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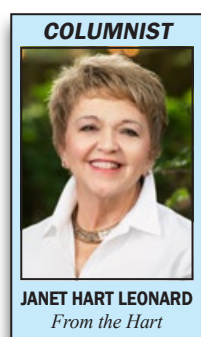
# Hart is the soul of Noblesville



Reporter photos  
 Ginger's Café, 1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville, was packed on Sunday, March 29 for the reveal of Janet Hart Leonard's new book, *From the Hart*. After the book signing, Janet spoke to the crowd about how grateful she is to the people in her life who helped her find her voice as an author. She talked about the voices in her head that tend to wake her up in the pre-dawn hours with things she needs to write about. Friends and loved ones spoke publicly about Janet's influence in their lives. Her influence extends far beyond that room. Just ask any of our readers, most of whom feel like they know her, even if they've never met off the page. Yes, her writing is just that good.

# The power of a conversation

While writing my latest book, *From the Hart*, I kept thinking about the conversations it could inspire. At the end of each chapter, there are three questions. They can be considered individually, but I thought readers might enjoy sitting with a group of friends to discuss them.



- Here are a few examples ...
- Finding Joy in the Quiet: What brings you joy in the morning?
  - When I am Overwhelmed: When is it difficult to pray, "Thy will be done?"
  - Declining the Invitation: What do you think about being invited to an argument and not engaging in it?
  - Finding Heavenly Peace: What holds you secure when your snow globe is shaken?
  - The Affirmations: When have you argued with God?
- I grew up listening to the conversations my mother, grandma, and aunts had around the kitchen table on Sunday afternoons. I learned a lot about life. There was a lot of wisdom shared around the table. Those conversations created a good foundation for all of us Catron Cousins.

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# Heights student files provisional U.S. patent for AI-driven engineering tool

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

An extraordinary team effort from Hamilton Heights administrators, educators, and legal partners created the opportunity for Hamilton Heights High School student Alexander Weiland to successfully file a provisional U.S. patent on Friday, March 6 for an innovative engineering tool he developed as part of a classroom project.

The patent filing marks a significant milestone for Weiland, whose work began in the high school's engineering classroom taught by Dave Post. Students were challenged to identify a real-world problem, design and test a solution, refine it through iterative development, and build a business case around their idea.

Weiland asked to pursue a concept he had been thinking about long before the assign-

ment, and with teacher support, he was encouraged to bring that passion into the classroom.

What followed was a remarkable display of student initiative, technical skill, and perseverance. Weiland wrote extensive lines of code, built detailed part-file libraries, and conducted deep research to bring his idea to life. His final product, the TraceAI Reverse Engineering Analysis Tool, uses artificial intelligence to dramatically reduce the time and cost associated with reverse-engineering printed circuit boards (PCBs).

• **The Problem:** Reverse-engineering a PCB typically requires 20 to 40 hours of manual tracing by engineers. The process is slow, expensive, and requires specialized tools.

• **The Solution:** TraceAI analyzes a photo of any PCB and automatically generates a

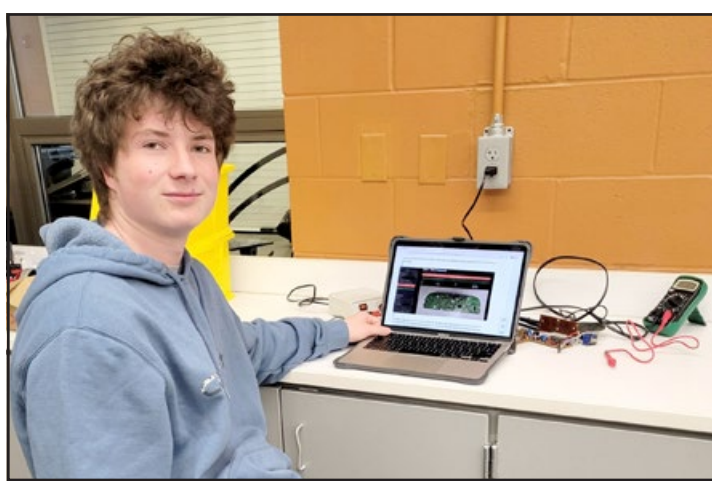


Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation  
 Alexander Weiland, a junior at Hamilton Heights High School, puts his engineering skills to work as he builds and tests TraceAI, the innovative project that led to his provisional U.S. patent filing and earned him a provisional U.S. patent and a spot in the STARTedUP Region 2 Finals at Purdue University in April.

schematic, component list, and netlist in minutes. Users simply upload an image, no specialized hardware required, and the tool

provides the design information needed to reproduce the PCB.

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# A book for people going to church alone

The REPORTER

Indiana author Amy Thornton Shankland will host her book launch of *Happy and Solo at Church – Light Your Fire and Worship with Joy* from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 10 in the Community Room of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville.



*Happy and Solo at Church*, published by Elk Lake Publishing, weaves the author's own story throughout the book – from bad, to worse, to better than ever before.

"Years ago, I was a miserable lump sitting alone in the pew and almost left my church," Shankland said. "Thanks to a transformational moment, the Holy Spirit touched my life and helped me change it. I began going to church because I wanted to, not because I had to."

The book discusses what places of worship are doing (and not doing) for people attending church solo. It shares stories of others facing and overcoming the challenge of attending church alone. *Happy and Solo at Church* talks about how readers can build and strengthen

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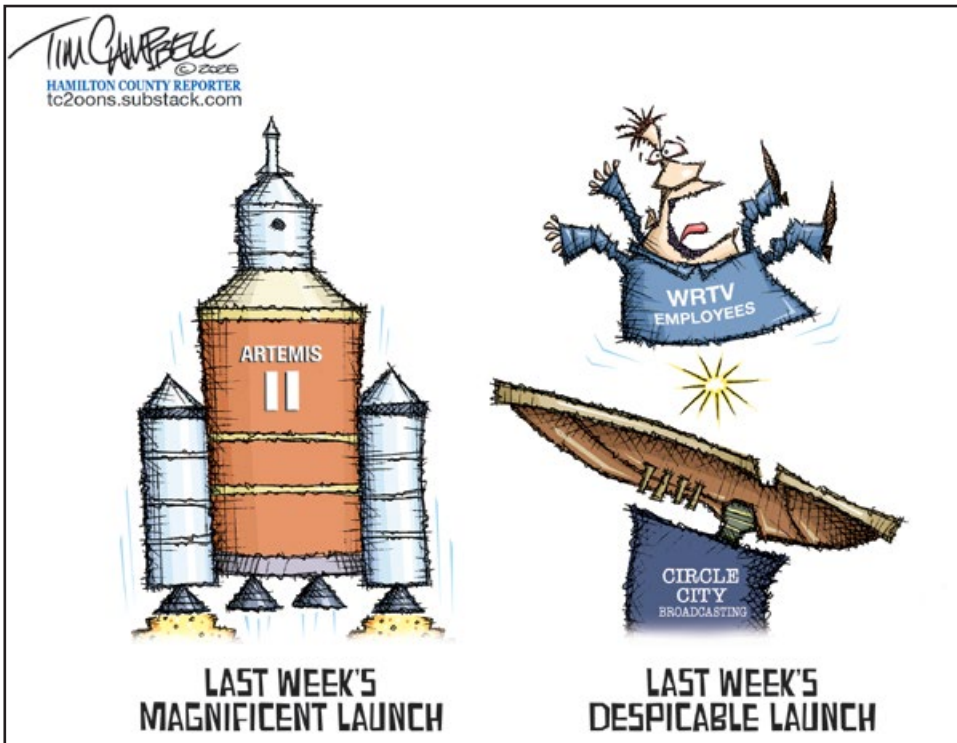
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Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

Thanks to attendees and hardworking volunteers, the breakfast raised \$2,100

# SOS Club & Lions team up for "Miracle League of Westfield"

By **JEFF LARRISON**  
Westfield Lions Club

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On Saturday, March 28, the Westfield High School's Service Over Self (SOS) Club and the Westfield Lions Club held their annual pancake breakfast with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the "Miracle League of Westfield" – a local non-profit organization that provides children and adults with disabilities the experience of playing "adaptive baseball."

This is the fourth straight year the SOS Club has selected the Miracle League as the recipient of the breakfast's proceeds, and this year resulted in a donation of \$2,100 to help fund the organization.

Each year, the SOS Club members are responsible for planning and promoting the event, making pancakes, serving the customers, cleaning up the cafeteria, and selling the 50/50 raffle tickets. The Lions' role is to make sure the students have everything they need to keep the event running smoothly.

A major reason the pancake breakfast continues to

be a big success is because of the support and assistance the SOS Club receives from the Westfield High School cafeteria staff. Each year, Cafeteria Operations Manager Paul Sherrer and his employees take time out of their Saturday mornings to assist the students and Lions with anything they need during the breakfast. Without their help the breakfast would not be nearly as successful.

Court Commissioner Christopher Barrows, candidate for the new Hamilton County Superior Court 9, along with other local leaders, helped to sponsor the event.

"The WHS Service Over Self Club is such an inspiring group of kids," Barrows said. "I am proud and humbled to help them contribute to a great organization like The Miracle League, even a

little bit." **About the Miracle League of Westfield**

The Miracle League of Westfield is run by a 100-percent volunteer committee and has developed an accessible stadium at Westfield's Roundtripper Academy. Their mission is to provide opportunities for all children and young adults to play baseball regardless of their ability or disability. The Miracle League of Westfield needs financial support to make the dream of playing baseball come true for these kids and adults, so the SOS Club and Westfield Lions are stepping up to raise funds and create awareness for this extremely worthwhile program.

For more information on the Miracle League of Westfield and how you can support them, visit [MiracleLeagueOfWestfield.com](http://MiracleLeagueOfWestfield.com).



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# Get up close and personal with the tracks when Nickel Plate Railbikes return April 17

**The REPORTER**  
 Spring returns to the rails on Friday, April 17, as Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad launches its 2026 railbike season from Hobbs Station in Noblesville.

The seasonal outdoor experience invites guests of all ages to pedal the rails and take in the scenery along the historic Nickel Plate line. Railbike rides have become a favorite warm-weather activity for families, couples, friends, and visitors looking for a unique way to get outside and explore Hamilton County.

In 2025, the program

welcomed more than 10,000 riders. With strong growth over the last several seasons, the organization expects that momentum to continue in 2026 with a new lower-priced weekday option and additional themed offerings planned for later this season.

"Our railbike rides have become such a fun part of what we offer each year," said Emily Reynolds, executive director of Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad. "They give people a chance to experience the railroad in a completely different way, and we are excited to welcome riders back for another

season starting April 17."

All rides depart from Hobbs Station in Noblesville and are designed to be approachable and enjoyable for a wide range of riders. The regular 2026 railbike season will run through October, giving guests plenty of opportunities to experience the historic corridor in a fun, active, and family-friendly way.

Advance ticket purchases are encouraged, especially for weekend rides and other high-demand dates.

Tickets and additional ride information are available at [NickelPlateExpress.org](http://NickelPlateExpress.org).



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# Fishers High School Robotics Team earns finalist honors

*Tiger Dynasty wins prestigious SpaceX-sponsored award at Columbus competition*

**The REPORTER**

Fishers High School's Robotics Team, FRC #5010 Tiger Dynasty, earned finalist honors and the prestigious FIRST Engineering Inspiration Award sponsored by SpaceX at last month's competition in Columbus, where they faced off against 38 of Indiana's top robotics teams.

After two intense days of competition, the 57-student team battled its way into the playoffs and earned the honor of serving as alliance captain for one of the finalist alliances. While they fell just short in the final match, their accomplishments extended far beyond the field.

The FIRST Engineering Inspiration Award recognizes teams that demonstrate exceptional success in advancing respect for and appreciation of engineering, with a strong emphasis on measurable impact and recent efforts. The award also highlights the team's creativity and effectiveness in inspiring and recruiting students into engineering and other STEM fields.

Coming out of this competition, Tiger Dynasty is ranked No. 3 in the state of Indiana and advances to the Indiana State Champi-



Photo provided by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

**Thanks to Tiger Dynasty, the great robot takeover could start right here!**

onship on April 18 and 19. The team may then be invited to compete in the FIRST World Championship in Houston, Texas, from April 29 to May 2.

The team's success builds on six intense weeks of design, engineering, programming, and teamwork that produced their 2026 competition robot, "Lasagna," which was unveiled during a public reveal event at Fishers High School earlier this season. Built in just six weeks, "Lasagna" represents thousands of combined hours of student

work, with team members balancing rigorous academic schedules and demanding build sessions.

The Tiger Dynasty program is led by coaches Amelia (Amy) Stone and Kyle Heaton, and supported by the following dedicated group of volunteer mentors:

- Alex Ryker
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- Curt Rozeboom
- Gary Ballard
- Jeremy Stone
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- Ryan Dognaux
- Steve Chrisman
- Ben Rouse

Additionally, the team is supported by the following community sponsors who help guide students through the engineering, programming, and competition process:

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For more information about FRC #5010 Tiger Dynasty, visit [tigerdynasty.org](http://tigerdynasty.org) or follow @FRC5010 on social media.

# Candidates, it's time to engage with your voters

**The REPORTER**

It's primary election season, and Hamilton County voters have a fine selection of candidates, many of whom have already reached out to The Reporter so we can share their message with our readers.

For those candidates who have not yet responded to our requests for campaign information, what the heck are you waiting for?

If you or your campaign staff fill out our candidate bio form on our website at the link below, you will be included in every online edition we publish from April 7 through and including Primary Election Day

on May 5. *There is no cost* to get campaign contact information, a candidate photo, and 200 words about why you are the best candidate out to our readers.

Please note that we do not edit the candidate bios for grammar, punctuation, or content. We will, however, reject any that violate our attack ad policy.

Starting on April 7, readers of The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper will be able to make more informed decisions when they cast their ballots. If you choose not to engage with our readers – again, at no cost – that will tell them at least as much as you could have said in 200 words.

# Sheridan gears up for America 250

**Submitted by Ashley Beasley**

Sheridan Events is preparing for a full season of community celebrations. Plans have expanded for both the Rev'd Up Rides Car Show and the Town of Sheridan's annual Fourth of July festivities.

These efforts are supported in part by a \$5,500 grant from Hamilton County Tourism, which will help Sheridan continue to host community gatherings that attract visitors as well as strengthen the local economy.

The 2026 season will kick off with the second annual Rev'd Up Rides Car Show on April 25 at Sheridan High School. Registration begins at 9 a.m., but participants can also pre-register online at [SheridanEvents.org](http://SheridanEvents.org). While the event is free to attend, the fee to register a car is \$20. Rev'd Up Rides serves as both the organization's opening event and a key fundraiser supporting Sheridan's Fourth of July celebration. Attendees can expect a wide variety of vehicles, local fare from vendors like Gosia's Rustic Kitchen, Sip Happens, and Sheridan Rotary, plus a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere with music from the Molter Brothers and Henry Entertainment, LLC.

This year's Fourth of July celebration will feature several exciting changes. Due to construction along State Road 47, festivities will be relocated to the Sheridan High School grounds. Sheridan Events is grateful to Sheridan High School for generously providing an alternative venue for these community



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events. The location offers expanded space and is a prime venue for the fireworks show.

