainment President & CEO Mel Raines and Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, all gave remarks at the press conference. Two Riverview executives also spoke that afternoon: Riverview interim CEO John Bowen and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Eric Marcotte.

"We're really excited about the partnership," said

Bowen. "We're going to be focused on growing Riverview Health throughout Hamilton County. This is another way we can see growth. In addition, we're focused on healthy living and trying to get folks out and support one other, and this is just a great way of doing that."

The Arena became the home of the Noblesville Boom this year, and the naming coincided with the Boom's final game of the season, a 134-112 win over the Cleveland Charge (see related story).

"I think it's an excellent fit," said Marcotte. He said Riverview is heavy in primary care and "very interested in preventative care and celebrating these athletes who are obviously extremely fit, and celebrating getting together, enjoying each other's company, goes very well with the wellness that we naturally talk about in the exam rooms."

"This is a transitional, transformational day for our community, not only to



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

**(ABOVE LEFT)** The City of Noblesville and Riverview Health announced that Riverview has become the naming sponsor of the Arena at Innovation Mile. The new sign is shown above Dr. Eric Marcotte, the chief medical officer of Riverview. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Several people spoke at a press conference to announce Riverview Health becoming the Arena's naming sponsor. (From left) Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Pacers Sports & Entertainment President and CEO Mel Daniels, Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, Riverview Health Interim CEO Josh Bowen, and Riverview Health Chief Medical Officer Eric Marcotte.

have this beautiful facility, but have a corporate partner like Riverview and Parkview come alongside to see the value in that," said Jensen. "Six months after we open, to have a naming rights partner just opens up the possibilities for us going forward."

Riverview Health and Parkview Health of Fort Wayne recently entered into a management agreement to enhance operational efficiency and expand growth opportunities for the independent hospital system.

"We are honored to support a facility that places community health and activity at its core," said Bowen.

"Innovation Mile represents a bold step for Noblesville, and the arena will be a cornerstone for advancing wellness and creating meaningful experiences for families across the region."

## Girls Basketball

# Two county freshmen to play in All-Star Futures Game

**The REPORTER**

Two Hamilton County girls basketball freshmen players have been named to the rosters for the 2026 *IndyStar* girls' All-Star "Futures Game," games director Mike Broughton announced Thursday, March 26.

Westfield's Lillian Clark and Hamilton Heights' Riley Suarez will both play on the 2026 South Team in the girls portion of the Futures Games, which will pair teams of current Indiana freshmen and sophomores in a North-South format. The fourth annual Futures Games doubleheader will be Monday, June 1 at a site to be determined. The girls' game is set for 6 p.m. and the boys' game will follow about 8 p.m.

Other players selected for the 2026 South Team are Oak Hill sophomore Brianna Dailey, Marion sophomore Nyomi Hahn, Warren Central sophomore Denajah Jacobs, Heritage Christian sophomore Riley Johnson, Owen Valley sophomore



Richie Hall / File photos

**Freshmen Lillian Clark of Westfield (left) and Riley Suarez of Hamilton Heights will both play on the South team in the girls 2026 All-Star Futures Games on June 1.**

Aubrey Sparks, East Central sophomore Natalie Stenger, Monrovia sophomore Zoie Walls, Center Grove sophomore Haley Wagoner, Cathedral sophomore Caroline Wiggins and Mt. Vernon

sophomore Zoey Wood.

Sophomores Ashley Bleke and Marianne Bleke of Class 3A state champion Belmont as well as sophomores Delaney Noll and Suzy Perego of Homestead

are among 12 players selected to the North Team for the 2026 Futures Game. They will be joined by Fort Wayne Snider sophomore

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Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Athletics

**Hamilton Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger was presented with a basketball commemorating his 250th win as coach of the Huskies during their awards banquet in March. Ballenger just finished his 19th season as the Heights coach.**

## ‘A relationships business’: Ballenger celebrates 250<sup>th</sup> win as Huskies coach

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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After 30 years of coaching, Chad Ballenger summed up what it means to him in one sentence.

"It's a relationships business and I love it," he said.

Ballenger has been in the business of coaching boys basketball since the 90s, including the past 19 seasons as the head coach at Hamilton Heights. With all that time coaching and winning, Ballenger has seen several milestones in his career, including one he reached this past January.

On Jan. 23, the Huskies beat Lafayette Central Catholic 64-48. In the locker room after the win, Ballenger's players gave him a celebratory shower – it was the coach's 250th victory at Hamilton Heights.

"We had a little celebration in the locker room," said Ballenger.

Earlier this month, the

Huskies conducted their awards banquet night and Ballenger was recognized a little more formally. Athletic director Kurt Ogden presented Ballenger with a basketball commemorating his achievement.

"I didn't expect anything to happen, so from that standpoint it was pretty cool to be honored," said Ballenger.

"The nicest thing about Chad is the loyalty he's giving to Hamilton Heights," said Ogden. "Committing 19 years of his coaching career to one place is almost unheard of, where coaches are chasing money and talent. Chad hasn't been doing that."

Thirteen of Ballenger's 19 seasons have been winning campaigns for the Huskies, including 10 seasons with 14 or more wins. In addition, Heights has won two sectional championships (2013 and 2015) during Ballenger's tenure.

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## ALL-STARS

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Janaya Cooper, Westville sophomore Hillary Labis, Culver Academy freshman Laine Lyles, Pike freshman Savayah Mitchell Crown Point sophomore Ava Richie, South Bend Saint Joseph freshman Arianna Rowell, Penn freshman Jillian Sanderson and Angola sophomore Kendall VanderWal.

Cooper, Hahn, Johnson, Labis, Noll, Perigo, Wiggins and Wood all played in the 2025 girls' Futures Game, where the North prevailed 106-92. Cooper totaled 16 points, eight rebounds and three assists for the North en route to being selected game MVP.

Hahn tallied 18 points, Noll added 13 points and Labis chipped in eight points for the winners. Wood netted nine points while Johnson and Wiggins each five points for the South. Hahn moves from the 2025 North Team to the 2026 South Team.

Keith Hollins of Pike is head coach of the North Team. He will be assisted by Kelly Kratz of Valparaiso. Kevin Stuckmeyer of Class 4A state champion Center Grove is head coach of the South Team. He will be assisted by Amy Selk of Beech Grove.

Hollins is 61-42 in four

seasons at Pike, including a 24-2 mark and a sectional title this past season. Kratz is 82-48 in five seasons as a head coach, including 42-11 the past two seasons at Valparaiso. Stuckmeyer is 187-49 in nine seasons with the Center Grove girls, including a perfect 29-0 ledger in 2025-26. Selk is 53-61 in five seasons at Beech Grove.

Hollins and Stuckmeyer each was a 2026 IBCA district Coach of the Year.

Players and coaches for the All-Star Futures Games are selected by a Futures Games committee co-chaired by Broughton and Bill Zych, a retired coach who amassed a 478-375 record over 37 seasons while a head coach at Winamac, Rensselaer Central, Jay County, Center Grove, Shelbyville, Perry Meridian, Pike and Southport.

The Indiana portion of the All-Star Games is organized and produced by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The *Indianapolis Star*, with its *IndyStar* brand, is the title sponsor. Hoosier Shooting Academy is a presenting partner for All-Star week. Energy Systems Group is a presenting partner for the Saturday doubleheader against Kentucky.