For the first time, Sheridan will welcome Burgerhaus Productions as they deliver guests a professionally choreographed fireworks show set to music. The display will be launched near the storied Blackhawks football field, with seating available in the stadium stands and other areas on the grounds, allowing guests to experience the show from multiple vantage points.

Sheridan's 2026 Fourth of July celebration is thrilled to be part of the nationwide commemoration of 250 years of American Independence. The local theme, "Generations of Independence," will highlight both Sheridan's history and its future by blending elements of past and present. Inspired by the national *Spirit of '76* theme, the event will feature a mix of throwback activities; including some Sheridan favorites like the ping pong ball drop, live music from multiple eras, and more! It will be a return to the simple, connected feel of the classic small-town summer celebrations many of us long for.

# April showers guaranteed in Singin' in the Rain at Beef & Boards

*The downpour of dance & splashy fun starts April 9*

**The REPORTER**

April brings showers to the stage at Beef & Boards Dinner theatre with the cherished classic *Singin' in the Rain*. Opening April 9, this refreshing romantic comedy is the stage version of the celebrated MGM film that starred Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, and Donald O'Connor.

In silent movies, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are a hot item, but behind the scenes, things aren't always as they appear on the big screen. Meanwhile, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress, Kathy Selden, to do the talking and singing for her. When Lina finds out, she is furious. While Don has eyes for the lovely Kathy, Lina isn't about to be pushed aside – on screen, or off.

*Singin' in the Rain* is soaked with unforgettable songs including "Good Morning," "You Were Meant For Me," "Make 'Em Laugh," "Beautiful Girl," and the famous title tune.

Joseph Rafael Davila

makes his Beef & Boards debut as the dashing Don Lockwood. Reprising their roles as Lina Lamont and Kathy Selden are Sarah Hund and Kimberly Doreen Burns, respectively. Burns plays Kathy Selden from April 9 to 26. Sarah Daniels (*The Little Mermaid*, *Kinky Boots*, *Newsies*) plays Kathy Selden from April 28 through May 23. James Garrett Hill (*Heartbreak Hotel*) stars as Don's fun-loving sidekick, Cosmo Brown. Eddie Curry reprises the role of Roscoe Dexter and Jeff Stockberger reprises the role of R.F. Simpson.

*Singin' in the Rain* is directed by Eddie Curry and choreographed by Doug King.

Tickets are currently on sale exclusively through Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre at [BeefAndBoards.com](http://BeefAndBoards.com) or by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664. Patrons are advised that tickets purchased from third-party sellers may not be valid for performances and may include additional fees.

*Singin' in the Rain* is on stage for 51 performanc-



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**Lina Lamont (Sarah Hund) doesn't want the voice of Kathy Selden (Kimberly Doreen Burns), at back, used for her so she begins to sing rather than lip sync.**

es through May 23. Every performance includes Beef & Boards' signature dinner buffet, along with coffee, tea, or lemonade. Gourmet desserts and bar beverages are available for purchase.

*Singin' in the Rain* is rated G and is licensed by Music Theatre International (MTI).

**Note:** Starting in 2026,

all Tuesday through Saturday evening shows begin at 7:30 p.m., while the start time for Sunday evening performances remains at 7 p.m.

*Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.*



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# Brunch & Blooms: all you'll need to know for the 2026 Peony Festival

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

Beyond our festival hub in Seminary Park, awaits our sister event, Brunch & Blooms.

Brunch & Blooms is a brunch and retail crawl that runs in conjunction with the festival, activated through our energetic downtown square. Walk the festival's vendor path to all the wonderful shops, restaurants, and cafes our downtown of Noblesville has to offer. You can visit more than 40 participating locations for more peony-inspired fun. Each of these merchant stops have special peony promotions, drinks, products, specials and more!

Our annual Brunch & Blooms event is proudly sponsored by 46 & Spruce by Syndicate Sales.

46 & Spruce by Syndicate Sales is located in Kokomo and is among our country's largest suppliers of floral hardgoods. With their expertise and knowledge on the floral industry, they are great sponsors and partners to our festival. Look for their tent on 9th and Conner streets



to shop their fun, wearable florals to complete your festival day outfit. They'll offer a unique array of floral accessories to elevate your favorite peony attire.

Also new to Brunch & Blooms is our "Brunch with 46 & Spruce" activation. See more floral installations beyond the community alleyways! Select brunch locations throughout downtown will be transformed with stunning floral installations. Designed using floral products from 46 & Spruce, along with fresh peonies, these interiors will surround guests in florals from floor to table. Who doesn't love brunch among the blooms?! Check back for more details to come!

The celebration of our state flower in the heart of downtown is truly a hallmark sight to see.

Visit the website listed below to explore the full list of participating Brunch & Blooms locations, along with featured promotions and event details. Be sure to include this experience in your festival weekend plans!

Learn more at [indianapeonyfestival.com/brunch-and-blooms](http://indianapeonyfestival.com/brunch-and-blooms).

## CHURCH

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their foundation, an important first step before any of techniques can work.

Finally, the book moves into what steps people can take to thrive solo at church – and to help other solo attendees. It reveals how to:

1. Find and build relationships with "God" friends.
2. Create a church family.
3. Successfully raise children as a solo person in the church.
4. Stop making church just a Sunday, Saturday, or other "once a week" thing.

Each chapter includes pages with questions/reflections to help readers think about their own solo situation. Can't make the launch? You can order your copy on Amazon at [tinyurl.com/43jhub2j](http://tinyurl.com/43jhub2j). Shankland is also

looking for future speaking engagements. Visit [AmyThorntonShankland.com](http://AmyThorntonShankland.com) for more information.

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# Westfield Middle School yearbook staff earns national recognition



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Middle School yearbook staff was recognized by My Varsity Yearbook as one of the best in the nation, with the 2024-2025 book featured in its Portfolio publication highlighting top yearbook design. Books for this year will be distributed May 15, with a limited number available for purchase for \$60. Supplies are limited and expected to sell out.

## AI

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"My provisional patent is for an AI system that can reverse engineer PCBs from photos," explained Alexander Weiland of the innovation behind his patent. "You take a picture of a circuit board and the software automatically figures out what components are on it, traces all the connections, and delivers a full schematic. The main inventions are a pipeline that combines multiple AI models for better accuracy, and an engine that reconstructs the actual circuit logic just from the image."

Weiland's TraceAI web application project was entered in the STARTedUP statewide entrepreneurship competition, where his project has now advanced to the Region 2 Finals at Purdue University on April 16.

The rapid turnaround from idea to provisional patent was made possible through swift collaboration. The initial outreach to legal counsel occurred on Feb. 24, and within two weeks, barriers were removed and the path cleared for Weiland to file.

Weiland, who is already looking ahead, said, "I want to turn my patent and idea into a technology startup. The goal is to make an in-

tegrated tool that hobbyists, engineers, and companies can use when they've lost documentation, want to understand how a product works, or analyze a competitor's product. I'm building out the AI training pipeline now and getting feedback from engineers. I will continue developing and improving upon my idea and hopefully it becomes a real product people can use in the next year or two."

Reflecting on the classroom experience that sparked this achievement, he shared, "This was always something I wondered if I could pull it off, so getting it working was really fun. I like working on stuff that's challenging, and doing it during school time is even better. My engineering teacher gave me lots of good feedback, and I did most of the coding outside of school, which honestly gave me more freedom to experiment."

For Weiland, the biggest thing he took away is that you don't have to wait until everything is perfect to start.

"The patent process made me think about what sets my idea apart, and going through that actually refined the idea itself," he said. "Building something real



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation  
HHHS junior Alexander Weiland and engineering teacher Dave Post share a moment of pride as Alexander's TraceAI project – developed in Post's class – earns a provisional U.S. patent and advances to the STARTedUP Region 2 Finals at Purdue University.

from an idea that you have is a great experience, and I'd recommend it to anyone."

"I want to say a huge thank you to the patent attorneys, Todd Coffeen and Joel Tragesser, for their expertise," he added. "I also want to thank my engineering teacher, David Post, and the Hamilton Heights Administration for supporting my patent efforts and giving me

the space to pursue this."

Hamilton Heights celebrates Weiland's achievement and extends gratitude to the administrators, educators, and legal partners whose support made this milestone possible. This accomplishment reflects the power of student-centered learning and the extraordinary potential unlocked when passion meets opportunity.

## POWER

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If you read my first book, *When the Hart Speaks*, you know that my mother, her nine sisters, and one brother were raised in the hills of Kentucky. My grandparents moved to Muncie, Indiana, before I was born.

Back then, the womenfolk, all wearing an apron, ate after the menfolk were served their meal, and all the kids were fed. That idea could spark an interesting discussion for today. We cousins would find a corner on one of the beds upon which to eat from aluminum TV dinner plates, which were later washed to use again. Precious memories were made and heartfelt conversations were held in that tiny four-room house in Muncie. In good weather, the conversations moved to the backyard.

Have I ever mentioned I have more than 60 first cousins on my mother's side? Half lived in Ken-

tucky, half in Indiana. Back to my thoughts about conversations.

I love having conversations with friends at coffee shops, cafes, on my porch, and at my kitchen table. Reassurance, advice, and wisdom are shared. It's almost as if those places are sacred. Relationships are deepened during those conversations.

I hope *From the Hart* creates conversations.

I know that people often judge a book by its length. *From the Hart* is 114 pages, a quick, easy read. As I wrote, I kept thinking, I wish someone had reassured me that God did not design me to be a people-pleaser or a fixer. I was never meant to be anyone's savior. Saying "No" did not make me a bad person. The weight of the world was not mine to carry.

Oh, how I tried to do and be all of the above. It wore me out mentally, emotionally, physically, and even

spiritually.

If I can help my readers avoid the mistakes I made, then I have achieved what my heart set out to do.

As I wrote, I imagined someone sitting across from me, sharing a chat over a cup of coffee or tea. There is no judgment at my table. I hope my readers feel a virtual hug whenever they read my words.

Harsh words are hurled by so many in our current environment. It hurts my heart. Jesus invites ALL to the table. I often think about not only what Jesus would do, but what He would say.

Arguing is not allowed at my table. We may have differences, but they should be expressed with respect and open-mindedness. That is the essence of a conversation. We need more meaningful conversations and fewer rants and raves. Yelling and one-sided arguing do not constitute a conver-

sation. I want to bring humility into any discussion. Remember humility? I miss it.

*From the Hart* shares many thoughts written from my heart. I hope the questions after each chapter spark conversations at kitchen tables, neighborhood porches, and church roundtables. I'd love to be part of those conversations. Changes begin with a conversation.

Let the conversations begin!

You can purchase "From the Hart" on Amazon at [a.co/d/06kiySik](http://a.co/d/06kiySik).

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# Ivy Tech Hamilton County contributes \$298.6M to region

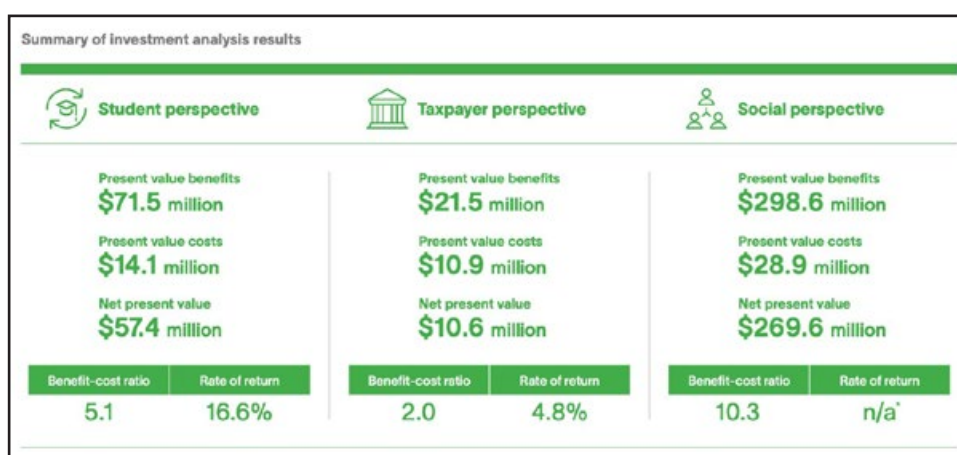
New report shows immense impact of college's students, alumni & operations

Submitted by Ivy Tech

Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County's impact on the region adds more than \$298.6 million in income through its students, alumni, and operations. These benefits include \$192.3 million in added student income, \$83 million in added business income, \$18.8 million in added income from Campus activities, as well as \$4.5 million in social savings related to health, the justice system, and income assistance in Indiana.

The overall impact of Ivy Tech was cited in a new report on the economic value of the College, as measured during Fiscal Year 2024-2025 by Lightcast. The report found that the statewide impact of Ivy Tech adds more than \$4.8 billion in income through its students, alumni, and operations of campuses throughout the state. That's equal to more than 63,000 jobs supported – or one out of every 67 jobs in the state.

"Ivy Tech is a major catalyst for economic growth, investing in Hoosiers, strengthening our region,



Graphic provided by Ivy Tech

and delivering impact that lasts for generations," said Dr. Rachel Kartz, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County. "When you factor in both the economic and social benefits, the impact is clear. For a campus that was only three years old when this data was captured during the 2024-25 academic year, we are immensely proud of the meaningful difference we are already making in Hamilton County – and we know our impact will continue to grow for years to come." The report highlighted



Kartz



Pollio

the return on investment from the perspective of students, taxpayers, and society at large. For example, for every \$1 invested in Ivy Tech Hamilton County, taxpayers get a return of \$2, and further impacts are felt by the lifestyle improvements that come with added skills and

education. For every \$1 students invested in Ivy Tech Hamilton County in the form of out-of-pocket expenses and time and money forgone, students will see a return of \$5.10 in higher future earnings. For every dollar invested in Ivy Tech Hamilton County, the people of Indiana see a cumulative benefit of \$10.30.

"We know that more education and skills lead to better and higher-paying jobs, and that is a key mission for Ivy Tech as Indiana's workforce engine," Ivy Tech President Marty Pollio said.



Photos provided

The Wildflower Walk at Teter Retreat and Organic Farm is free, open to the public, and great for all ages, kids, scout groups, and adults.

## Celebrate Spring with a Wildflower Walk at Teter Retreat

Submitted

Wander the woods and welcome spring on Sunday, April 19. Explore the trails with guided tours anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. at Teter Retreat and Organic Farm, 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville.

From violets to trilliums, to wild geraniums, Teter Retreat and Organic Farm offers a wonderful display of wildflowers that you can learn all about with a guided tour.

"The Wildflower Walk is one of our favorite events of the year," said Emma

St.Dennis, volunteer event organizer. "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.

Questions? Contact Emma St.Dennis at (317) 432-7146 or [threelsmom@hotmail.com](mailto:threelsmom@hotmail.com).

Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County presents . . .

## Hamilton County Resource & Health Fair

By JIM W. MCGEE

Good Samaritan Network

The Good Samaritan Network (GSN) of Hamilton County announces the return of the Hamilton County Resource & Health Fair, set for noon to 4 p.m. June 5 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The public is encouraged to join us for this exciting free event to empower and engage the community and foster a stronger, more informed Hamilton County.

The Resource & Health Fair will bring together about 1,200 attendees. You can explore nearly 100 vendor booths that will offer food, clothing, baby supplies, and social services. Many nonprofits, businesses, and local organizations will be present to share programs and services that support families in Hamilton County and improve their quality of life.

Bring the entire family for an afternoon filled with learning, fun, and connection. Whether you're looking for guidance, support, or just a fun way to spend your Saturday, this event has something for everyone.

- Explore resources for families, health, food, finances, education, and community services
- Enjoy face painting, balloon sculptures, caricature drawings, and a mobile petting farm
- Meet local organizations to help and engage

Various exhibitors will provide educational information, health resources, and free items for visitors at different booths. Door prizes will be drawn by those who complete an onsite survey. Discover invaluable resources, explore volunteer opportunities, and become part of a vibrant community dedicated to making a difference.

Are you a community organization, business, or

service provider? This is your opportunity to connect directly with families and individuals seeking support and resources in Hamilton County. Sponsorship, nonprofit, and for-profit vendor opportunities are now available. The deadline to participate is May 29.

To register as an exhibitor or vendor, please visit [gsnlive.org/resourcefair](http://gsnlive.org/resourcefair). Nonprofit organizations can participate for free, while for-profit exhibitors must pay a small registration fee. Sponsor sign-up is available on the website. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly recommended.

"The Resource Fair is a remarkable FREE event for central Indiana!" GSN Founder and Executive Director Nancy Chance said. "Our vendors and exhibitors bring their extensive resources and expertise to one convenient location. By attending, families will have access to a wealth of information that can help them make informed decisions and discover opportunities they might not have heard about before!"

**Sponsorships available**  
GSN invites sponsors to partner with us to make this community gathering a success. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in Hamilton County.

Sponsorship categories include event sponsors, platform sponsors, silver sponsors, partner sponsors, and a lunch sponsor. Go to [gsnlive.org/resourcefair](http://gsnlive.org/resourcefair) for sponsorship details, an updated sponsor list, and sponsor sign-up.

Visitors can network with numerous nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, businesses, government and social service organizations, and civic organizations, including volunteer sign-up opportunities.

## Westfield Middle School Academic Team wins county championship



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Middle School Academic Team recently claimed the Hamilton County Championship with a sudden-death overtime win, capping off an impressive performance. The team demonstrated strong knowledge, teamwork, and composure under pressure to secure the title. Congratulations to these students on an outstanding achievement.



Photos provided

Hamilton Heights eighth-grade students helped pack food for distribution in West Africa. It was part of the T1L1 community service project that took place on March 25.

## Sheridan & Heights T1L1 students help IDES surpass 1 million meals

By KEVIN YANEY  
For The Reporter

Student and mentors from the Teach One to Lead One (T1L1) chapters at Hamilton Heights and Sheridan middle schools took part in a food packing service project on Wednesday, March 25. The event was held at Hamilton Heights Middle School and was coordinated by the International Disaster and Emergency Services (IDES).

In the end, the T1L1 students helped pack enough food to push IDES past the one millionth meal supplied so far in 2026. This is a record for IDES

the first quarter of the year. T1L1 is a community mentoring program. It provides local caring adults to be mentors to students during the school day. The mentors teach the students 10 universal principals – skills they need to grow into productive and responsible leaders. The 10 universal principals are respect, integrity, self-control, compassion, courage, teamwork, excellence, humility, enthusiasm and honor.

A requirement of the T1L1 curriculum is a service project where the students are giving back to others. In this case, they packed food for the

ple of West Africa, where roughly one-quarter of the world's population living in extreme poverty is located.

IDES provides disaster response in the form of food, shelter, medical supplies and other necessary items worldwide. Located in Noblesville, the organization offers volunteer opportunities for groups and individuals who would like to make a difference in the world.

"Our partnership with IDES is perfect for what we are teaching these kids," T1L1 Central Indiana Area Director Josh Tandy said. "Many of our students have never been

asked to help someone else who needs a lift in life. Our students really enjoy this event."

The millionth meal was measured, sealed, and packed around 11:30 a.m.

"The group helped us go over 1,000,000 for the first quarter of 2026," IDES GAP Director Jody England said. "This is the first time that has happened."

T1L1 has been mentoring Hamilton Heights students since 2019. This is the first year the program has been at Sheridan.

If you are interested in being a mentor in central Indiana and have a flexible schedule, visit [T1L1.org/mentors](http://T1L1.org/mentors).

# Safety in the digital age

EXOS IT protects the City of Noblesville and BOOM fans

By **STU CLAMPITT**  
news@readthereporter.com

The home of the Noblesville Boom was recently renamed the Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile, Powered by Parkview, but long before the naming rights were sold, EXOS IT was keeping people at the Arena safe behind the scenes. The Reporter spoke with EXOS IT Director of Government Operations Robert Paglia about what it takes to provide cybersecurity in the era of AI and bad actors both foreign and domestic.

“We provide what we call ‘smart hands,’ and we provide an on-site engineer during games,” Paglia told The Reporter. “They serve as the smart hands for the whole technical operation during the games. So, if any issues arise, we’re the first on-site to help towards any resolution.”

According to Paglia, in the IT industry, “smart hands” refers to the engineers, especially on-site during events, who have both the experience and expertise to handle unexpected problems.

In addition to providing smart hands with technical expertise for the Arena and other private-sector clients, EXOS also provides IT services to public-sector clients throughout Indiana.

“We actually provide the IT and cybersecurity support for the city of Noblesville, but we also do it for Lebanon, Greenwood, Mooresville, Cumberland, and a whole bunch of different places throughout the state,” Paglia said. “My role is specifically around our public sector practice and ensuring the delivery of services for anything related to IT or cybersecurity for our public clients.”

Readers of this newspaper have seen numerous articles in the last year about data breaches and other forms of hacking performed by both private criminals and foreign governments. Paglia, who has been working in this industry for de-



Photo provided by EXOS IT  
**Meet the EXOS IT Executive Team: (from left) Jose Martinez, Chief Information Officer and Managing Director of EXOS IT; Cody Tyler, Chief Information Security Officer and Managing Director EXOS Cyber; Jason Sondhi, Founder and CEO; Ryan Vaughn, President and General Counsel; Sam Guerra, Director of Finance; and Lindsay Szostak, Director of People Operations.**

acades, said that those incidents are becoming more common.

“I think there’s more, in my opinion,” Paglia said. “The criminals are getting much more sophisticated. I would say it’s a continuum of progression, and it’s something that we ourselves are constantly evolving with. We have to use AI tools in our cybersecurity stack to make sure we’re keeping up with the criminals.”

As technology advances, so does criminality. Individuals with limited expertise can now buy software and resources online to use as tools against citizens, businesses, and government entities.

“Individuals who may have an interest in nefarious behavior can purchase a bot online for a cheap price, where that stuff may not necessarily have existed before,” Paglia said. “I think there’s accessibility to a wider variety of audiences.”

That is why cybersecurity and IT are both important.

“We try to really express



Paglia

this to our clients that cybersecurity is one aspect, but you have to have a really good IT team,” Paglia said. “And those two teams have to work in conjunction with each other, or it doesn’t work. We can have the smartest cybersecurity engineers in the world, but if you don’t have an IT team that knows how to make the corrections because of what’s found by the cybersecurity team, then there’s really little value in it. One of the things we pride ourselves on is we have such a strong collaboration between our IT and cyber [teams]. I always look more at the cyber as they’re monitoring, they’re auditing, and they’re finding the issues, and it’s really up to a strong IT team to be able to figure out how to update that infrastructure and get rid of those weaknesses. It’s continuous learning and education, and that just never can stop. You always have to be on alert.”

EXOS provides services for both the private and public sectors, but because Paglia’s position is focused on the government opera-

tions, The Reporter asked him what it is like to work with the City of Noblesville, which he has personally been doing since last year.

“Oh, they’re great,” Paglia said. “They’ve got a really strong leadership team. They’re certainly engaged with IT. You can tell when there’s a real investment in technology, and Noblesville is one of those clients where they realize the power of technology. It’s been so simple to work with them.”

Paglia told The Reporter he is quite pleased with his decision to join the EXOS team and work with Hamilton County clients.

“It’s been a great journey for me and for eight months being here. I’ve really enjoyed it,” Paglia said. “I’ve really enjoyed working with the Boom organization, working with Noblesville, and with many of our other public sector clients.”

If your company would like to explore the possibility of getting the level of technological support both the Boom and the City of Noblesville demand, you can learn more about EXOS IT online at [WeAreEXOS.com](http://WeAreEXOS.com), or you can call them to discuss cybersecurity and IT options at (317) 743-7339.



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**Noblesville attorney and Reporter Owner Ray Adler and members of his staff, Paralegal Andrea Hodgkin, Receptionist Alli Weyer, and Paralegal Kathi Harrison, grabbed pints of their flavors of choice. Thanks, Graeter’s!**

## Rewarded for giving readers the scoop on Graeter’s ice cream

The REPORTER

Regular readers of The Hamilton County Reporter will recall that 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 newspaper is always pleased to help spread the word about new businesses, and we did so as a community service. The fine folks at Graeter’s then reached out to our publisher with an offer that was just too sweet to pass up: free ice cream for the people in the office!

Unwilling to put the Stu back into stupid, Reporter Publisher Stu Clampitt agreed, and on this page you can see some of the happy faces gathered around Reporter Owner Ray Adler’s

desk after 12 tasty pints arrived at the office.

Greater’s Fishers location features dine-in seating, an enclosed patio area, and the brand’s full menu of ice cream, frozen drinks, sundaes, and other irresistible treats.

As the fifth Graeter’s location in Indiana, this store joins those in Butler-Tarkington, Carmel, Westfield, and the Fishers Ambleside Drive location. This 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.



Photos provided

**(From left) Foundation Executive Director Erin Downey, Westfield Township Trustee Jamie Goetz Mills, and Library Executive Director Sheryl Sollars.**

## Westfield Library selling bricks for new ‘Read & Roam Garden’

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) has launched a commemorative brick fundraising campaign to support the upcoming Read & Roam Garden at the Westfield Washington Public Library.

The Read & Roam Garden will transform the library’s outdoor space into a park and open-air classroom designed for reading, play, and learning. The space will provide new opportunities for families, educators, and community members to gather and connect.

Community members can support the project by purchasing an engraved brick with the option to personalize their message, honor loved ones, or showcase their business or organization.

“This is such a special way for people to be a part of our story and be connected to this space for years to come,” WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. “Each brick leaves a lasting legacy and creates something future generations

will enjoy.”

- **4x8 Brick (no clipart):** three lines, 20 characters per line – \$200
- **4x8 Brick (with clipart):** three lines, 15 characters per line – \$200
- **8x8 Brick (no clipart):** six lines, 20 characters per line – \$400
- **8x8 Brick (with clipart):** four lines, 20 characters per line – \$400
- 8x8 Brick (corporate logo): \$500. Corporate logo submissions should be emailed to Erin Downey at [edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us](mailto:edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us).

Orders placed by April 20, 2026, will be installed in time for the Grand Opening of the Read & Roam Garden on June 1, 2026.

For more information or to purchase a brick, please visit [fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/wlf](http://fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/wlf) or email Erin Downey at [edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us](mailto:edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us).



**WESTFIELD LIBRARY FOUNDATION**



**Westfield Washington PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Submitted by **Jon Baldwin**

Clay Township Military Library & Museum

The United States has two national observances that honor prisoners of war and those still missing. They are related, but not the same.

### 1. National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day

**Date: April 9 every year**

- Honors former prisoners of war – service members who were captured and later came home.
- The date remembers April 9, 1942, when tens of thousands of American and Filipino troops on the Bataan Peninsula were forced on the brutal “Bataan Death March.”
- Created by Congress and first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

How it is observed:

- Ceremonies at VA medical centers, national parks, veterans’ posts, and community sites.
- Former POWs are often named, invited to speak, or honored in person.
- The POW/MIA flag may be flown at government buildings and memorials.

Key idea for students and visitors:

- April 9 focuses on those who survived captivity and returned, and on the

## Two important days: Former POW Day & POW/MIA Day

Side by Side: What’s the difference?		
Question	Former POW Day	POW/MIA Day
Exact date	April 9 every year	Third Friday in September
Who is honored most directly?	Former POWs who survived and came home	POWs of all wars and all who are MIA and unaccounted for
Main theme	Survival, resilience, long-term impact of captivity	Remembrance, “You Are Not Forgotten,” ongoing search and identification
Typical guests	Former POWs, their families, local veterans	Former POWs, families of the missing, Gold Star families, military leaders
Symbol often used	U.S. flag and POW/MIA flag at local events	POW/MIA flag at required federal sites, Empty Chair/Missing Man table

impact that experience had on them and their families.

### 2. National POW/MIA Recognition Day

**Date: Third Friday in September every year**

- Honors all who were prisoners of war and all who are still Missing in Action (MIA) and unaccounted for, from every conflict.
- First observed nationally in 1979 after families of Vietnam War POW/MIAs pushed for full accounting of their loved ones.

How it is observed:

- A major national ceremony is held, traditionally at the Pentagon, with former POWs, families of the missing, and senior leaders present.
- Ceremonies are also held worldwide on military bases, ships at sea, state cap-

itals, schools, and veterans’ organizations.

• The POW/MIA flag is required by law to be flown at many federal buildings on this day.

Key idea for students and visitors:

- September’s day reminds us that some never came home, and that the United States still works to find, identify, and return them.

### How to think about the two days

For middle school, high school, college students, and adults:

- **April 9:** “They survived.” We listen to former POWs (or their families), learn what captivity was like, and thank them for their courage and endurance.

• **Third Friday in September:** “We remember and still search.” We honor everyone who was a POW and everyone still missing, and we highlight the nation’s promise to keep looking until every person we can possibly find is accounted for.

Both days say the same core thing in different ways: Their sacrifice matters, and they are not forgotten.

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# Strengthening my mom muscle

I often talk about how my disease affects my muscles and causes certain parts of my body to be much weaker than others. I recently realized that one of my muscles needed a good workout to restore its strength as it had atrophied.

Recently, both of my boys were home for their college spring break. In the days leading up to their arrival, I took extra steps to try and have plenty of food for them (there is never enough for young adult boys, by the way) and spent time planning meals. I wanted to make all their favorite things while they were home.

That was my first sign of exhaustion. Planning, buying, and making food for more than just my husband and me is a lot more work. How quickly I had forgotten. I thought, *no wonder I was exhausted for years upon end.*

When they arrived home with several bags of



**AMY SHINNEMAN**  
*Disability in the City*

dirty laundry, I took a look and decided that to do something kind, I would do their laundry for them. Give them a little bit of a break. After all, I had a week to get it done.

Several days in and about halfway through the mountain of clothes, I started to question my offer and my sanity. I knew that I did not have to take that on, but moms have an innate need to nurture our kids no matter how old they are. At least this one does.

I trudged on, each day getting a little more frustrated because I felt so tired, but still not wanting to go back on my promise. My laundry room is one of the least accessible rooms in my house, so when I am using my wheelchair, it is challenging.