## BALLENGER

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"It's a really good place," said Ballenger. "We've had a lot of talent. We've had a lot of good players. I've had really supportive administration, good assistant coaches and good parents. It's been a perfect storm. They've been really good to me."

Ballenger is a graduate of Hagerstown High School and Ball State University. His introduction to coaching came when he served as an assistant under Pat Mapes — the current Hamilton Southeastern Schools superintendent — when Mapes coached at Cowan and Knightstown.

Later, Ballenger spent six years as an assistant at Kokomo under Basil Mawbey, the Hall of Fame coach who consistently took the Wildkats deep into the post-season throughout the 80s and 90s.

"We won a lot," said Ballenger. "We went to four semi-states. We got to play in the last one-class state tournament. Great memories."

One of the Kokomo players during that time was Brian McCauley. He would go on to coach the Kats from 2006 to 2014, a run that included a state runner-up finish in 2011.

McCauley then coached at Noblesville from 2014 to 2019, which included some games against Heights. Ballenger said McCauley is an "exceptional player" and "exceptional leader."

"Brian and I are really tight," said Ballenger. The coach said coaching against his former player was "extremely difficult. You both

want to win, but you hate to beat someone you've been on the same sideline with."

Ballenger returned to Knightstown to coach the Panthers from 2002 to 2007. Knightstown won three consecutive sectional titles during those years, including a regional title in 2005.

While the success and championships are nice, it comes down to the relationships for Ballenger. He has formed many of them over the years, including those with his former players.

"Last night I got invited to an NCAA party and it was former players who played at Kokomo when I was an assistant at Kokomo," said Ballenger. He also maintains contact with his players from Knightstown and Hamilton Heights.

"It's fun to see guys grow up and be successful as an adult," said Ballenger. "It does seem like yesterday when I got there, but time has really flown by."

Time may be flying, but the Huskies can expect to see Ballenger around for years to come. The coach said he still has "a passion and a love" for the game. "It's year-round and there are times you get tired, but I still have a fire for it," he said.

Ogden said that this past season may have been Ballenger's best year coaching. The Huskies started 0-7 before running off a 10-game win streak, which included his 250th victory. Heights finished 14-10, another winning record.

"Maybe he's getting better with age," said Ogden.

## Boys Lacrosse

# Royals triumph in Mudsock, Carmel wins Meachum game

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys lacrosse team won the Mudsock game on Wednesday, March 25, beating host Fishers 21-0.

Twelve different players scored for the Royals, with Marcus Laux leading the way by putting in four goals. Henry Wans celebrated his birthday by scoring three goals and making one assist.

Sophomore Ben Speckman dished out three assists and also scored one goal. Jackson Joyce was 14-4 in face-offs, a 78 percent success rate.

Jake Kuxhausen had two goals and two assists, with Carson Berry also scoring two goals. Kyle Jenkins handed out two assists. Sam Brandenburg collected four ground balls.

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Carmel 's boys hosted Westfield Wednesday, March 25 in the Jack Meachum game.

Carmel won 23-2. Ike Stittle led the Greyhounds scoring with six goals. Max McCord added five goals and Evan Bardwell scored four. Lincoln O'Leary had three goals and two assists.

Luke Shrift dished out five assists, while Evan Coulter made four assists. Matthew Quigley picked up five ground balls.

Westfield stats from this game were not available at press time. It was



Photo provided

The HSE boys team won the Mudsock game on Wednesday, March 25.



Photos by Mike Navarro

(ABOVE) Carmel's Mallory Wingenroth scored three goals for the Greyhounds in their Thursday, March 26 win over Noblesville. (RIGHT) Noblesville's Claire Pasko looks to pass the ball.



the first loss of the year for the Shamrocks after they won their first four games, including a 7-6 double overtime win at Zionsville on Friday, March 20.

Keegan Hemingway scored three goals for Westfield in that game, followed by Finnigan Smyth with two goals. Jake Norris and

Landon Clark both scored one. Clark made two assists and Hemingway had one.

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The Carmel girls won an all-county game Thursday, March 26, over Noblesville, 16-0 at Murray Stadium, picking up its first win of the season.

The Greyhounds led 5-0

after the first quarter and 7-0 at halftime. Carmel added seven more goals in the third period for a 14-0 advantage.

Mallory Wingenroth and Ellie Espey both scored three goals for the Hounds. Emma Nichols, Julianna Mancini and Jacqueline Mabry all scored two.

## Softball

# Tigers, Huskies, Millers win season openers

### The REPORTER

The Fishers softball team won its season opener Tuesday, March 24 beating Tri-West 10-3 on the road.

Adrienne Cook blasted a three-run home run in the second inning. Chloe Summerfield went 4-for-5 at the plate, including a double. Frankie Jackson also hit a double and pitched 3.2 innings for the win. Jackson allowed only three hits.

The Tigers followed that with a 14-0 win over Lebanon Thursday, March 26. Cook batted in five runs in three hits, including two doubles. Caroline Thompson had three hits, including one double. CJ Smock got the pitching win, with four strikeouts and one hit in four innings.

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Hamilton Heights traveled to Frankton on Wednesday, March 25 to start its season and came home with a 7-4 win.

Olivia Turner scored the Huskies' first run in the opening inning on a passed ball. Hannah Dent scored in the third inning, getting on



(ABOVE LEFT) Sheridan's Abby Dallas talks with new head coach Natalie McGuire during the Blackhawks' season-opening game Tuesday at Tipton. (ABOVE RIGHT) Sheridan's Amiyah Doss scored a run and went 2-for-3 at the plate.



Photos by Dwight Casler

base with a one-out double, then scoring on an RBI bunt by Heather Crays.

Heights added a pair of runs in the fourth inning. Taya Trospen singled in Lily Cash, then McKenzie Jackson got home on an error. Audrey Cain scored a fifth-inning run after Ellie Engle reached on error, putting the Huskies ahead 5-0.

Dent singled in Turner in the sixth inning, then scored on Kamryn Rhoton's RBI double. Heights led 7-0, but the Eagles got on the board with a two-RBI double in the bottom of the sixth. Frankton hit back-to-back RBI singles in the seventh inning, but Heights ended the game with a double play by Melanee Forrester.

Cash pitched five innings for the win, striking out two and allowing two hits.

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Noblesville began its season with a 3-2 win at Western on Wednesday, March 25.

The game was scoreless until the fifth inning. The Millers' Maggie Kern led off with a single, then Zadie Brown came in to run for Kern. Blythe Walker came up with two outs and sent a home run over the left field

fence, giving Noblesville a 2-0 lead.

The Panthers got a run back with a two-out RBI single in the bottom of the fifth. In the seventh inning, Reese Newsom came up with one out and hit a solo homer to center field. Western hit a one-out RBI singled in the bottom of the seventh, but Addison Retzinger tossed two strikeouts to end the game.

Retzinger was dominant, throwing 19 strikeouts against five hits. She also had one of four hits for the Millers; Kern, Newsom and Walker also got one hit.

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Westfield began its season at Plainfield on Tuesday, March 24 with the Quakers making a comeback to win 16-13.

The Shamrocks led 6-1 after the first inning. Bella Blakeley hit a two-run home run in the second inning, which finished with Westfield ahead 8-2.

The Rocks were up 12-2 in the middle of the fourth inning. Plainfield scored two in the bottom of the fourth before Cam Pulice led off the fifth inning with another homer for Westfield.