We were also doing fun things outside of the house, making meals together, and hanging out late at night watching basketball and our favorite shows. It was a gift to have that time with them.

Near the end of the week, I looked at my husband and said, "How did I keep up all those years they lived at home?" I was truly astonished looking back that I was able to raise my boys with my limited physical resources. He said, "God carried you during that time. He made it possible." I could not argue with that, as there is not really any other good explanation.

After they both left to go back to school, I felt sad that the time had come and gone, but I did welcome the slower pace. It took me a few days to recover and get my normal strength back.

I was chatting about their time at home with my friend, who also has college-aged kids. She said, "Your mom muscle has atrophied!" It takes time to rebuild it, and just when it was getting stronger, they left again. I loved her explanation and it felt so true.

In the end, I did not get to do everything I wanted for them. I had to wave the white flag and call in reinforcements. It was good preparation for summer

break, which is rapidly approaching for them.

It is hard to believe that our first "season" as empty nesters has gone by so fast. We have made the most of it and enjoyed our new normal. What seemed like such a scary thing when the youngest left last fall, turned into a fun new adventure, and a little less work daily.

Although my boys do not expect me to do some of the things I knew they could do on their own, I enjoy being their mom. I want to do those things for them as long as I possibly can.

It's good for me to push myself a bit but accepting when it is time to ask for help is key to a healthy balance.

Until next time ...  
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# A new husband

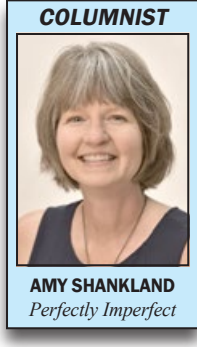
My husband John retired March 2, which we've been planning for months now (Readers, don't let the headline panic you, he's not driven me crazy and ran me off.) Since that day, I feel like I've gained a new husband.

Pre-Retirement John often worked 50- to 60-hour weeks as a sales rep. He worked every other Saturday. John's company would notify him the evening before of his appointments the next day, so I could never count on him being home for dinner. I became the Queen of Meal Rearranging, always staying flexible on what we'd eat each evening.

With his busy schedule, I rarely asked him to do much around the house. I refused to complain, as I've been lucky to either work close to home or in it for almost 20 years. John mowed the lawn on weekends and fixed things here and there, and that was about it. We have a saying in our house – it isn't broken until John Shankland says it is.

On his slower days, we'd grab a rare walk together with the dogs at lunch time. John struggled to eat healthy meals, as he was on the road constantly. Fast food was convenient and easy.

Over the past month, however, I've seen and experienced some wonderful changes. A couple of Saturdays ago, we worked together to clean our shed and do some yard work. I paused and had to blink back tears of joy. Strange to say, I used to dream of doing yard work alongside him years ago.



**AMY SHANKLAND**  
*Perfectly Imperfect*

He's not been sitting around doing nothing since retirement (other than the first couple of days – who could blame him!) Our garage is the cleanest I've seen in years. John's overflowing with ideas about fixing things around the house and how to make it better. He has already started on the Honey Do list with enthusiasm.

We've been walking our dogs on the Nickel Plate Trail near our house almost every weekday, and going for longer walks on the weekends. John's been eating smoothies – with fruits AND veggies – on a regular basis. In just four weeks, he's lost six pounds.

I've rarely asked him to do every evening with my husband over the past month. I don't think we've ever been able to do that in our 27 years of marriage! I no longer have to erase and rearrange meals on our refrigerator chalkboard.

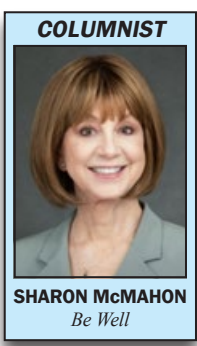
It's been fun to have Retirement John in my life. The dogs are even enjoying the extra attention. We're talked about getting an RV and traveling around the country in a few years. That goal seems even more realistic now, as I can take my laptop and work on projects when we're on the road.

I've always loved my husband. I intend to enjoy this "new one" more and more in the years to come.

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# Regular columnist gets backed up

"Happiness: a good bank account, a good cook, and a good digestion."  
— Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 18th Century Swiss philosopher, composer, writer, and key figure in the Enlightenment



**SHARON McMAHON**  
*Be Well*

post-surgery and issues related to prescription drug side effects.)

In recent years, our diets have progressively incorporated more processed foods with many additives and fewer high-fiber foods;

most of us have been made aware of that I believe – that is not news. However, poor diet and relying too much on soft drinks for our fluids have made the business of laxatives a multi-billion-dollar business! Over the counter laxatives are NOT a cure, and can be habit forming.

- My recommendations to my clients include increasing the amount of fiber intake to 25 to 35 grams per day and including whole grain breads and cereals. There is such a wide variety of grains available at most supermarkets, including barley, oats, farro, kamut, and quinoa.
- Choose fresh fruits over juices which are often laden with sugar. Apricots and figs are delicious and a great

choice.

- Drink water! Fluids help your body process fiber without discomfort.

- Consider adding dried beans or peas to just about any dish.

- Seeds are excellent (unless you suffer from diverticulitis – please follow your physician's advice!) and I particularly enjoy chia seeds added to my Greek yogurt.

- Avoid frozen and boxed meals and canned goods when other good food items are available.

Unless you are instructed otherwise – move your body! Movement assists in movement ... if you get my meaning! Walk, cycle, dance, do whatever works for you. I teach stretching and flexibility classes which are greatly helpful in relieving digestive problems.

I am sometimes asked what kind of expectations to have in regard to the frequency of regular bowel habits, and I do not have specific answers to that as regularity differs from person to person. I will say that your own body will let you know

– a healthy digestive system leaves you feeling refreshed, energized, and alert.

As we age and our metabolism naturally slows, we may be more challenged with constipation discomfort, and most of the time my suggestions here will bring relief. However, if you become constipated, do see your physician first to rule out any more serious problem such as intestinal disease or abnormality.

If your doctor approves, cut back on processed foods, incorporate those delicious fresh fruits and vegetables and drink plenty of water. (Note that if you suffer from heart, circulatory, or kidney problems your physician should advise on the amount of liquids you consume.)

Let's move!  
**Sharon McMahon, CNWC**  
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# Six years after COVID-19, Indiana is not ready for the next pandemic

The world changed six years ago. What began as a cluster of pneumonia cases overseas became a global pandemic that took Hoosiers' lives, upended daily routines, overwhelmed hospitals, shuttered businesses, and forced governments to make decisions at a pace and scale they weren't ready for – and still aren't.

As an Indiana State Senator, I had a front-row seat to how our state responded in real time – sometimes admirably, sometimes imperfectly and always under extraordinary pressure. Six years later, the most important question we should be asking is simple: Are we ready for the next pandemic?

Pandemics are not anomalies in history. They are recurring tests of human preparedness, leadership and collective responsibility. From the Antonine Plague in the Roman Empire and the 1918 influenza, to HIV/AIDS, SARS and Ebola, disease has repeatedly exposed both the strengths and vulnerabilities of societies.

Each generation receives warnings from the past, but too often those warnings fade once the crisis does. That pattern repeated itself during



**JIM MERRITT**

COVID-19.

In researching my new book, *Lessons Learned: Are we ready for the next pandemic?* History says no, I examined pandemics dating back nearly two millennia. Repeatedly, the same sequence emerges: initial denial, a fragmented response, the politicization of basic science, scapegoating of communities, and finally, collective amnesia once the acute crisis fades. COVID-19 followed that script with remarkable precision.

Indiana's experience reflected the broader national struggle. Early in the pandemic, leaders were forced to make decisions with limited information and rapidly evolving science. Public health officials worked tirelessly, hospitals expanded capacity overnight and communities adapted in ways we never thought possible.

The crisis also revealed deep challenges. Public health guidance became entangled in politics. Trust in institutions eroded. Debates over personal freedom versus collective responsibility dominated public discourse. And once vaccines arrived and the immediate emergency subsided, much of the country, including Indiana,

moved on quickly. That tendency to move on may be the most dangerous part of all.

Scientific progress during the pandemic was extraordinary. Vaccines were developed at an unprecedented rate. Data sharing across the globe accelerated research. Medical professionals gained invaluable experience in treating a novel disease. But scientific advancement alone doesn't guarantee readiness.

Preparedness requires something less visible but just as important – sustained political will, coordinated leadership and a public willing to remember the lessons of the past and prepare for the future. We should be investing in early-warning systems, strengthening public health infrastructure, and maintaining clear lines of communication between government, scientists and citizens.

It also requires honest reflection. The pandemic forced difficult conversations about the balance between individual liberty and collective safety, conversations that remain unresolved. In a free society, those tensions are inevitable. But ignoring them or pretending they will disappear before the next crisis is a mistake.

The reality is that COVID-19 was not a once-in-a-century event. Since the 1918 influenza pandemic,

the world has faced at least seventeen novel respiratory virus threats. Each one served as a warning. Each one offered an opportunity to prepare for the next. Yet, historically, we failed to act on those warnings.

That is why the anniversary of COVID-19 is more than a moment for remembrance. It's a reminder to recommit. We owe it to the families who lost loved ones, to the healthcare workers who risked their lives and to the communities that endured profound disruption. Most importantly, we owe it to future generations.

The next pandemic is not a matter of if, but when. Whether Indiana – and the nation – is better equipped to respond will depend on what we choose to remember, what we are willing to change and how seriously we take preparation today. History shows us how to behave. The question is whether we will finally listen.

*Author Jim Merritt was an Indiana State Senator for more than three decades. He had a front-row seat to Indiana's pandemic response and lack of after-action planning. His research and expertise in state government led to the publication of *Lessons Learned*, with guiding solutions to prevent a repeat of COVID-19.*

# Did COVID forever destroy public trust?

We humans are driven by incentives. We imagine ourselves as rational beings who make choices after measured consideration of a problem before us.

We humans have lovely imaginations. Too bad they're not based in reality.

Sure, some among us lean rational in our decision-making while others lean emotional. Mind and heart are not mutually exclusive, but when pressed, I think just about everyone desperately wishes they can claim to be more logical rather than heart-baring.

Incentives: those things that encourage one to action. Or inaction, I suppose.

Lately, the COVID pandemic has popped up in conversations with a few friends. Six years on from the start of the lockdowns, the question that's occurred to me is this:

After all that, what incentive do we have to trust what any political authority says about anything ever again?

I temper that distrust with an admission that I would have had no desire to be in charge during that brand-new crisis. However, I can't shake from memory my disgust with the fact that many in political power almost immediately were exposed as wholly incapable, or at least indecisive.

In fact, indecisiveness is worse. It's a weakness that can't even allow someone to resign from office.

Others in power were trigger-happy to implement restrictions. Never forget how many elderly Americans died confused and alone in nursing homes.

Never Forget. When voters vote, they do so with the expectation that those for whom they cast ballots will know how



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to handle a sudden, swift, sharp shock. Even if it's a problem never before faced, the understanding is those in power will know how to figure it out. It's foundational. It's the prerequisite for leadership. Policy

and beliefs matter, but we need to know those in power will know what to do when – as Sue in the television show *Jeep* so eloquently put it – "the S is about to hit the F." (No, that's not censored.)

I think this implied agreement between government and citizens is why just about all of us were willing to go along with what many now admit were some clearly irrational ideas in an attempt to contain the virus. (Remember when Governor Holcomb tried to enact an order that would have made a mask mandate violation a class B misdemeanor, thus carrying stricter penalties than committing a first-time OWI or indecent exposure?) Quickly the public's sensibility became "We will stop this virus because we're all in this together!"

The irony! Good grief. Here's when I knew we all were living in Crazytown:

I went to a restaurant in August 2020 after some restrictions had been lifted. It was crowded, which was expected. From what I can remember, there were no limits on party size or procedures to keep tables distanced from each other. Everything was normal – except you had to wear a mask if you got up from the table.

Now wait a minute. While I'm at my table in this crowded restaurant, I'm safe, but as soon as I get up from the table, I'm dead? The air is different between my table and the rest of the restaurant?

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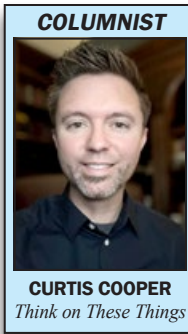
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**The power of the resurrection**

If you were to ask random strangers, “What do you think is the single greatest event to happen in human history?” what kinds of answers would you get? WWI? WWII? The Fall of the Roman Empire? The American Revolution? The fall of the Berlin Wall?

I assume that very few would give the single greatest event to happen in human history: the resurrection of Jesus.

Just hear me out: Jesus being God came in the flesh. Yet, what would man do to him? He allowed them to arrest him, despite having the power to overcome his captors. He was sentenced to death by crucifixion – a painful death reserved for the worst of criminals, despite being completely innocent of all charges and living a sinless life. He hung on a cross until he suffocated to death – no one survived it. He was dead – no longer breathing, no more heartbeat, his body was cold and lifeless. He was put into a tomb with a stone rolled over the entrance.

Three days later, He got up from the grave bed, rolled back the stone, and walked out of there. He was alive! And His closest followers who were cowardly at his



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arrest and crucifixion would later become bold preachers of the resurrection and suffered persecution and horrible deaths for it as the message spread all over the world.

The message of the resurrection would have a worldwide impact.

It changed everything. It has changed society as we know it. It has changed our culture for generations. And it has changed the lives of so many people.

Many will go to church this Sunday to celebrate it. Many families will dress up, take pictures, go to bible class, sit in a church building, sing hymns, and listen to sermons about it. Yet, if you talk with people, very few understand the power of it. Let’s look at some of the powerful things Scripture points out about the resurrection of Jesus.

**It is the foundation of the Christian faith.**

1 Corinthians 15:14, 19 reads, “...if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty ... If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.” Paul says the resurrection is foundational to our faith. Without it, everything Christians believe and teach

would crumble.

**It is the evidence for the Christian faith.**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 reads there were over 500 witnesses to the resurrected Lord. Paul wrote that just 20 years after the event while several of the witnesses were still alive. Think about it: if you wanted to fool people and make up a story that did not happen, what would you avoid doing? Claiming witnesses and giving names of living references. Yet, Paul did both.

**It is the Christian way of life.**

The gospel is the message of the death, burial, and resurrection (DBR) of Christ (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). But Paul says we cannot just believe it, we must “obey [it]” (2 Thessalonians 1:8). Baptism not only unites us to Christ’s DBR, but it’s about having a spiritual DBR in our own lives (Romans 6:5; Colossians 2:12-13; Ephesians 2:1, 4-5). Baptism is not just about washing away past sins (Acts 2:28; 22:16), but it is also about committing to living your life for Jesus.

**Its remembrance is to be every first day of the week.**

Easter, like Christmas, is not a divine-given holiday. Meaning, outside a mistranslation, you will not find it anywhere in your bible. It is not instructed, nor is there an example of anyone celebrat-

ing it. With that being said, the DBR of Jesus is so important for us to remember, that the Lord established a weekly memorial for us to remember it on the first day (Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:41; 20:7).

**It is our hope of a future, bodily resurrection.**

It was not just God saying, “Hey everyone, look at what I did!,” but more, “Hey! Look what I can do for you!” Paul said that Jesus was just the “first fruits of the resurrection” (1 Corinthians 15:20) which was an agricultural term – meaning the first portion guaranteed the rest of the harvest was coming. As sure as Christ was raised from the dead, those who belong to Christ will be resurrected one day to glory with a new spiritual body (2 Corinthians 4:14; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:52-24; 1 John 3:2). All will be raised, but according to how we live we choose as to what we will be raised to - life or condemnation (John 5:28-29).

Visitors are welcome and valued. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Our phone number is (463) 287-0664. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!



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**Easter: a season of renewal, shared around the table**

Easter arrives each year like a soft breath of spring, bringing longer days, blooming flowers, and a quiet invitation to begin again. Across the world, people celebrate Easter not only as a sacred religious observance but also as a season of renewal, reflection, and gathering.

Recently, I had a beautiful conversation with my Jamaican friend, Stephanie Bailey, who shared her memories of Easter growing up in Jamaica. As she spoke, I could almost smell the kitchen she described. During Easter time in Jamaica, the air fills with the warm, spiced aroma of freshly baked Easter bun. Families gather together, slicing the rich loaf – dark with molasses and studded with cherries, currants, and raisins – and pairing it with thick cuts of creamy cheese.

Recently, she brought Easter bun and cheese for us to try. Although I had never tasted Jamaican Easter bun or the delicious cheese before, what I experienced first was not flavor – it was tradition. Before the first



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bite, I could already sense the family memories she carried and the joy she felt in sharing a piece of her heritage with us. Sometimes food introduces itself through emotion long before it reaches the

palate. Children eagerly wait for their share while adults savor nostalgia in every bite. The tradition blends history and creativity, passed from one generation to the next. Easter bun and cheese is more than a meal; it is a reminder of home, belonging, and shared heritage.

Beyond the food lies the deeper meaning of Easter – a time of reflection on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Families gather for church services filled with prayer, music, and community connection. After the season of Lent, marked by fasting and sacrifice, Easter becomes a joyful moment of renewal. The fast is broken with celebration, often featuring fresh fried or steamed fish prepared in many varieties,

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I pointed this out to the people at my table and everyone laughed, which is the proper response to the absurd.

I don’t blame the restaurant for this policy. The policy didn’t violate any government mandate or such a violation would have made it back to the health depart-

ment right away. My guess is this was what the restaurant did in order to remain in compliance with what was clearly a thoughtless, toothless, useless public health order.

Again, I don’t mean to instill distrust in people working in public health now. Many good people

were doing what they genuinely thought was best for everyone then.

The fact is we’re all susceptible to collective fear.

Yet the question remains: what is our incentive for ever trusting authority again?

Here I am, six years later, and I can’t think of a

good answer.

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# Chicken & noodles feed \$800 Lions FFA donation



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The Wayne-Fall Lions Club presented a check to the Hamilton Southeastern FFA last Wednesday night, March 25, for the proceeds made at the Feb. 28 Chicken and Noodle Dinner, which was served by the HSE FFA at the Lions Club. (From left) Wayne-Fall Lions Club Vice President Bill Daniels, HSE FFA Member Charlie Fletcher, HSE FFA President Lizzie Dekker, HSE FFA Secretary Liam Kenyon, and Wayne-Fall Lion Matt Haas.

## Noblesville Lions welcome infectious disease specialist



Photo provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club

The Noblesville Lions welcomed Dr. Tracey Ikerd to speak about common infectious diseases at their March 25 meeting. Dr. Ikerd is an infectious disease specialist, practicing at Riverview Health and Ascension St. Vincent hospitals. He gave a show and tell style presentation, introducing the symptoms and treatment of various diseases including shingles, Lyme disease, and brown recluse spider bites. Dr. Ikerd also shared information about prevention of infectious diseases, highlighting that the shingles vaccination is especially important for older adults because it can be very painful in those over 50 and many older adults carry the virus which they were exposed to as children in the form of chickenpox. (ABOVE) Noblesville Lions First Vice President John Einsfeld and infectious disease specialist Dr. Tracey Ikerd.

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bringing loved ones together around the table once again.

Listening to Stephanie's story reminded me how universal Easter truly is. Around the world, people welcome spring as a symbol of hope. Gardens awaken. Tables fill. Communities reconnect. Whether through worship, shared meals, or simple acts of kindness, Easter becomes a celebration of life returning after stillness.

Spring teaches us patience. Just as seeds quietly grow beneath the soil before they bloom, our own lives move through seasons of waiting, reflection, and renewal. Easter reminds us that new beginnings are always possible.

Through Taste of Community, I continue to see how traditions – no matter where they originate – carry the same emotional thread. Food becomes a language of love. Recipes become storytellers. A shared meal becomes an open door to understanding someone else's journey.

What touched me most was not only the bun and cheese or the fish prepared after Lent, but the spirit of generosity behind it. Easter,

in its simplest form, is about connection. It invites us to slow down, gather intentionally, and celebrate both faith and fellowship.

This spring season encourages us to reflect on what we are ready to renew in our own lives – relationships, traditions, gratitude, or perhaps simply the act of sitting together at the table.

So this Easter, I invite you to think about your own traditions. What dishes appear year after year? What stories are told again and again? What memories rise each time the season returns?

I would love to hear your Easter stories, family traditions, and cherished recipes. Please share them with me at [tasteofcommunity25@gmail.com](mailto:tasteofcommunity25@gmail.com). Your memories may become part of our growing Taste of Community collection, celebrating how food and storytelling continue to bring us closer together.

Because Easter, like spring itself, reminds us that hope is always meant to be shared.

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

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The 34th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will take place Saturday, May 9.

Residents can leave non-perishable food donations near their mailboxes for letter carriers to collect.

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your mailbox. Your mail carrier will pick up the filled bags on May 9. All food donated will be distributed to local food pantries via Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank.

Volunteer opportunities are available at the Fishers Post Office and at the Noblesville Post Office to help sort donations. Visit [tinyurl.com/StampOut-Volunteer2026](http://tinyurl.com/StampOut-Volunteer2026) to sign up.

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### Margy Marie Spurgeon

December 25, 1931 – March 28, 2026

Margy Marie Spurgeon, a beloved resident of Arcadia, passed away peacefully in the early hours of Saturday, March 28, at the age of 94.

Born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1931, to Cleo and Isabelle Law, Margy was a special gift to her family. She grew up as one of six children, including her older brother Charles, and her younger siblings Sue, Nancy, Elizabeth (Beth), and David.

Shortly after graduating from Jefferson Township, Margy married the love of her life, Walter Earl Spurgeon, on May 22, 1949. Their devoted marriage lasted 45 wonderful years until Earl's passing in 1995.

Margy and Earl were blessed with four children: Claude Spurgeon (wife Debra), Pamela Razo (husband John, deceased), Gary Spurgeon (wife Jody), and Anita Small (husband Xen). Her enduring legacy of love extends to 10 cherished grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Throughout her 94 years, Margy dedicated herself to various endeavors, but she found deep fulfillment in serving others and supporting her community. She worked alongside her husband, assisting him at Earl's Electric Shop, and was a longtime fixture at Weight Watchers, where she worked for many years. Margy also generously gave her time, volunteering at Angels' Attic (formerly the location of Earl's Electric Shop) since its inception nearly 25 years ago.

Margy's memory will be a beacon of light for all who knew her. She will be most remembered for her remarkable strength and determination, coupled with her sharp wit and unwavering faith. Above all, Margy's life was defined by her immense and unconditional love for her family.

Visitation and funeral services were held Saturday, April 4 at Hartley Funeral Home in Cicero.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Angels' Attic in Arcadia.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

## 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.

### Workshop for pastors on technology in ministry

Local author David J. Swisher, a ministry technologist and bivocational minister, will offer a free workshop for pastors and ministry leaders in the area on "Navigating Technology Disruption in Ministry."

The event is scheduled for 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11 at the Noblesville Schools Community Center, 1775 Field Drive.

This event will offer practical insight, a hopeful framework, and clear next steps for leading with wisdom in times of technological disruption. The event is free, but registration is requested through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

### Free Shred Day at Carpenter Realtors

Carpenter Realtors will hold a free Spring Shred Day from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 11 at the Carmel office, 790 W. City Center Drive.

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Submit obituaries under 500 words online at [ReadTheReporter.com/obitform](http://ReadTheReporter.com/obitform).

### Laura Elaine Moore

January 1, 1959 – March 27, 2026

Laura Elaine Moore, 67, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2026, at Community Heart and Vascular Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born January 1, 1959, in Rushville, she was the daughter of William J. and Geneva E. Jones.

Survivors include two daughters, Arin Dudley (Jeffrey) of Tipton and Andrea Moore of Noblesville; a brother, Terry Blankenship of Carthage; a sister, Tammy Reynolds of Sheridan; and one grandchild, Braedyn Dudley. She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers and sisters, Sandra Jones, Gary Jones, Charles Jones, and Larry Blankenship.

Ms. Moore had lived in this area her entire lifetime and was a member of Calvary Apostolic Church in Noblesville.

She had been employed in cleaning/custodial work for several years.

Laura enjoyed singing, painting, art, bird watching, and helping others in their time of need.

Calling and funeral services were held Friday, April 3, 2026, at Calvary Apostolic Church, 16400 Cumberland Road, with Pastor Bryan Tanton officiating. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Calvary Apostolic Church, 16400 Cumberland Road.

Online condolences may be shared at [glennegeorgeandson.com](http://glennegeorgeandson.com).

### Jesse Scot Lytle

December 22, 1976 – March 29, 2026

Jesse Scot Lytle, 49, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2026, in his home. He was born on December 22, 1976, to Jerry Lytle Sr. and Carla (Hammond) Lytle in Marion, Ind., and called Noblesville his home.

Jesse worked in safety management earlier in his career, primarily with major construction companies, while remaining a prolific carpenter for over 30 years, working for Polaris Home Services & Construction as the lead contract carpenter most recently. Jesse was at one with nature. His most beloved hobbies include fishing in the summertime, bird watching year-round, and walking his dogs around the neighborhood; particularly at night, when he and his pups could wear their headlamps as a light source. As an exquisite baseball player throughout his childhood and into his time in college, Jesse loved the Boston Red Sox and was always tuned into baseball games on TV, from Little League to MLB. He was a carpenter in every sense of the word, always working with his hands at work, for the people he loved, and for fun. Jesse was never seen without his coffee tumbler. He loved watching SpongeBob just to giggle. He devoted his life to his daughters and loved spending time with them – especially when eating the desserts they made for him to try.

He is survived by his daughters, Devin Marie Lytle (23), Karlie Ann Lytle (21), and Macie Sue Lytle (17); life partner, Megan Lytle; his older brother, Jeff Lytle; life-long childhood friend and brother by bond, Seth Tatman; and his beloved dogs, Opal and Bailey.

In addition to his parents, Jesse was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Lytle Jr., and his infant brother, Jody Lytle.

Visitation and services were held Friday, April 3, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial took place following the services at Hartford City Cemetery in Hartford City, Ind.

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### Margaret Rose Hendrickson

January 5, 1943 – March 25, 2026

Margaret Rose Hendrickson, 83, Arcadia, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Margaret was a much beloved wife, mother, and grandmother who spent her life pouring into her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and anyone who had the fortune of crossing her path. She was a woman who excelled in her work as a professional cleaner, but whose true legacy lives on in the lives of the many people she touched.

She was a woman who was deeply committed to her family and who was generous beyond measure.

Margaret is survived by her three children, Paul Parsley, Charles (Angie) Parsley, and Heather Livingston. She was a proud grandmother to Amanda Parsley, Andrea (Jonah) Ferguson, Jr (Kelsey) Parsley, Jack Parsley, Shawna Parsley, Logan Parsley, Blake (Shelby) Parsley, Chevy Livingston, and Daxton Livingston. Margaret had 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. She is also survived by her sisters Norma Hall and Carolyn Saylor. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bobby Gene Hendrickson; brothers, Teddy Arnold Brock and Jimmy Brock; sisters, Barbara Brock, Mona Abrams, and Francis Carol Brock; and parents, Charlie and Clethid Brock.

Visitation and funeral services were held Wednesday, April 1 at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. Interment was private.

For those who are unable to attend, a live stream of the service is available at [my.gather.app/remember/margaret-hendrickson-2026](http://my.gather.app/remember/margaret-hendrickson-2026). Services were under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes in Cicero.

Margaret left an indelible mark on everyone she met through her generosity, dedication, and love. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew her. We encourage family and friends to leave memories and upload photos on the memorial page to celebrate the life of our beloved Margaret Hendrickson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. To donate online you may go to [donate.cancer.org/?campaign=incentivehubhermedia](http://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=incentivehubhermedia).

Condolences: [hartleyfuneralhome.com](http://hartleyfuneralhome.com)

### Judith Ann Wright

July 25, 1941 – March 30, 2026

Judith Ann Wright, 84, Noblesville, passed away suddenly on Monday, March 30, 2026, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on July 25, 1941, to William and Helen (Brown) Neddo in Columbus, Ind.

Judy was a manager at a family doctor office for many years. She loved animals, her family, and especially her grandchildren. Judy always made time for shopping.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis R. Wright; daughter, Molly Wright; son, Michael Wright; grandchildren, Lillian, Dallas, and Garrett Wright; brother, Bill Neddo; sister, Kathy (Jeff) Benson; niece, Ashlea (Tim) Morgan; and great-nieces, Brooklen and Ellee Morgan.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

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### Virginia "Rosie" (Hanks) Pursel

July 18, 1931 – March 27, 2026

Virginia Rosalea "Rosie" (Hanks) Pursel, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 27, 2026. She was born on July 18, 1931, in Danville, Ind., daughter and one of 7 children to Leroy and Ida (Edwards) Hanks.

As a 1949 graduate of Fishers High School, Rosie had great fun as a cheerleader during her high school years.

During her working years, Rosie was employed in various jobs. While her children were in elementary school, she worked in the Carmel Elementary School cafeteria. She continued as a bookkeeper with Ayr-Way and Lambda Chi Fraternity. Later Rosie became an administrative assistant at Cincinnati Milacron. Before retiring, her last position was with Sallie Mae.

Rosie enjoyed playing cards. She played Hand and Foot with friends and family. She also belonged to a Euchre Club and a Pinochle Card Club.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society, which has become a global organization that encourages ladies to age playfully and enjoy lunches and teatime together. Rosie was also a member of the Pink Flamingo.

Rosie was blessed with the gift of hospitality as she loved to host her card clubs, and she especially enjoyed Christmas and other family events in her home. Because Rosie was known as a good cook, everyone looked forward to her delicious baked goods: pies, cookies, and particularly her carrot cake.

She also enjoyed antiques and had a talent for bringing those forgotten pieces of furniture back to their original beauty and purpose.

In addition to her parents, Rosie was preceded in death by her loving husband of 70 years, Edward "Ed" Leon Pursel.

Survivors include her children, Judith Pursel, Jane (Rick) Warwick and Jon Pursel; four grandchildren, Jonathan Schatzlein, Beck Warwick, Jameson Schatzlein, and Avery Warwick; four great-grandchildren, Elliot and Arthur Schatzlein, and Amelia and Eliza Shaw; and sister, Sondra Deering.

Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2026, in the White Chapel Church, of which Rosie was a longtime member and where the Funeral Service will begin at 1 p.m.

In memory of Rosie, donations may be made to White Chapel Church, 5155 E. 116th St., Carmel, IN 46033; or Julian Center, 2011 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family with arrangements. Condolences: [bussellfamilyfunerals.com](http://bussellfamilyfunerals.com)

### Susan "Susie" Davis

March 5, 1953 – March 29, 2026

A truly strong and spirited soul left us on Sunday, March 29, 2026. Susie Speck Davis lost her battle to Pulmonary Fibrosis and is now breathing freely again in eternal peace.

Susie was born and raised in Champagne, Ill., and went on to attend Indiana University, where she met her husband, John Davis. Susie graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Recreation and Parks Administration in 1975. She spent the summers of her youth attending Phantom Lake YMCA Camp and those experiences led her to share

her love of the outdoors with many generations to come. She began her programming legacy by created the Safari Day camps at the Indianapolis Zoo. While she chose to be a "stay at home mom" to her two children, Leslie and Bret, she remained very dedicated to the camping world. As an active volunteer and Board of Directors member to the American Camping Association, and Flat Rock River YMCA Camp, she was always involved in new ways to help the camping world improve and grow. She was also a dedicated leader to Girl Scout Troop 1006 of Carmel, Indiana. And without Susie, this troop of Carmel girls would have had a hard time finding someone to teach them how to start a fire, sleep under the stars, navigate cave camping, learn that bats won't bite you, spiders won't kill you, and most importantly ... how pee in the woods. After Leslie and Bret started college, Susie went back to her roots and enjoyed programming summer camps for the Noblesville Parks Department.

Susie enjoyed spending time with her four grandchildren, Edward, Colton, Wyatt, and Clara. She was the "Grammy" that provided music, karate, horseback riding, dance, and guitar lessons, as well as countless adventures to different museums and destinations around town. When riding in the car with Susie, you were treated to endless hours of Sea Shanties ... whether you wanted to or not. She loved a great book and the chance to tell you what was happening in her latest read. Susie's favorite place to be was the family ranch in Wyoming. Every summer she would pack up the pups and John and head west to enjoy the mountain sunrises, double rainbows after afternoon storms, jigsaw puzzles and endless wildlife sightings. She loved hosting friends and family and sharing the beauty and history of the ranch and the west.

When Susie allowed herself some "me" time, she excelled in many various activities. Karate in the 1980s, marching with a fife flute along her son Bret as he played the bagpipes with the Dalriada Society in parades, riding sidesaddle with Hoosier Ladies Aside on Leslie's horse Cayenne, and the list could go on and on. But it was with her chorus group White River Sound, a local chapter of the international singing group Sweet Adelines, that she spent her time most recently. She enjoyed singing with these ladies at local events as well as performing in large scale regional competitions. This group of special ladies were very important to Susie, and became a second family to her later in life.

To say that Susie's family and friends are crushed to lose her is definitely an understatement. But she loved to be in charge and remind everyone of the rules and expectations! She would not want tears for her passing, but instead would want everyone to honor her memory by remembering to: brush your teeth, unload the dishwasher, refill the bird feeder, walk the pups, always use a placemat, and Halloween decorations are expected to go up in mid-September!

A memorial for Susie is set to take place at Forest Park in Noblesville on May 16, 2026. Additional details will be released closer to the date. If you have any stories or photos that you would like to share with Susie's family of your time with her, please email [memoriesofsusiedavis@yahoo.com](mailto:memoriesofsusiedavis@yahoo.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family would encourage donations be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation ([pulmonaryfibrosis.org](http://pulmonaryfibrosis.org)). Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

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# Four county players named boys Junior All-Stars

## Noblesville's McClelland named head coach

**The REPORTER**

Four Hamilton County boys basketball stars are among the 18 players that have been selected to the *IndyStar* Indiana boys' Junior All-Stars for 2026, All-Stars games director Mike Broughton announced Wednesday, April 1.

Two Fishers players will be a part of the six-player Core Group: Jason Gardner Jr. and Cooper Zachary. The two Tigers will join Harper Baker-Lands of Plainfield, Isaiah Hill of Pike, Jahari Miller of Pike and Max Vise of Mt. Vernon.

In addition to the Core Group, six players each were chosen for squads labeled Red Group and Blue Group.

Guerin Catholic's Jake Grissom will play on the Red Group, joining Devin Bolden of Cardinal Ritter, Duncan Combs of Bloomington South, Derrick Cross Jr. of Bloomington North, Hunter of Silver Creek and Tyler Renn of Terre Haute North.

Carmel's Cash Daniels will be a part of the Blue Group, joining Brody Baker of Harrison, Elijah King of South Bend Saint Joseph, Da'Kori Parker of South Bend Riley, Austin Schla-bach of Westview and Mack Welker of Homestead.

Scott McClelland of Noblesville will be the head coach, and Heath Howington of Class A state champion Barr-Reeve will be the assistant coach.

McClelland has an 86-38 record with one sectional title in five seasons at Noblesville, including a 13-11 mark this past season. He is 332-207 in 23 seasons overall as a boys' varsity coach. That includes a 73-78 record in seven seasons at Morristown, a 25-16 mark in two seasons at Brebeuf Jesuit, a 31-35 ledger in three seasons at Western Boone and a 117-40 slate in six seasons in a second tenure at Morristown. His Morristown team was the 2018 Class A state champion, and his Yellow Jackets won additional sectionals in 2007 and 2019. He was an IBCA District 3 Coach of the Year in 2018 and was a 2018 Junior All-Star assistant coach.

A 1993 graduate of Yorktown High School, McClelland played basketball and football. He played basketball for one season at Ancilla College, then completed his education at Ball State, earning a bachelor's degree in



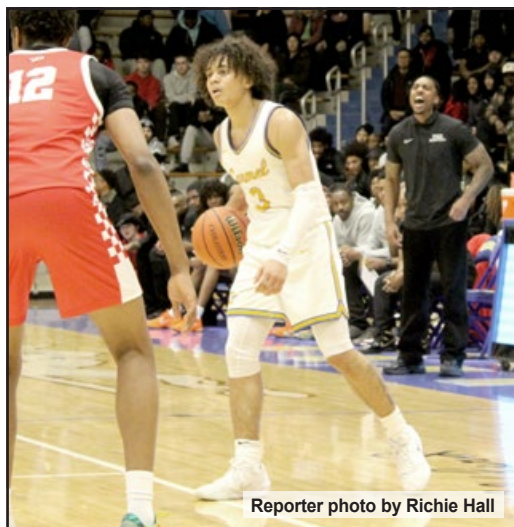
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**Jason Gardner Jr. (top left) and Cooper Zachary (top right), both of Fishers, are part of the six-player Core Group. Jake Grissom of Guerin Catholic (above left) will play on the Red Group, and Cash Daniels of Carmel (above right) will play on the Blue Group. Noblesville's own Scott McClelland (below) will be the head coach.**

1998. He began coaching as a Yorktown girls' basketball assistant from 1995-98. He went 11-11 as the Wapahani girls' head coach in 1998-99, then was a boys' assistant for one season each at Blue River Valley, Indianapolis Cathedral and Indianapolis Seccina before being named boys' head coach at Morristown in 2003-04.

The Junior All-Stars will play one game against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars on Sunday, May 31 at Charlestown High School. The Junior All-Stars also will play one game against the Indiana All-Star senior boys on Wednesday, June 3 at Mt. Vernon High School. Both games will be double-headers with the 2025 Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars, whose roster was announced on March 9.

The players listed as Core Group players each will play in two games. The players listed in the Red and Blue groups each will play in one game, the Red Group on May 31 against the Kentucky Juniors and the Blue Group on June 3 against the Indiana Seniors.



The Indiana senior All-Stars will play the Kentucky senior All-Stars on June 5 at Lexington Catholic High School. The Indiana senior All-Stars will play Kentucky's seniors again on June 6 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. The roster for the Senior girls was announced March 18. The roster for the Senior boys will be announced later.

The fourth annual *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star "Futures Games" double-header will be played on June 1 at a site to be announced. The Futures Games will be a girls-boys doubleheader with Indiana-only squads of

sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format. The girls' Futures Game rosters were announced on March 26. The boys' Futures Game rosters will be announced later. The 2026 Indiana boys' Junior All-Star team was selected through a process that allows all IBCA-member head coaches to nominate players through the IBCA all-state process. The 22-member Indiana Basketball Coaches Association all-state committee reviewed and voted on players for the 2026 IBCA boys' All-State teams that were released on March 25.

# Hamilton Heights' Chad Ballenger named Indiana All-Stars assistant coach

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger has been named one of the assistant coaches for the 2026 *IndyStar* boys' Indiana All-Stars, games director Mike Broughton announced Tuesday, March 31.

Todd Woelfle of Terre Haute North has been named head coach for the team. Joe Bradburn of Class 4A state champion Mt. Vernon will serve as the other assistant coach.

The 2026 boys' All-Stars will play three games in June – one exhibition game against the Indiana Junior All-Stars as well as home-and-home contests against the Kentucky All-Stars.

Ballenger guided Hamilton Heights to a 14-10 mark this past season and is 259-182 in 19 seasons with the Huskies. He is 335-265 overall as a head coach, including two seasons at Eastern and five seasons at Knightstown. His teams have captured nine conference championships, five sectional trophies, one regional title and six holiday tournament crowns.

He was a 2014 Junior All-Star assistant coach and also coached in the 2011 North-South Indiana All-Star Classic and in four Hoosier Gym All-Star Games (2006, 2007, 2021 and 2024). He was named 2004 White River Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and 2004 *New Castle Courier-Times* Coach of the Year. He served as an IBCA district representative from 2007-10.

A 1988 graduate of Hagerstown, Ballenger competed in basketball, cross country and track for the Tigers

and was among the state's Top 100 players in free throw accuracy (.862) as a senior. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Ball State in 1994.

Ballenger started his career in coaching in 1990-93 at Cowan as a junior high coach and high school assistant for Pat Mapes.

He was a student-teacher and high school assistant at Knightstown in 1993-94, then assisted Basil Mawbey at Kokomo from 1994-2000 before becoming the head coach at Eastern from 2000-02. Ballenger followed as head coach at Knightstown from 2002-07, then moved to Hamilton Heights starting in 2007-08.

He is in his 19th year as a teacher and fifth year as a department head at Hamilton Heights, currently teaching advanced physical education, health & wellness and freshman seminar.

Ballenger and his wife, Stacie, have one child, Cooper, 14.

The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 3 at Mt. Vernon. The first game against Kentucky will be June 5 at Lexington Catholic High School. The final game against Kentucky will be June 6 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. All three dates will be doubleheaders with the *IndyStar* girls' Indiana All-Stars.

The roster for the 2026 Indiana boys' All-Stars and 2026 boys' Junior All-Stars will be announced later. The roster for the 2026 Indiana girls' All-Stars was announced March 18. The roster for the 2026 girls' Junior All-Stars was announced March 9.

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**Kati Weir is the new Carmel volleyball girls head coach. Weir coached at Wapahani for three years and led the Raiders to three state championship matches, including the 2022 Class 2A title.**

# Kati Weir hired as Carmel girls volleyball coach

**The REPORTER**

Kati Weir has been named as the new Carmel girls volleyball head coach.

Carmel Athletics announced the hiring in an article on its athletic website Thursday, April 2. Weir played for Yorktown High School, leading the Tigers to an IHSAA state championship, then continued her playing career at Ball State University, where she was a two-time All-MAC Academic and Distinguished Student-Athlete.

Weir spent four years as the head coach of Wapahani High School, leading the Raiders to three consecutive state championship matches and winning the 2022 Class 2A title. Her peers in the state coaches association selected her as the 2022 Class 2A State Coach of the Year. She has also served as an assistant coach at Yorktown.

"Coach Weir will begin her coaching duties immediately at CHS," the article said.

Swimming

# Carmel Swim Club dominates Age Group State

## Fishers Area Swimming Tigers is strong second

**The REPORTER**

The future of swimming continues to look bright in Hamilton County.

Carmel Swim Club hosted the 2026 Indiana Swimming Age Group Short Course Championships, which took place March 19 to 22. Carmel dominated the meet, scoring 3,915 points between the girls and boys teams.

Fishers Area Swimming Tigers also had a strong meet, scoring 1,837.5 points to take runner-up honors. Both the Carmel and Fishers teams had multiple event champions and end-of-meet award winners.

Here's a rundown of Hamilton County winners at each day of the meet.

**Day 1**

**Boys 10 and under:** Gabriel Brown of Fishers won three events in new record time: the 200 individual medley (2 minutes, 12.52 seconds), the 100 freestyle (55.01 seconds) and the 100 butterfly (1:01.91). Brown was also part of the winning 200 medley relay, joining Liam Cockrum, Donavan Rabourn and Maddox Mackrell to finish in 2:06.58.

Noblesville Swim Club's Oliver Grieshop won the 50 breaststroke in 37.24.

**Girls 10 and under:** Carmel picked up a victory in the 200 medley relay. Ceci Mellon, Nora Sweeney, Mikaela Morris and Rachel Choi won that event in 2:17.00.

**Boys 11-12:** Anton-David Bernstein of Carmel won the 1000 free (10:41.17)

**Girls 13-14:** Grace Gannon of FAST won the 1650 free (16:59.01).

**Day 2**

**Boys 10 and under:** Brown returned to the water to win three more events in record time. He claimed the 200 free (1:56.94), the 100 backstroke (1:01.12) and the 100 breaststroke (1:12.42).

In fact, FAST swept all of the 10U boys events on Day 2. Mackrell was the 50 butterfly champion (30.21) and the 50 free winner (27.47). Brown and Mackrell teamed with Rabourn and Cockrum to win the 200 free relay in 1:54.48.

**Girls 10 and under:** Noblesville's Cora Arnold won the 50 free in 27.95 seconds. Carmel's 200 free relay team of Mellon, Choi, Morris and Sweeney reteamd to claim the 200 free relay, clocking in at 1:59.79.

**Boys 11-12:** Jeremiah Marshall was another FAST winner, taking the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.79. Carmel's Ivans Bogdanovs won the Boys 11-12 500 free in 5:10.99.

**Girls 11-12:** Carmel's Acelyn George won a pair of Girls 11-12 races: the 100 free (53.37) and the 50 butterfly (26.45).

**Boys 13-14:** Carter Kellett won the Boys 13-14 50 backstroke (24.33), with Linrui An claiming the Boys 13-14 200 free (1:42.10) and 400 IM (4:00.28). Both swimmers joined Blake Hadley and Dylan Pangemanan to win the 400 medley relay (3:36.13).

**Girls 13-14:** Gannon set a new Girls 13-14 record in the 400 individual medley of 4:15.98, and also joined Zara Paton, Annie Hare and Audrey Wolf to win the medley relay (3:47.57).