That put the Shamrocks up 13-4, but Plain-

field scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth, then stunned Westfield for nine runs in the sixth inning.

Makayla Watson and Carlyne Schrock both had three hits, with Watson driving in three runs. Schrock, Sydney Jordan and Alyssa Ayers all hit one double. Sofia Easterhaus and Blakeley both scored two runs, while Reese Mahannah, Blakeley and Olivia Sampia all batted in two runs.

Mackenzie Delph pitched 4.2 innings, striking out four.

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Sheridan dropped its season opener Tuesday, March 24 at Tipton, falling 8-4.

The Blue Devils led 5-0 after two innings. The Blackhawks got on the board in the top of the third inning by scoring three runs. Ellie Eaton doubled in Abby Dallas and Amiyah Doss, then Adria Jump smacked a double to score Eaton.

Tipton put up three runs in the bottom of the third to lead 8-3. The Blackhawks got a run back in the fourth inning; Anna Rusk scored on Dallas' RBI groundout.

Eaton and Doss both had two hits. Norah Adams pitched a complete game, striking out eight.



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# Fishers' Bill Thomas among 2026 IBCA Assistant Coaches of the Year

## The REPORTER

Bill Thomas of Fishers is among the three assistant basketball coaches that will receive special awards from the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Monday, March 23.

Thomas has been a Fishers girls basketball assistant coach for nine seasons after previous roles at IUPUI, Hamilton, DeKalb, Fort Wayne Carroll and Black-



Thomas

hawk Christian. Thomas has been an assistant coach in the Fishers program for the past nine seasons and a fixture on a court somewhere the past 29 seasons.

Since 2017, Thomas has been a key assistant to Lauren Votaw, although he served as interim head coach for 12 games this past season when Votaw and her husband, Jeremy, stepped away to adopt a child.

*"When third-graders arrive for the first day of summer camp, Bill introduces them like he's the P.A. announcer at a Pacers' game. He has inside jokes with our middle school players. He teases our high school players about how they're doing in class. It makes them laugh, but, more importantly, it makes them know that he notices them and he cares about them when they're not playing basketball."*

**— Jeremy Votaw, husband of Fishers head coach Lauren Votaw**

"When Lauren told Bill that we were considering adopting a second baby, he told her he would do whatever was necessary to allow that to happen," Jeremy Votaw said in nominating

Thomas. "On top of that, Bill and his wife (Christi) organized a fundraiser to help with our adoption expenses."

See Thomas . . . Page B6

## Softball

# Rocks outlast Hounds in high-scoring game

## The REPORTER

Offense has not been a problem so far for both the Westfield and Carmel softball teams.

Both programs have already scored over 30 runs this season in a short amount of time. The two teams met at the Greyhounds' Cherry Tree Softball Complex on Wednesday, March 25, where the Shamrocks won 18-10.

"We are just coming out swinging," said first-year Westfield coach Maddie Moore, a Noblesville graduate who played at Butler University. "I think that's been one thing we've been really working on in the off-season. We have been pressing at them, finding good pitches, knowing your zone and being ready to attack. We don't have kids looking up there to walk. If you look at all our counts, we're going up there swinging."

Westfield scored one run in each of the first two innings. Makayla Watson got the first run on a passed ball in the opening inning. Olivia Sampia then blasted a solo home run in the second inning.

Bella Blakeley added another homer in the fourth inning, sending an 0-1 pitch over the left field fence. That made the score 3-0 in favor of the Rocks.

Blakeley is a freshman and Sampia is a sophomore. Moore said she thinks the young players are "doing great" so far.

"Being a first-year is hard, especially playing against really good 18-year-olds," said Moore. "We're in a really good conference. I think they're adjusting really well. I think they're be-

ing willing to learn. They're getting along with all the kids, and so it's just been great to have them up."

Carmel took over in the bottom of the fourth, putting up nine runs. Winni Owens singled in Jayden Kleiner for the first run, then Ellie Goddard scored after Avery Klein reached on an error to load the bases.

Taylor Vietch and Tinsley Malek drew back-to-back bases-loaded walks to move the Hounds ahead 4-3. Chloe Junkersfield got the tying run and Owens scored the go-ahead run. Riley Petrites sent a two-run single into center field to bring in Klein and Vietch.

Kleiner came up to bat again and sent a home run over the right field fence. The hit also brought Malek and Petrites home and gave Carmel a 9-3 lead.

But Westfield answered. Reese Mahannah doubled in Watson and Sofia Easterhaus, then was sent home after Carlyne Schrock cracked a center field home run. Blakeley singled, Alysya Ayres was hit by a pitch, and Sampia came up and blasted a left field homer, sending everyone home and giving the Shamrocks a 10-9 lead.

Klein tied the game at 10-10 in the top of the fifth with a solo home run. The score stayed there until the seventh inning, when Westfield put up eight runs.

Mahannah singled in Annika Lawrence, Schrock batted in Watson and loaded the bases, then Easterhaus scored when Adelyn Kurth drew a walk, making the score 13-10.

# Royals win all-county game with Hounds

## The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern softball team came back to win an all-county game over Carmel 6-4 Friday, March 27 at the Royals' field.

The Greyhounds scored two runs in the first inning when Chloe Junkersfield sent a double into right field, sending home Lolah Pence and Jayden Kleiner. Carmel added two more runs in the fifth inning after Kleiner and Junkersfield both hit solo home runs.

Southeastern came back in the bottom of the fifth inning with five runs. Lilly Palmer stole home plate, then Jaycee McCarter smacked a three-run homer, also bringing in Addy Richmond and Kaleah McCarter, tying the game.

Madison Burlingame followed that with a double and later scored on Carly McCall's double, putting the Royals up 5-4. Palmer scored Southeastern's sixth run of the game in the sixth inning after she was sent home by Richmond's sacrifice fly.

Grace Swedarsky pitched all seven innings for HSE, striking out nine.

Southeastern opened its 2026 season with a 13-1 home victory over North Central on Wednesday,

March 25. Jaycee McCarter was perfect at the plate, going 4-for-4 and totaling five RBIs, hitting a home run in the fourth inning. Burlingame also hit a home run. Richmond counted a triple and a double among her two hits, finishing the game with three RBIs.

Swedarsky pitched two innings for the win, striking out four.

Carmel won its first two games of the season, first by cruising past Plainfield 18-6 to win its opener Monday, March 23 at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

Winni Owens and Avery Klein both hit home runs, finishing the game with three RBIs each. Owens scored four runs and was 3-for-3 at the plate. Riley Petrites went 3-for-4.

Emily Smith got the pitching win, throwing 3.1 innings and allowing just two hits.

The Greyhounds beat Zionsville 9-4 on Tuesday, March 24 in an away game. Petrites was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate, including a double. Ellie Goddard hit two doubles and totaled four RBIs. Junkersfield also hit a double and batted in two runs, while Kleiner had two hits and two RBIs.

## — COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT )  
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) ) SS: )  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF ) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2603-AD-000387 )  
 BRANDON ISRAEL ALVAREZ ACOSTA, MINOR ) )  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
 The grandparents of Brandon Israel Alvarez Acosta are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code 31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted and terminated by the adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may not be used to contest the adoption. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and grandparent visitation statutes.  
 Kathy Kreag Williams,  
 Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1  
 Prepared by:  
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 R7702 3/30/26, 4/6/26, 4/13/26

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT )  
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) ) SS: )  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF ) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2603-AD-000472 )  
 JULIET MARIE BRICENO, MINOR ) )  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
 The grandparents of Juliet Marie Briceno are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code 31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted and terminated by the adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may not be used to contest the adoption. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and grandparent visitation statutes.  
 Kathy Kreag Williams,  
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**29D03-2603-ES-000111**  
 STATE OF INDIANA )  
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
 IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT )  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
 SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION )  
 OF THE ESTATE OF )  
 CHERYL BRADLEY, DECEASED. )  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA  
 In the matter of the estate of CHERYL BRADLEY, deceased.  
 Notice is hereby given that on March 9, 2026 Sara McClammer and H. Kennard Bennett were appointed personal representative of the estate of CHERYL BRADLEY, deceased, who died on January 26, 2026.  
 All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months 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 March 9, 2026.  
 Kathy Kreag Williams  
 Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana  
 Prepared by:  
 H. Kennard Bennett, Atty# 4015-49  
 Sara M. McClammer, Atty #29825-49  
 Scout Advocacy LLC  
 5366 Winthrop Ave  
 Indianapolis, IN 46220  
 R7698 3/30/26, 4/6/26

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana Probate Division Estate of: Glenna Roubesh, Deceased**  
**Cause No.: 29D03-2603-EU-000127**  
 In the matter of the Estate of Glenna Roubesh, deceased, notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of March, 2026, Tracy Henderson was appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file their claims in this Court within:  
 • Three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or  
 • Nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred.  
 Claims must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Hamilton County Courts, Noblesville, Indiana.  
 Dated this 18th day of March, 2026.  
 Kathy Kreag Williams  
 Clerk, Hamilton County Courts  
 R7696 3/30/26, 4/6/26

**29D03-2603-EU-000128**  
**Hamilton Superior Court 3**  
 STATE OF INDIANA )  
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
 IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR )  
 COURT 3 )  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
 ESTATE OF )  
 ANNEATTEA L. BLANTON, )  
 DECEASED )  
 George G. Slater, Attorney )  
 SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC )  
 600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128 )  
 Carmel, IN 46032 )  
 317-571-9600 )  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
 In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana  
 Notice is hereby given that Tamara Lynette Follis was on March 18, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Anneattea L. Blanton, deceased, who died on February 25, 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 18, 2026.  
 Kathy Kreag Williams  
 Hamilton County Clerk  
 R7699 3/30/26, 4/6/26

**29D02-2603-ES-000107**  
 ATTORNEY:  
 David E. Dearing  
 921 E. 86<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 203  
 Indianapolis, Ind. 46240  
 (317) 920-0824  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division In the Matter of the Estate of Charles K. Adams, deceased. Cause Number 29D02-2603-ES-000107**  
 Notice is hereby given that Oscar Logan, Jr. was on the 17th day of March 2026 appointed personal representative of the Estate of Charles K. Adams, deceased.  
 All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication on this notice, or within 9 months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier or the claim will forever be barred.  
 Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this 17th day of March 2026  
 Kathy Kreag Williams  
 Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court Probate Division  
 Leslie M. Mathewson  
 Mathewson Law, P.C.  
 625 South Tillotson Avenue  
 Muncie, Indiana 47304  
 Telephone: 765-587-4526  
 R7700 3/23/26, 4/6/26

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
 IN THE HAMILTON )  
 CIRCUIT COURT )  
 Cause No. 29C01-2601-MI-000822 )  
 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: )  
 MIKAYLA ANN POFF, an Adult, )  
 Petitioner )  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
 Petitioner, Mikayla Ann Poff, whose mailing address is: 525 S Cherry Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, in HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that on the 22nd day of January, 2026, she filed a petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, requesting that her name be changed to Mikayla Ann Betts.  
 Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on the 15th day of May, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections.  
 Mikayla Ann Poff  
 Petitioner  
 Date: 01-15-26  
 Kathy Kreag Williams  
 Clerk, Hamilton County  
 R7714 3/30/26, 4/6/26, 4/13/26

**29C01-2603-MI-003816**  
 STATE OF INDIANA )  
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
 IN THE HAMILTON )  
 CIRCUIT COURT )  
 IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME )  
 OF DEBORAH SCHYNA SUTTON, )  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
 Petitioner Deborah Schyna Sutton, by counsel, E. Jane Daet, hereby gives notice that on March 25, 2026, Deborah Schyna Sutton filed a petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, requesting that her name be changed to Deborah Schyna Garrison-Sutton and that the name on her birth certificate be changed to Deborah Schyna Garrison.  
 Notice is further given that the hearing on said Petition will be held on in the Hamilton Circuit Court on August 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections.  
 E. Jane Daet  
 Attorney for Petitioner  
 Kathy Kreag Williams  
 Hamilton County Clerk  
 E. Jane Daet  
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 Attorney for Petitioner  
 R7716 3/30/26, 4/6/26, 4/13/26

**29D02-2603-EU-000110**  
 STATE OF INDIANA )  
 HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR )  
 COURT – PROBATE DIVISION )  
 Cause No. 29D02-2603-EU-000110 )  
 In Re: The Unsupervised Estate )  
 of David Paul )  
 Deceased )  
**Notice of Administration**  
 IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT,  
 In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of David Paul Kahlenberg, Deceased.  
 Notice is hereby given that Tim Kahlenberg was on March 12, 2026, appointed personal representative of the Estate of David Paul Kahlenberg, deceased, who died on January 31, 2026.  
 All persons having claims against said 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 Hamilton County Superior Court  
 R7713 3/30/26, 4/6/26

## — COURT NOTICE —

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON )  
 IN THE HAMILTON )  
 CIRCUIT COURT )  
 Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-3372 )  
 IN RE THE MATTER OF: )  
 Claire Lou Drake )  
 Petitioner )  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
 Claire Lou Drake, whose mailing address is: 10218 Carmine Dr., Noblesville, IN 46060, in HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Claire Lou Drake has filed a petition in the HAMILTON Court requesting that name be changed to Claire Drake.  
 Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on July 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Claire Lou Drake  
 Petitioner  
 Date: March 17, 2026  
 Kathy Kreag Williams  
 Hamilton County Clerk  
 R7691 3/26/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26

## — ATLANTA —

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**  
 Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town of Atlanta, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the Atlanta Town Council will consider at the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 East Main Street, Atlanta, Indiana 46031, at six o'clock pm (6:00 pm) on Monday, April 13, 2026, the establishment of a Cumulative Capital Development Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code 36-9-15.5 for all uses as set out in Indiana Code 36-9-15.5.  
 The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.0333 per \$100 of assessed valuation for taxes payable in 2027; and \$0.0500 on each \$100 of assessed valuation for taxes payable in 2028 and thereafter. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposed tax rate for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to certification by the Department of Local Government Finance.  
 Within 30 days after the date of the adoption of the cumulative fund by the Atlanta Town Council, the Town of Atlanta will publish a Notice of Adoption.  
 Upon publication of the 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.  
 Dated this 30th day of March 2026.  
**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ATLANTA**  
 R7712 3/30/26, 4/6/26