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**Carmel Swim Club hosted and won the 2026 Indiana Swimming Age Group Short Course Championships, which took place March 19 to 22.**

Paton claimed the 50 backstroke (25.71), while Wolf won the 100 butterfly (54.44). Kate Allen was first in the Girls 13-14 200 free (1:47.71) and Sydney Emel was first in the Girls 13-14 100 breaststroke (1:02.92).

**Day 3**

**Boys 11-12:** Bogdanovs won the 200 free (1:55.51) and Bernstein was first in the 50 backstroke (27.28). Both swam on the winning 200 medley relay with Mitchell Sowder and Levi Miller (1:52.13).

**Girls 11-12:** Carmel's Yan Zheng won the 200 free (1:57.90). Zheng and George joined Vivien Morris and Olivia Hughes to take the 200 medley relay (1:50.99).

**Boys 13-14:** An won four events: he claimed the 100 backstroke (52.22) and 500 free (4:35.18), joined Kellett, Yamil Solano De Vargas and Edward Enoch to win the 200 free relay (1:28.57), then teamed with Kellett, Blake Hadley and Solano De Vargas for first in the 200 medley relay (1:39.62).

**Girls 13-14:** Allen was

first in the Girls 13-14 50 free (23.12) and 500 free (4:49.95), while George paced the Girls 11-12 100 butterfly (57.19) and 50 backstroke (28.31). Emel was the Girls 13-14 50 breaststroke winner (29.07).

FAST got two Day 3 relay wins. The team of Gannon, Paton, Hare and Wolf won both the 200 free relay (1:37.63) and the 200 medley relay (1:44.68). Gannon was also first in the 200 butterfly (2:01.20) and Paton won the 100 backstroke (55.42).

**Day 4**

**Boys 11-12:** Fishers' Jeremiah Marshall won the 50 breaststroke (30.81).

**Girls 11-12:** Zheng had three victories, in the 200 IM (2:09.31) and 50 breaststroke (30.27), then joined Hughes, George and Brooklyn Gilmore to take the 200 free relay (1:41.37). George also won the 100 backstroke (59.97) and Hughes was first in the 50 free (24.75).

**Boys 13-14:** An set a new record of 1:52.75 in the 200 IM and also claimed the 100 free (47.36). He joined



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**Fishers Area Swimming Tigers' Gabriel Brown won six events in the Boys 10 and Under category, also winning the high point award.**

Kellett, Solano De Vargas and Enoch to win the 400 free relay (3:15.20).

**Girls 13-14:** Gannon won three races for Fishers, starting with the 1000 free (10:24.00). She also won the 200 breaststroke (2:17.50) and joined Paton, Hare and Wolf for a 400 free relay victory (3:29.16). Wolf was first in the 50 butterfly (24.86) and Paton won the 200 backstroke (1:59.38).

Allen won the 200 IM

(1:59.65) and the 100 free (50.46).

**High point winners**

Brown was the Boys 10U high point winner, while Bernstein won the Boys 11-12 award; both scored 120 points. An won the Boys 13-14 high point award with 136 points.

George was first in the Girls 11-12 high point, totaling 132 points. Allen and Gannon tied for first in Girls 13-14 competition; they both scored 134 points.

Girls Tennis

# Carmel beats Westfield in season-opening meet

**By RICHIE HALL**

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**CARMEL** – The Carmel girls tennis team began its 2026 season on Tuesday, March 31 with a new coach and a dual meet victory.

The Greyhounds beat Westfield 4-1 at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center. It was a battle between two defending sectional champions: Carmel won its 33rd in a row last season, while the Shamrocks won a sectional on their way to a state semifinal appearance.

A former Greyhounds state champion is now coaching her old team. Kierstin Carlson graduated from Carmel in 2018. She was part of two of the Greyhounds' state championship lineups, playing No. 1 singles as a freshman in 2015 and No. 2

singles as a junior in 2017.

"It is extremely fun and exciting," said Carlson. "I have loved this opportunity so far. It's been really cool coming back to my alma mater and being able to coach these girls, and something that I lived an experience of not that long ago."

Carlson said that when she played for Carmel, the team was "very big on team culture and energy and positivity and attitude, so I'm really trying to instill that in this group of girls, especially because tennis is usually an individual sport and right now these girls have the opportunity to do the sport as a team, so I want them to take full advantage of that and support each other and lean on their teammates."

The Greyhounds' lineup features four seniors. Oliv-



**(ABOVE LEFT)** Carmel seniors Gabby Hall (left) and Madison Littell are playing No. 1 doubles for the Greyhounds this season. Littell and Hall won their match Tuesday, March 31 when the Greyhounds played Westfield to begin their season. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Westfield's Isla Harvey won at No. 1 singles.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

ia Widjaja is playing No. 1 singles, returning after miss-

ing last year with an injury. Olivia's sister Alexia Widjaja playing at No. 2 singles. Carmel's No. 1 doubles team consists of seniors Madison Littell and Gabby Hall.

The Hounds' other three varsity players against the Shamrocks were sophomores. Annie Mann competed at No. 3 singles, with Shravya Pillutla and Daksha Sivvala playing No. 2 doubles.

"They are absolutely crushing it, said Carlson. "They're holding their own and they're fitting right into their spot like they know they belong."

Carmel's victories came at Nos. 2 and 3 singles and both doubles matches. Westfield junior Isla Harvey won

the No. 1 singles match; she moves up into that position after playing No. 2 singles last year. The Rocks also have their No. 1 doubles team of senior Jenna Berry and junior Bella Rivera back this season.

"We still have a lot of experience on the varsity team and then we have some new players to the team," said Westfield coach Trudy Coler.

Those new players include freshman Sloane Seyforth, who played No. 2 singles for the Shamrocks. Junior Rayna Ray played at No. 3 singles, while junior Emerson Dierkes and senior Kendall Omer played at No. 2 doubles.

Both teams will be off for several days due to

Spring Break and return to action on April 14. Carmel will host Delta, while the Shamrocks host Brownsburg in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet.

**Carmel 4, Westfield 1**

**No. 1 singles:** Isla Harvey (W) def. Olivia Widjaja (C) 6-4, 6-2

**No. 2 singles:** Alexia Widjaja (C) def. Sloane Seyforth (W) 7-5, 6-1

**No. 3 singles:** Annie Mann (C) def. Rayna Roy (W) 6-1, 6-1

**No. 1 doubles:** Madison Littell and Gabby Hall (C) def. Jenna Berry and Bella Rivera (W) 7-6 (3), 6-2

**No. 2 doubles:** Shravya Pillutla and Daksha Sivvala (C) def. Emerson Dierkes and Kendall Omer (W) 6-1, 6-3

## COACH

The Indiana Junior All-Stars will play two girl-boy doubleheaders this year – May 31 against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars at Charlestown and June 3 against the Indiana seniors

at Mt. Vernon.

The 2026 *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star "Futures Games" doubleheader will be on June 1 at a site to be announced. This event, for girls and boys who are current sophomores

or freshmen, will feature two Indiana teams in a North-South format. The girls' Futures Game rosters were announced March 26. The boys' Futures Game rosters will be announced later.

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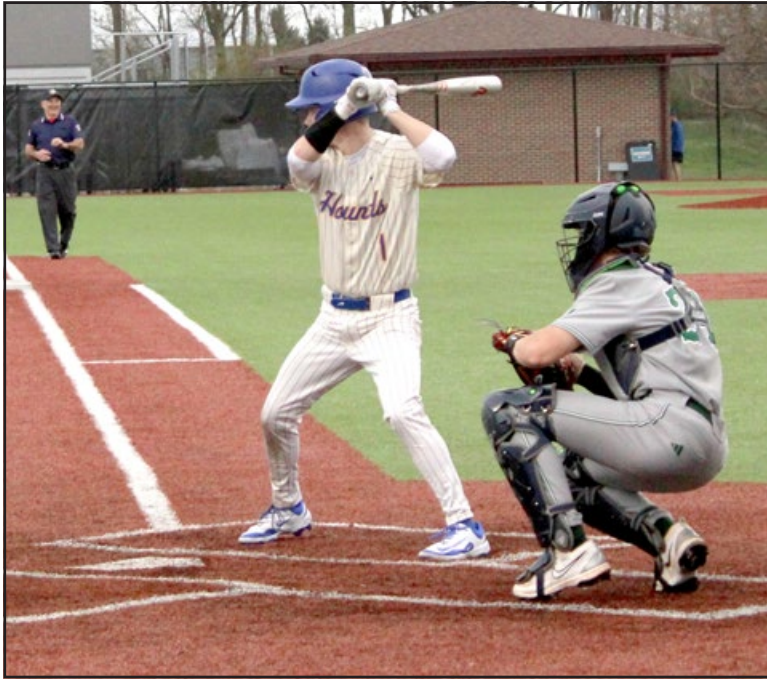


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Baseball



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(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Max Walkey hit a two-run double for the Greyhounds' during their Thursday, April 2 win over Covenant Christian. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield's Gavin Russ gets ready at first base during the Shamrocks' win over Franklin Central on Thursday.

# Three county teams at Donny Everett Classic

## Millers split pair of Friday games

By CRAIG ADKINS  
For The Reporter

The Noblesville baseball team split a pair of games Friday, April 3 at the Donny Everett Classic in Clarksville (Tenn.) **Henry County (Tenn.) 6, Noblesville 5**

The Millers' second game of the trip was against Henry County from Paris, Tenn. The Patriots chunked five of their six runs in the second through fourth innings and were able to score late to edge Noblesville, 6-5.

After the Patriots scored twice for a 2-0 lead in the second, the Millers made their first move.

Ethan Clark walked with one out and scored soon after when Aiden Reynolds hit a sac fly to left, cutting it to 2-1.

Henry County scored two more to make it 4-1 on a double in the third.

Brooks Riggs walked and Jalen Stidham was hit by a pitch to start the fourth. Zac Glander trimmed it to 4-2 with a liner to center, scoring Riggs. Stidham touched home for 4-3 when Chris Martz reached on an error at third.

The score was tied 4-4 with Glander scoring on a Clark ground out to first.

The Patriots scored for 5-4 on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the fourth. Eli Hall doubled to right and scored on Garrett Dixon's sac fly, making it 5-5.

HC scored on a throwing error in the bottom of the sixth for the 6-5 final.

The Millers were held to four hits, but stole six bases. Reynolds, Martz, Glander and Dixon all tallied RBIs.

Beckett Doane tossed three innings, giving up four hits. He struck out six, but yielded five runs, four earned. Brooks Muse threw the final three innings, giving up just one hit and a run and struck out one.

**Noblesville 11, Clarksville Academy (Tenn.) 0**

Noblesville rebounded right away with an 11-0, five-inning victory over host Clarksville. The Millers scored two runs in the first inning on a Dixon double and added another run in the second inning.

Reynolds hit a two-run home run early in the fourth inning, then an RBI single from Dixon gave Noblesville a 6-0 lead. The Millers sprinted to the finish line with five runs in the fifth inning. Slade Hodges smacked a triple and later scored on a Brooks Ridge double.

Martz also hit a triple, while Christian Penaloza hit a double. Dixon totaled three runs on two hits, while Clark, Hodges, Penaloza and Martz all scored two runs.

Glander pitched four innings for the win, striking out four against four hits. Quin Hendrich struck out two in the fifth inning.

# Rocks pick up HCC sweep over Flashes, Carmel wins opener

The REPORTER

Westfield got an early jump on the Hoosier Crossroads Conference Thursday, April 2 by finishing a sweep of Franklin Central.

The Shamrocks hosted the Flashes at Grand Park and won the second game of their series 5-2. The Flashes scored both of their runs in the top of the fourth inning, after which Westfield took over.

Robbie Brandenburg singled in Nick Fero to give the Rocks a run in the bottom of the fourth and pull within 2-1. Westfield's defense turned a double play in the top of the sixth, with Maddox Novotney grabbing a lineout, then tossing to Gavin Russ at first base.

"He's been phenomenal," said Rocks coach Ryan Bunnell. "Rarely is he going

to light up the stat sheet, but he does so many things that are just huge for us. He made two-plus defensive plays today that were game-changers for us."

In the bottom of the sixth, Andrew Noble took the Shamrocks from trailing to leading with a three-RBI triple. Novotney, Kasen Jessup and Nick Fero all scored. Noble soon scored, with Lincoln Hoffman blasting a double to left field.

"He's off to a hot start and been doing so well," said Bunnell. "We knew when he was up, he had a chance."

"We've been doing a really good job in these three games," said Bunnell. "Even in the loss to Center Grove, we've been doing a really good job when we have two strikes in how

we've been fighting, staying in the fight with two strikes."

Clayton Walther threw two strikeouts in the seventh inning, then Evan Govert came in and induced a groundout for the third out.

Noble finished with two hits, while Walther totaled four strikeouts in 3.2 innings for the win. Ben Spencer also threw four strikeouts.

Westfield will take its annual Tennessee trip next week, playing Grace Christian Academy at 7 p.m. Thursday to begin the trip.

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Carmel's baseball team won its opener on Thursday, April 2, holding off Covenant Christian for a 5-4 victory at Hartman Field.

The Greyhounds started the game strong, with five runs in the first two innings.

Carmel led 2-0 after the first inning; John Zangrilli scored the first run with a passed ball, then Charles Ranek scored after Silas Neal was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

In the second inning, Max Walkey smacked a two-run double, sending home Kane Hare and Zangrilli. Walkey later scored on a wild pitch.

The Warriors got back in the game with four runs in the fifth inning, but Carmel was able to hold on. The Hounds didn't allow a hit in the final two innings, with Ranek throwing two strikeouts during that time.

Zangrilli went 3-for-4 at the plate. Jacob Behm and Mark Neels both hit one double. Cam Carmichael pitched the first inning and got the win.

Softball

# Rocks split Saturday games

## Westfield takes down No. 1 Center Grove to start

By RICHIE HALL

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The Westfield softball team finished the first week of the season by proving it can play with, and beat, the best teams in the state.

The Shamrocks hosted a round-robin with Center Grove and Penn Saturday, March 28 at the Monon Trail Athletic Facility. Westfield took on the Trojans first and stunned the then-No. 1 ranked team in Class 4A 9-3.

Center Grove scored two runs in the top of the second inning, but the Rocks answered with three in the bottom of the inning. Olivia Sampia got Westfield on the board by scoring on a wild pitch, then Makayla Watson tied the game with an RBI single, bringing in Alyssa Ayers, who got on base with a double. Sofia Easterhaus batted in the go-ahead run, scoring Watson with a single.

Freshman Carlynn Schrock led off the bottom of the third inning with a home run, giving the Shamrocks a 4-2 lead. The score stayed at that margin until the top of the sixth, when a Trojans leadoff homer cut that advantage to 4-3.

But Westfield was unbothered. Mac Delph struck out the next batter, then Dylan Todd made a huge catch in right field for the second out. After a walk, Delph got another strikeout to end the inning.

"We've been having some struggles with having errors and trying to get back, but we've been cleaning that up," said Todd. "I think we did a really good job today of not making as many errors."

The Rocks then bar-



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE) Westfield pitcher Mac Delph (right) pitched a complete game in the Shamrocks' win over Center Grove on Saturday, March 28. Also pictured is catcher Olivia Sampia. (BELOW) Makayla Watson had two hits, batted in one run and scored one run.

reled through the bottom of the sixth, scoring five runs. Ayers led off by reaching on an error, then Todd sent her home with a single. Later, Schrock batted in Easterhaus, then a walk to Bella Blakely loaded the bases.