## — NOBLESVILLE —

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Noblesville Plan Commission Noblesville, Indiana**  
 The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Application No. LEGP 0030-2026 on Monday, April 20, 2026 beginning at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The application submitted by Patch Neyer Deer Creek Building I LLC (Owners) and Charles C. Brandt Construction (Lindsay Fernandez, Applicant) is for a Special Consideration to allow an indoor recreational use in the Deer Creek Business Park within the Corporate Campus Planned Development District located at 14469 Olio Road, all within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana. A live stream meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/CityofNoblesville.  
 Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Plan Commission.  
 Copies of the proposals are on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 S. 10th Street for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page www.noblesville.in.gov  
 Agendas and Minutes, Plan Commission – April 20, 2026 prior to the meeting date. A list of each of the appointed officer's name, the appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards  
**NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION**  
 Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary  
 R7708 3/30/26

## — WESTFIELD —

**Notice of Adoption of Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Indiana**  
 Ordinance 26-10, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Westfield Common Council on March 23, 2026. The annexation area consists of approximately 2.34 acres +/-, generally located on the south side of W. 186th Street. 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 26-10 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 25th day of March, 2026.  
 R7711 3/30/26

## — CICERO —

**NOTICE**  
 Bullseye Towing 22271 U.S. 31 N #100 Cicero, IN, 46034  
 Date of Sale: 04/14/2026  
 JT8CH32Y8X1002012 1999 Lexus Sc400 \$2,750  
 1D8GU28K57W728877 2007 Dodge Nitro \$2,750  
 1C3LC55R58N249423 2008 Chrysler Sebring \$2,750  
 JN8AZ18W79W112561 2009 Nissan Murano \$2,750  
 KL8CD6S9XEC530751 2014 Chevrolet Spark \$4,750  
 5J6RM4H36FL090663 2015 Honda Cr-V \$2,750  
 JA32V2F7G0002914 2016 Mitsubishi Lancer \$2,750  
 R7717 3/30/26

## — WHITESTOWN —

**NOTICE**  
 L.A. Cycles INC 120 Porter Ave Whitestown, IN, 46075  
 317-697-0250  
 1HD1LC318EC441901 2014 Harley-Davidson XL1200 \$3,000  
 Sale Date: 04/14/2026  
 R7718 3/30/26

## — ELWOOD —

**NOTICE**  
 Shadow Auto 1906 South R St. Elwood, IN, 46036  
 3C8FY68B12T209036 2002 Chrysler Pt Cruiser \$3,500  
 R7719 3/30/26

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT )
CAUSE NO 29C01-2603-AD-000370 )
IN THE MATTER OF THE )
ADOPTION OF: )
LUNA RAE ARMSTRONG )
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
Thomas Gayland Armstrong is notified that a petition for adoption of a child, named Luna Rae Armstrong, born to Amanda Armstrong on January 8, 2021, 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 Thomas Gayland Armstrong is not required because Thomas Gayland Armstrong has abandoned or deserted the Child for at least six (6) month 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 INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT )
CAUSE NO 29C01-2603-AD-000369 )
IN THE MATTER OF THE )
ADOPTION OF: )
LYLA ROSE ARMSTRONG )
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
Thomas Gayland Armstrong is notified that a petition for adoption of a child, named Lyla Rose Armstrong, born to Amanda Armstrong on June 13, 2019, 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 Thomas Gayland Armstrong is not required because Thomas Gayland Armstrong has abandoned or deserted the Child for at least six (6) month 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 INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT )
CAUSE NO 29C01-2602-AD-000303 )
IN THE MATTER OF THE )
ADOPTION OF: )
SAWYER ABIGAYLE DUNCAN )
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) month 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 INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY 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 Douro 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.

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY 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.

29D02-2602-ES-000093
Marc W. Matheny
Attorney at Law #9849-49
244 N. College Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46202-3702
(317) 639-3315
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
In the Matter of the Estate of: Teresa Lea Todd, Deceased.
Estate Docket Number: 29D02-2602-ES-000093
Notice is hereby given that Fred E. Reese was on March 9, 2026, appointed the personal representative of the Estate of: Teresa Lea Todd, Deceased, who died on December 21, 2025.

29D02-2603-EU-000124
Hamilton Superior Court 2
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
STATE OF INDIANA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF )
ROSA GROOT, )
DECEASED. )
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO BE PUBLISHED
In the Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2026, Thomas W. Groot was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Rosa Groot, who died testate on February 2, 2026.

IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 2
STATE OF INDIANA
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2603-EU-000132
IN THE MATTER OF THE )
UNSUPERVISED )
ADMINISTRATION OF THE )
ESTATE OF )
JAMES R. KNOSE, )
DECEASED. )
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of James R. Knose, deceased.
Cause Number: 29D02-2603-EU-000132

IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 3
HOLT LEGAL GROUP
Matthew I. Snyder #34777-29
198 South 9th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
(317) 773-5997
R7692 3/26/26, 3/30/26

FISHERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
The citizens of the Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), are hereby notified that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation, proposes to pay for all or a portion of the costs incurred, or to be incurred, by the School Corporation in connection with the 2026-2027 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project, as defined and described in the resolution adopted by the Board on February 11, 2026 (the "2026-2027 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project"), with the proceeds of one or more series of general obligation bonds to be issued by the School Corporation, to be designated as the "Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026" (the "2026 General Obligation Bonds").

City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana
Police Merit Commission
Notice of Public Meeting
Date: April 22, 2026
Executive Session: 8:00 a.m.
Location: Fishers Police Department
4 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038
2nd Floor, Chief's Conference Room
R7701 3/30/26

HAMILTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is given by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, that they will receive bids to rent two enclosed buildings located at the Hamilton County 4-H Center at 2003 East Pleasant Street, Noblesville, Indiana, for storage of materials during the 2026-2027 winter season, beginning October 1, 2026, through May 1, 2027. The buildings are the swine barn which is 60' by 144' or 8,640 square feet; and the cattle barn which is 60' by 210', or 12,600 square feet. Said buildings will be rented in their present condition without any warranties, express or implied. Any questions concerning the renting of said building should be addressed to Lisa Hanni at the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, (317) 776-0854.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the following project:
HAMILTON COUNTY MULTI-BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT. BRIDGE NO. 140 BRIDGE NO. 164
HAZEL DELL PARKWAY CUMBERLAND ROAD
OVER COOL CREEK OVER MUD CREEK
CLAY AND DELAWARE TOWNSHIPS
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
PB-25-0825

Form 96
Non-Collusion Affidavit
Employment Eligibility Verification Certification
Financial Statement
Itemized Proposal
Drug Testing Program Compliance
Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.

Westfield Middle School & Elementary School Sitework Phase 2 (17710 Shamrock Blvd Westfield, IN 46074) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with Westfield Middle School & Elementary School Sitework Phase 2 project area located approximately 800 ft north of the crossing of Shamrock Blvd and Hoover St. The site is located on the west side of Shamrock Blvd. Runoff from the project site will discharge to Grassy Branch. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Julius Salinas of Naventiam Design (representative of Westfield Washington School Corp.).
R7705 3/30/26

WESTFIELD

Notice
To all creditors of and claimants against Beacon Lafayette LLC and all other concerned persons:
Take notice pursuant to IC 23-18-9-9 that Articles of Dissolution of Beacon Lafayette LLC, an Indiana limited liability company, with its principal place of business at 15 W Executive Drive, Unit # 104, Carmel, IN 46032, were filed with the Indiana Secretary of State on March 24, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of Indiana Code § 23-18-9-7 et. seq.

CARMEL

Notice
To all creditors of and claimants against Beacon Lafayette LLC and all other concerned persons:
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NOBLESVILLE

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By/At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: North Harbour Drive and Dorchester Drive Drainage Improvements
Until: 9:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, April 14th, 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: NORTH HARBOUR DRIVE AND DORCHESTER DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
Bid Opening: Bids will be received at the City of Noblesville Clerk's Office located at the City of Noblesville City Hall, 16 south 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 until 9AM on Tuesday, April 14th, 2026.
Pre-Bid Meeting: A mandatory pre-Bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026 at 9AM at 197 Washington Street, Noblesville, Indiana. For special accommodations for individuals planning to attend the Pre-Bid meeting or public bid opening, please call or notify the City of Noblesville at (317) 776-6353 (ext. 3009) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.
Qualification of Bidders: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Placing Asphalt Pavement", "Asphalt Pavement Milling", "Pipe Installation", "Installation of Storm Manholes and Inlets", "Pipe Bursting", "Horizontal Directional Drilling", "Grading and Site Restoration", "Erosion Control Measures Installation", and "Traffic Control: Pavement Markings", and "Surface Masonry and Misc. Concrete."
The Work: The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of approximately 2,100 LF of 12-inch through 36-inch storm sewers, storm manholes, storm inlets, end sections, ditch grading, road/curb/sidewalk restoration, and associated impacted appurtenances for the installation of the work herewith in described in the bid documents. The project also includes three mandatory alternates.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Carmel, Indiana
One Civic Square
City of Carmel, Indiana 46032
26-STR-03 Additional Paving
Project:
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, will receive digitally sealed bids for the above-described "Project" through OpenGov.com until 9:00 AM EST on April 15th, 2026, and commencing as soon as practicable thereafter on the same date such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers of City Hall. No late bids will be accepted.

CARMEL

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FISHERS

CITY OF FISHERS
CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE ANX-26-1
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/CityCouncil
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Fishers City Council at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 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"): ANX-26-1 - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of 3.08 acres, known as the 10075 E 121st St property. Subject site has a common address of 10075 E 121st Street.
LOCATION: 10075 E 121ST ST, 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 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: Justin Hoffman
R7697 3/27/26, 3/30/26

COURT NOTICES

Summons - Service By Publication/American Acceptance Company, LLC/ Erin Giacomia State Of Indiana County Of Hamilton In The Hamilton Superior Court Cause No: 29D06-2601-MF-000243 Mission Servicing Residential, Inc. Plaintiff -vs- Erin Giacomia, Randy Fields, South Harbour Property Owners' Association Inc., Goodleap, LLC, United States Of America, State Of Indiana Department Of Revenue, Midland Credit Management Inc., Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, American Acceptance Company, LLC, Mariner Finance LLC Defendant(s) Notice Of Suit To the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows: Lot No. 476 In South Harbour, Section Eight-B, An Addition To The City Of Noblesville, Indiana, The Plat Of Which Is Recorded In Plat 4, Pages 131 And 132 In The Office Of The Recorder Of Hamilton County, Indiana Commonly known as: 825 Elmwood Cir, Noblesville, IN 46062 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: American Acceptance Company, LLC, Erin Giacomia 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 6th day of May, 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/ James Tomasiak, # 39957-64 2110 Calumet Avenue Valparaiso, IN 46383 Telephone: 219-462-5104 Facsimile: 219-462-9344 E-mail: james.tomasiak@normanattorney.com 25-01745 Attest: /s/ Kathy Kregg Williams Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7670

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-0002965 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Willie Joe griggs Petitioner NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Willie Joe griggs, whose mailing address is: 11708 boothbay In Fishers, Indiana 46037, in the HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Willie Joe griggs has filed a petition in the HAMILTON Court requesting that name be changed to Jordan jomar griggs. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on July 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Willie Joe griggs Petitioner Date: March 9, 2026 Kathy Kregg Williams Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court 3/26/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7675

29D03-2603-EU-000129 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In re the Unsupervised Estate of Fritz S. Chambers Adler Attorneys - Noblesville 136 South 9th Street Noblesville, IN 46060-2614 Phone: 317-773-1974 Fax: 317-773-0943 Seth R. Wilson, #26647-49 seth@noblesvilleattorney.com In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana Notice is given that Christopher Todd Chambers, on March 18, 2026 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the abovenamed Decedent, who died on 02/13/2026. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months of Decedent's death whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated: March 18, 2026. Kathy Kregg Williams Clerk for Hamilton County, Indiana 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7679

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-2802 IN RE THE MATTER OF: Patricia Maria Ridgeway Petitioner NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Patricia Maria Ridgeway, whose mailing address is: 14725 Alnwick Ln Noblesville, Indiana 46062, in HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Patricia Maria Ridgeway has filed a petition in the HAMILTON Court requesting that name be changed to Patricia Maria Sanchez. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on July 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Patricia Maria Ridgeway Petitioner Date: March 4, 2026 Kathy Kregg Williams Hamilton County Clerk 3/26/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7681

WEBSTER & GARINO LLC 209 E 175th Street, Suite A Westfield, IN 46074 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Cause Number: 29D01-2601-EU-000028 In the Hamilton County Superior Court, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Natalie Over was on the 12 day of March, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph Michael Krygowski, deceased, who died on October 9, 2025. All persons who have claims against the 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 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 12 day of March, 2026. Kathy Kregg Williams Hamilton County Clerk 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7687

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 3/16/26, 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7684

Image of a Stanley power drill with text: "Not everything has a reason, but everything has a cause." - Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1988

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 7 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D04-2502-MF-002057 wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation was Plaintiff, and Ashleigh Jean Webster, State of Indiana, Barrett & Stokely Management, LLC dba Conner Fanns Apartments, Howe Place Community Association, Inc. and United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Veterans Affairs were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 7th day of May, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. Lot Numbered Eleven A (11 A) of Howe Place, a Subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded September 16, 2004 in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 487, Surveyors Correction recorded as Instrument Number 200600001379, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. More commonly known as 10375 Bronzer Dr, Noblesville, IN 46060-6129 Parcel No. 29-11-17-008-021.000-013 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff Noblesville Township 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7662

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2505-PL-005734, wherein Meadow Brook Village Homeowner Association, Inc., was Plaintiff, and Ronald E. Tanner, II, was the Defendant, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose a public sale to the highest bidder, on the 7th day of May, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana: Lot Number 62 in The Estates of Meadowbrook, Section One, an Addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per Plat thereof recorded as Instrument Number 200300069799, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Parcel No. 29-11-33-011-012.000-020. NOTE: This sale is subject to the lien and indebtedness due on the First Mortgage to Defendant NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, its successors and assigns, dated December 3, 2020, and filed with the Hamilton County Recorder's Office on December 8, 2020, as Instrument No. 2020089714, as well as subject to the lien and indebtedness due on the Second Mortgage to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, its successors and assigns, dated May 1, 2023 and filed with the Hamilton County Recorder's Office on May 23, 2023, as Instrument No. 2023018515. Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7662

Kimberly M. Sutter, #33898-29 Plaintiffs Attorney EADS MURRAY & PUGH P.C. 9515 E 59th St Ste B, Indianapolis IN 46216 Township: Fall Creek Street Address: 11795 Suncatcher Drive Fishers, IN 46038 The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address herein. This is a communication from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7661

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. 29D02-2510-PL-011232, wherein Cedar Cove Homeowners Association, Inc. was the Plaintiff, and Michael Gallagher, Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, and Any Unknown Occupants were the Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the May 7, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. Lot Numbered 28 in Cedar Cove, Block G, Section One, an subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, page 54, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Commonly known as 5909 East Highgate Circle, Indianapolis, Hamilton County, Indiana 46250. Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County Township: Delaware 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7667

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. 29D03-2510-PL-011241, wherein Cedar Cove Homeowners Association, Inc. was the Plaintiff, and David Hester, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Mariner Finance, LLC, Bank of America, N.A., and Any Unknown Occupants were the Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the May 7, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. Lot Numbered 38 in Cedar Cove, Block J, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per final plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, page 111, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Commonly known as 9739 Revere Way, Indianapolis, Hamilton County, Indiana 46250. Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County Township: Delaware 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7668

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. 29D04-2512-MF-013479 wherein NEWREZ LLC was Plaintiff, and SHANE T. HAZELWOOD JR was the Defendant, 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 7th day of May, 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, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana. LOT NUMBERED 1 IN JACOB UNGER'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ARCADIA IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN DEED RECORD 60, PAGE 12 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. More Commonly Known As: 309 E South St., Arcadia, IN 46030 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County Jackson Township 309 E South St., Arcadia, IN 46030 Street Address 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7669

NOTICE OF HEARINGS Pursuant to the Indiana Code § 6-1-20-3.1, notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Hamilton East Public Library will meet at 6:15 p.m. on April 16, 2026 at the Noblesville Library, One Library Plaza, Noblesville, Indiana and at 6:15 p.m. on May 21, 2026, at the Fishers Library, Five Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana to hold public hearings. On April 16, 2026, the Board will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the construction of a new Library Building, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology (collectively, the "Project"). On May 21, 2026, the Board will hold a second public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed Project and will also consider the adoption of a resolution making a preliminary determination to issue bonds to finance the Project. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings. Dated March 30, 2026. /s/ Secretary, Board of Trustees Hamilton East Public Library 3/30/26 R7710

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. 29D05-2212-MF-010004 wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC, was Plaintiff, and Tonya Hyman, 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 7th day of May, 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. A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT A POINT 1,335.38 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 187.0 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 85.58 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 187.0 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE WEST ON AND ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 85.58 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. More Commonly Known As: 9040 E 206th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 Parcel No. 29-07-18-301-015.000-012 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County Noblesville Township 9040 E 206th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 Street Address 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7665

Phillip A. Norman #13734-64 Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45 PHILLIP A. NORMAN P.C. May 7, 2026 Date The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7665

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2510-MF-011886, wherein NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing was Plaintiff, and Unknown Heirs at Law and Devisees of Suzzette A. Hartke, deceased, John Todd Walter, Timberstone Villas Homeowners Association, Inc., Gene M. Hartke and Karen S. Hartke 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 7th day of May, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. local time, of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana: LOT 116, TIMBERSTONE VILLAS SECTION 3B, SECONDARY PLAT, AN ADDITION TO HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 20160483 55, PLAT CABINET 5, SLIDE 555, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. More Commonly known as: 9533 Rocky Shore Drive, McCordsville, Indiana 46055 Property ID Number: 13-15-12-00-53-012.000 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana Fall Creek Township Township of Property Location 9533 Rocky Shore Drive McCordsville, Indiana 46055 Street Address 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7666

/s/ Andrew Kraemer Andrew Kraemer, Plaintiff Attorney Attorney No. 14872-71 Johnson, Blumberg and Associates, LLC 500 West Lincoln Highway, Suite J Merrillville, IN 46410 312-541-9710 May 07, 2026 Date The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7666

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Date & Time of Sale: May 07, 2026 - 12:00 pm Sale Location: 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 Judgment to be Satisfied: \$2,369,882.61 plus interest from July 8, 2025 Plaintiff: Everwise Credit Union Cause Number: 29D05-2407-MF-007439 Defendant: Chirag Patel and Sujan Patel By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County Indiana, wherein Everwise Credit Union was Plaintiff, and Chirag Patel and Sujan Patel were Defendant, and Sigma Builders, LLC was Cross-Counterclaim/Plaintiff, 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 at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows: Lot Numbered 497 in The Springs of Cambridge, Section 12, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded September 23, 2021, as Instrument No. 2021069526 in Plat Cabinet 6, Slide 159. Together with an undivided 1/2 interest in Block "G" in The Springs of Cambridge, Section 12, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana Commonly known as 13733 Haven Cove Lane, Fishers, Indiana 46055, Parcel No. 29-15-02-025-056.000-020 Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No. 29D05-2407-MF-007439 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. Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. In accordance with the requirements of IC 32-29-7.3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the Owners. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7666

Michael A. Trippel, Plaintiffs Attorney P.O. Box 1210 Mishawaka, IN 46546-1210 (574) 256-5660 Attorney No. 16537-71 Thorne Grodnik, LLP Fall Creek Township The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the commonly known address published herein. 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7663

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. 29D03-2408-MF-009621 wherein PNC Bank, National Association was Plaintiff, and Thomas R. Dyer, Debra D. Dyer, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., United States of America Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, State of Indiana, Department of Revenue, Discover Bank and Geist Harbours Property Owners 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 May 7, 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. Part of the Southeast Quarter Section 9, Township 17 North, Range 5 East in Hamilton County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a stone found at the Northeast corner of said Quarter Section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West (bearing based on the plat of Masthead - Section sixteen as recorded January 5, 1987, in D.B. 13 Page 96 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana) 686.34 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 226.53 feet to the Southwest corner of said Masthead Section Sixteen said point also being the center line of Fall Creek Road and on a curve to the right having a radius of 1356.00 feet, the radius points of said curve bears North 03 degrees 01 minutes 19 seconds West from said point; thence West along said curve 201.47 feet to a point that bears South 05 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds West from said radius point, and the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said center line and curve 173.68 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said point bears South 12 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West from the radius point; thence continuing along said center line North 11 degrees 10 minutes 14 seconds West 182.02 feet, thence perpendicular to said center line North 12 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds East 26 feet, to the shoreline of an inlet of Geist Reservoir North of Fall Creek Road as established when said reservoir is full at an elevation of 785.00 feet above mean sea level; thence generally northerly and easterly along said shoreline to the Northwest corner of Lot 542 in Masthead Section Sixteen A, as recorded in P.C. No. 1 Sheriff Lot. 171 in said Recorder's office; thence along the West line of said Lot 542 South 05 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds West 129 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.9 acres, more or less, and subject to easements and rights of way of record. Commonly known address: 11732 Landings Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46256 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. Dennis J. Quakenbush II Sheriff of Hamilton County Township: Fall Creek Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 29-15-10-301-010.000-020 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7664

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) MDK Legal P.O. Box 165028 Columbus OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Attorney for Plaintiff The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26 R7664

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# Several county boys players named to IBCA Supreme 15 teams

**The REPORTER**

Six Hamilton County boys basketball players are among the 15 seniors and 15 underclass players that have earned IBCA "Supreme 15" All-State honors for 2025-26, it was announced Wednesday, March 25.

The IBCA also named Large School All-State teams (17 seniors, 16 underclass) and Small School All-State teams (16 seniors, 15 underclass). Another six county players appear on those lists.

The "Supreme 15" is the top honor awarded, and players were voted to that group without regard to school size. The Large School and Small School all-state teams are secondary accolades – the Large School group including players from Class 3A and Class 4A schools and the Small School group including players from Class A and Class 2A schools.

Players who make the Supreme 15 are not considered for Large School or Small School honors. Large School and Small School honor teams typically have 15 players each, but ties in voting resulted with more players on three of four groups this year.

Local players on the senior Supreme 15 list are Carmel's Evan Harrell, Fishers' Kai McGrew and Noblesville's Baron Walker. Harrell is committed to Bellarmine University, Walker has signed with Butler University and McGrew is entertaining multiple Division I offers.

The three county players on the underclass Supreme 15 list are all juniors: Carmel's Cash Daniels and Fishers' Jason Gardner Jr. and Cooper Zachary.

Four local stars were honored on the Senior Large School All-State team. They are Noblesville's Justin Curry II, Westfield's Drew Haffner, and Hamilton Southeastern's Landon Osswald and Luke Weemer. Curry has committed to Valparaiso University, Haffner has signed with Abilene Christian University, Weemer is an Emporia State University recruit, while Osswald is undecided.

Two county players are on the Underclass Large School list: Hamilton Southeastern sophomore Varschon Clark and Guerin Catholic junior Jake Grissom.

In addition, 96 more seniors and 94 more underclass players were selected honorable mention all-state. The honorable mention laurels are awarded without regard to school size. In total, 284 players – 144 seniors and 140 underclass players – were recognized on the 2026 IBCA boys' basketball All-State teams. In total, 706 players were nominated (304 seniors, 402 underclass) from 331 schools.

Local senior Honorable Mention players are Sheridan's Devon Hamilton, Fishers' Ethan Hillsman and University's Josh McGee.

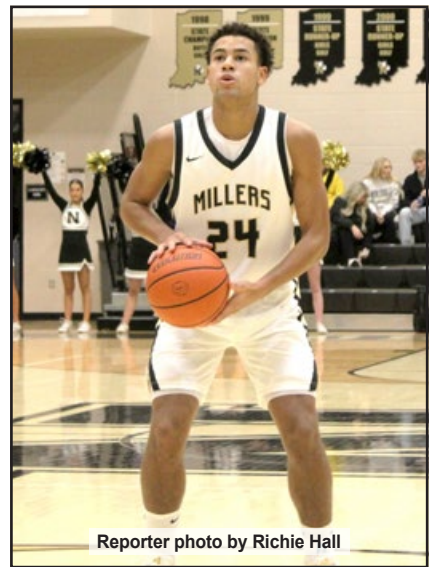
Local underclass Honorable Mention players in-



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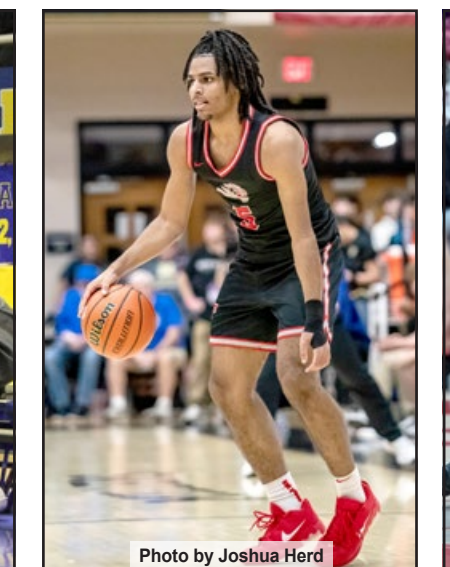


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**(TOP ROW, from left) Evan Harrell of Carmel, Kai McGrew of Fishers, and Baron Walker of Fishers made the senior list. (BOTTOM ROW, from left) Cash Daniels of Carmel, Jason Gardner Jr. of Fishers, and Cooper Zachary of Fishers are on the underclass list.**

clude three juniors: Guerin Catholic's Carter Murans and Hayden Rogers, and Sheridan's Trey Page.

All IBCA-member head coaches have the opportunity to nominate players. A panel of 22 IBCA coaches – 16 from the current regional areas plus six at-large rep-

resentatives (two each from IHSAA Districts 1, 2 and 3) – reviews the nominations and votes to determine the honor teams. David Wood, former coach at West Lafayette, is the non-voting committee chairman and finalizes the lists.

The IBCA will provide

plaques to Supreme 15 honorees as well as certificates to players receiving Large School All-State, Small School All-State and Honorable Mention All-State recognition. Plaques will be sent via U.S. mail to the coach of the Supreme 15 honorees in April. Certifi-

icates will be emailed as a PDF to the coach of each Large School, Small School and Honorable Mention recipient in mid-April. Upon receipt, each honoree's coach may present the award to each player prior to the end of the 2025-26 academic year.

## THOMAS

"Our daughter was born in Texas three days before Thanksgiving. Bill stepped in as our head coach from then until mid-January without blinking. He knew from the beginning that this would mean taking on additional responsibilities. Bill's selflessness gave our family the stability we needed to commit to a second adoption, and it gave our coaches and players the stability they needed to continue through the middle of the season in Lauren's absence."

"As a teacher and coach, I encourage my students and athletes to surround themselves with people

who bring out the best in them," Lauren Votaw said. "Undoubtedly, Bill Thomas does that for everyone he encounters at Fishers High School."

Jeremy Votaw alluded to a coaching maxim that states that the players won't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

"Bill leaves no doubt that he cares about our players, starting with the day they walk into our gym and continuing after they graduate," he said. "The first thing you notice about Bill is that he never stops being a dad, regardless of what's

happening or who's around. That shows through the ways he connects with our girls and the ways he protects and serves them.

Thomas is a 1991 graduate of Franklin Central, where he played basketball, tennis and baseball. He was a part of a Flashes' basketball team that won the 1991 Marion County Tournament while playing for Mark James. Thomas went on to Purdue University, earning a bachelor's degree in public relations in 1995. He then earned a second bachelor's degree in English education from IUPUI in 1998.

He has worked in ed-

ucation at Hamilton High School (2002-03), DeKalb High School (2003-05), Brooks School Elementary School (2016-17), Fall Creek Intermediate School (2017-19) and Fishers High School (2019 to present). He currently teaches health & wellness and freshman seminar, and he previously has taught English, English for New Learners and assisted with developmental preschool and special education.

From 2005-16, he was a stay-at-home father while operating a stone and glass engraving business, Making Memories Engraving, which created memorials

for veterans, churches and custom engravings.

Thomas also has served the community throughout the years. He currently volunteers with the Good Samaritan Network in Hamilton County and served as a small-group leader at Northview Church. An advanced master gardener learned through Purdue, he previously led the construction of a community garden as a member of Pathway Community Church in Fort Wayne. In 2010, he served on a Christian mission trip to the Dominican Republic that featured a youth basketball clinic.

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Thomas stepped down from his Fishers' coaching position at the end of 2025-26, so he and Christi have more time to watch their daughters – Kate, a sophomore basketball player at Grace College, and Natalie, a Fishers senior who plans to play at Bethel University – in their college careers.

"Bill has left a lasting impact on the FHS girls' basketball program," Lauren Votaw said. "His mentorship of me as a head coach, passion for leading a program with integrity and desire for excellence will be pillars of our program long after Bill retires."



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