Reese Mahannah scored the next run after Sampia reached on error and kept the bases loaded. Cam Pulice drew a walk to score Schrock, then Ayers was hit by a pitch to score Blakeley.

The inning ended with Westfield ahead 9-3. Center Grove got two on with a single and a walk, but Watson caught the first out, then Easterhaus turned a double play to end the game, throwing to Sydney Jordan for the third out.

"It's definitely a lot of instinct and training, knowing your situation as well," said Easterhaus. "Knowing I did have a runner on first and if a ball were to come to me in the air, that I can double her off."

Easterhaus went 3-for-4



at the plate, while Schrock had two hits. Delph pitched a complete game, striking out seven.

Westfield played Penn in its second game and lost 8-3 to the then-4A No. 4 Kingsmen. Penn led 8-0 after four

innings.

The Shamrocks scored twice in the fifth inning. Pulice singled in Sampia for the first run; Sampia led off with a double. Pulice was

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## Tigers also pick up split

The REPORTER

Fishers also earned a split at the Donny Everett Classic in Clarksville, Tenn. on Friday, April 3.

The Tigers dropped their first game to Houston (Tenn.) 7-4. Houston jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the first inning and scored two more in the second inning.

Connor Hackworth got Fishers on the board in the third inning by stealing home plate. Asher Nelson doubled in Ethan Buelt for a fourth-inning run.

Carter Davis scored in the sixth inning on Buelt's RBI groundout, then Andrew Baldini got the Tigers' fourth run, scoring in the seventh inning on a Carter Strole RBI fielder's choice.

Fishers won their second game on Friday, cru-

ing past Rossview (Tenn.) 6-2. The Tigers led from the start, scoring two runs in the first inning. Vincent Pecoraro led off with a double, then scored after Strole hit a double. Strole later got home on a wild pitch.

Rossview scored a run in the bottom of the first, and the score stayed 2-1 until the fourth inning. Buelt got home on Henry Cherry's RBI groundout.

Fishers scored its other three runs in the seventh inning. David Pina cracked a two-RBI singled into left field, bringing in Collin Bumps and Pecoraro. Later, the Tigers loaded the bases and Miles Tebben was hit by a pitch, sending Sean Frey in to score.

Strole finished the game with two hits and also got the pitching win, allowing just one hit in five innings.

## Royals win two games

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern won its first two games at the Donny Everett Classic in Clarksville, Tenn. on Friday, April 3.

The Royals beat Hinsdale South (Ill.) 16-0 in a five-inning first game. Chase Bradle and Kian Kelly both were 3-for-3 at the plate, with Bradle hitting a double. Colin Kendrick also hit a double and totaled four RBIs and three runs scored. Trey McManama scored three runs.

A.J. Eikenberry pitched all five innings, allowing only two hits.

Southeastern defeated Northeast (Clarksville, Tenn.) 7-3 in its second game. The Royals scored two runs in the first inning;

Parker O'Steen smacked a two-out double, then scored on Cy Cole's center field hit. Alex Shepherd brought in Cole with his own center field single.

Northeast got a run back in the bottom of the first, but HSE added two more runs in the second inning. Bradle scored on Jackson Bixler's single. Bixler eventually got home to give the Royals a 4-1 lead.

Conrad Owens hit a two-run double in the third inning, sending home Kendrick and Bradle. In the fifth inning, Bradle scored his third run of the game, getting home after Bixler reached on error.

Dylan Cope pitched four innings for the win, striking out three.

## HSE's Davidson wins National Coach of the Year award

### The REPORTER

Greg Davidson, Hamilton Southeastern Girls Soccer coach, was named the National Girls Soccer Coach of the Year for the Large School Division at the most recent United Soccer Coaches national soccer convention and awards night.

Coach Davidson was named the Indiana Girls Soccer Coach of the Year, then earned Regional Coach of the Year honors (for the region that includes Indiana, Minnesota and Ohio) and then named the National Coach of the Year. Coach Davidson was honored to represent both HSE and Indiana in providing this kind of recognition.

HSE won the 3A state championship. The Royals went 22-0-1 while scoring 104 goals and allowing only six goals against the entire year. HSE finished ranked No. 1 in the nation in the MaxPreps rankings and No. 2 in the nation by the United



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Soccer Coaches.

Coach Davidson thanks his family for the years of support. He also shares this award with his coaching staff and players of which this honor they had a part of as well.

## Baseball Season Preview —

### Huskies look to rebound & reboot with pitching leading the way

By CRAIG ADKINS  
For The Reporter

Hamilton Heights graduated many seniors from a 10-19 season in 2025. The only way to go from there is up.

The future is bright and this year's team has both youth and experience. The Huskies will be searching for answers at the plate, as they return just three from last season's starting lineup.

"We will have to prove that we can score runs on a consistent basis," said third-year Hamilton Heights head coach Adam Hughes.

Junior PJ Wright is the top hitter coming back. Wright hit .260 (19-for-73) had 17 RBIs, scored nine runs and hit four doubles last year. Senior Dillon Pitts was 16-of-65 at the plate, drove in 13 runs, scored nine, belted five doubles and hit a home run. Fellow senior Josh Newton also brings a solid bat. Newton scored 15 times, drove in four runs with a double, two triples and one home run.

Heights was a team that liked to run in 2025 and it will look to do the same this season. The Huskies stole 36 bases last year with 10 returning, as Wright stole five bags as a sophomore.

"Good overall team speed should help us a lot this season," Hughes said.

Senior Owen Robey led with 33.2 innings, struck out 35 and held opposing hitters to a .202 average. Robey looks to help anchor the rotation, along with classmate Pitts, who went 2-5 with a 3.21 earned-run average in 32.2 innings. Pitts fanned 33 and gave up just 15 earned runs.

Junior Kaden Lawson topped Husky pitchers with a 4-3 record in 25.1 frames

while striking out 29 and looks to be a key rotation arm. Junior Cyrus Mason was 1-0 (1.75 ERA), appearing in seven games, throwing 16 innings, whiffing 16 and limiting opponents to a .211 average. Sophomore Owen Hughes will also be a fixture on the mound. Hughes was 1-2 in 15.1 innings last year, striking out 18 and walking just six in four appearances.

"We will return an experienced pitching staff," Hughes said.

There are a few top newcomers that look to make an immediate impact. Junior Austin Kappes will play outfield and pitch (he pitched 2.1 innings in 2025). Sophomore Landon Hickman (six games played) and junior infielder Brennan Heckman will be looked upon to start this season.

The Huskies opened the season at home with a doubleheader Saturday, April 4 against Fort Wayne Northrop. Results will appear in The Reporter's Tuesday email edition.

This week, Heights visits the Jay County Patriots on Thursday and finishes up the second week of spring break with a Saturday doubleheader at Anderson at 11 a.m.

During mid-season, Heights will play two games each in the Hoosier Conference against Western, Tipton and Logansport.

Non-conference opponents include road trips to Maconaquah, Brebeuf Jesuit, Lawrence Central, Clinton Prairie, Kokomo and Frankfort (DH).

The Huskies will also play Daleville, Lapel, Shelbyville, Hamilton Southeastern, McCutcheon and Noblesville at home.

## ROCKS

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sent home by an Ayres RBI single; Pulice got another RBI in the sixth inning, batting in Easterhaus.

Sampia also had two hits. Jordan pitched four innings, striking out four.

Westfield is now ranked 13th in this week's Class 4A coaches poll. Crown Point is ranked No. 1, with Penn

at No. 2. Center Grove is sixth. (Other county teams include Noblesville at No. 7, Hamilton Southeastern at No. 11 and Carmel at No. 14).

The Shamrocks are 2-2 and host Franklin Central at 6 p.m. tonight to begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

## Track & Field

# Carmel girls defend HSR championship

### The REPORTER

The Carmel girls track and field team defended its team championship at the Hoosier State Relays Large School meet.

The Greyhounds finished comfortably ahead of Bloomington South at the meet, which took place Saturday, March 28 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum. Carmel totaled 63.5 points to Bloomington South's 50, thanks to its strong showing in the relay races.

The Hounds won the 4x800 relay in a new meet record time of 9 minutes, 1.92 seconds. Annabel Pollert, Sadie Foley, Kaitlyn Oshimura and Larkin Taylor were the runners in that event. Taylor, Oshimura and Foley later joined Gabriela Grande Rosas to place second in the distance medley relay; their time of 11:56.95 was under the old meet record.

Carmel also placed third in the 4x400 relay and sixth in the 4x200 relay. Pollert placed second in the 3200 run.

Westfield tied for fifth place by scoring 26 points. Ella Jenkins picked an event victory for the Sham-



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The Carmel girls track and field team defended its Hoosier State Relays Large School division team championship. The Greyhounds scored 63.5 points at this year's meet, which took place Saturday, March 28 at the Indiana State Fairground Coliseum.

rocks, winning the pole vault by clearing 13 feet, 3 inches. Gracie Czubik helped out with a fifth-place finish in the high jump.

Hamilton Southeastern scored 25.5 points to place seventh as a team. The Royals earned a victory in the 4x400 relay; with Ava Kashani, Chloe Senefeld, Kaleah McCarter and Anissa Lammie clocking in with a time of 3:56.21.

Noblesville scored four points, tying for 32nd. Ainsley Meinerding finished seventh in the 60 dash and Nyla Young placed

seventh in the shot put.

### Boys meet

Two county teams reached the top 10 and Noblesville distance star Banner Barnes picked up an event win in the boys' competition.

Carmel tied fourth as a team, scoring 30 points. Alim Broadnax took third in the long jump. His best jump was 22 feet, 6.5 inches. Lucas Bartlett finished third in the 3200 run.

The Millers were seventh as a team with 26 points. Barnes led the way with his 3200 victory, clocking in at 9:08.29. He also ran

on Noblesville's runner-up distance medley relay, joining Isaiah Vohs, Jack Rush and Cooper Click.

Westfield scored 18 points to take 12th place. The 4x800 relay team of Donovan Ledford, Luke Moulder, Caleb Haney and Carson Ackley finished fourth.

Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern both scored 12 points and tied for 16th place. The Tigers' Konrad Haynes cleared 6 feet, 8 inches to place second in the high jump. Liam Powers finished fourth in the 3200 run for the Royals.

## Heights girls finish as team runner-up, Guerin Catholic boys place third

### HH's Woolever wins high jump, GC sets two records

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights and Guerin Catholic both had strong finishes at the Small School portion of the Hoosier State Relays on Saturday, March 28 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

The Huskies girls earned team runner-up honors, scoring 69 points. Bishop Chatard won the meet with 97 points.

Waverly Woolever picked up a win in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 6 inches. Woolever also participated in the runner-up 4x400 relay, teaming with Norah Reiger, Gracie Bortone and Reagan Van Kirk.

All four of Heights' relays finished in the top seven, with the 4x800 relay placing third, the distance medley relay taking fourth and the 4x200 relay finishing in seventh. The Huskies also landed three runners in the top six of the 3200 run; Lillian Higgins led the way by taking third.

Guerin Catholic's girls finished tied for ninth with 18 points. Amelia Smith led a 1-2 result in the pole vault; she dominated that event by setting a new record of 13 feet, 0.25 inches. Zoe Travelsted placed second by clearing 10 feet, 9 inches.

### Another Smith record

Seffrin Smith was a double winner for the Golden



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The Hamilton Heights girls track and field team placed second in the Hoosier State Relays Small School meet.

Eagles boys team. He set a new record in the 60 hurdles with a victorious time of 8.03 seconds. Later, Smith joined Nolan Ratcliff, Isaac Justin and James Moody to win the 4x200 relay. The relay squad finished in 1 minute, 30.54 seconds.

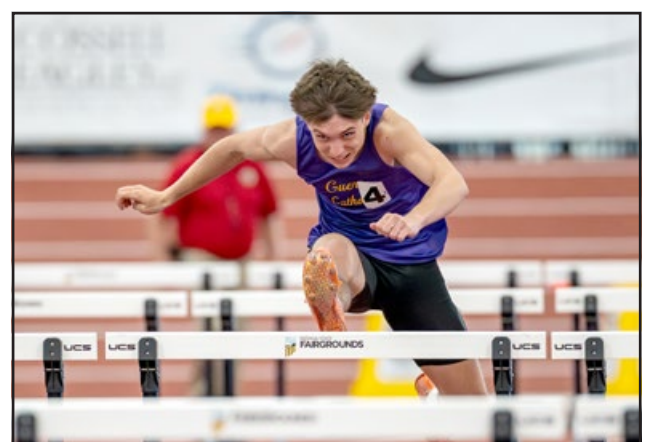
Guerin Catholic tied for third as a team, scoring 36 points. Bishop Chatard won the meet with 59 points.

Hamilton Heights' Will Duncan finished second in the shot put, accounting for all eight of the Huskies' team points. Heights tied for 21st as a team.



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

(ABOVE) Guerin Catholic's Zoe Travelsted finished second in the girls pole vault.



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Heights' Waverly Woolever won the high jump. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Golden Eagles' Seffrin Smith won the 60 hurdles event in a new record time of 8.03 seconds.

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STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-3504
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF:
OLGA HANCOCK
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, OLGA HANCOCK,
pro se, filed a Verified Petition for
Change of Name to change her name
from OLGA HANCOCK to OLGA
SARAMOTINA.
The petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on
August 21, 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: March 23, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
3/30/26, 4/6/26, 4/13/26
R7707

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-003050
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Olivia Kavanagh
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Olivia Kavanagh, 69 Washington
Ave Po Box 222 Cicero IN 46034,
and if different, my residence address
is: 22417 Voss Hiatt Ave Cicero IN
46034, in the HAMILTON County,
Indiana, hereby gives notice that
Olivia Kavanagh has filed a petition in
the HAMILTON Court requesting that
name be changed to Olivia Winstead.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on July 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Olivia Kavanagh
Petitioner
Date: March 9, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
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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 Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
3/26/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26
R7675

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 Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
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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
3/26/26, 3/30/26, 4/6/26
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton
County, Indiana Probate Division
Estate of: Glenn Roubush,
Deceased
Cause No.: 29D03-2603-EU-000127
In the matter of the Estate of Glenn
Roubush, 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
3/30/26, 4/6/26
R7696

29D02-2603-EU-000135
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Matter of the Estate of
MICHAEL A. GREEN, SR.,
deceased.
Estate Docket: 29D02-2603-
EU-000135
In the Hamilton Superior Court
Hamilton County, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that KELLY
M. GREEN was on the 19th day of
March, 2026, appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate of
MICHAEL A. GREEN, SR.,
deceased, who died on January 28,
2026. All persons who have claims
against this estate, whether or not now
due, must file the claim in the office
of the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Franklin, Indiana, the 19th
day of March, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Superior Court
4/6/26, 4/13/26
R7756

29D01-2603-EU-000121
ALTMAN, POINDEXTER &
WYATT LLC
Anne Hensley Poindexter,
90 Executive Drive, Suite G
Carmel, Indiana 46032
(317) 350-1000
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton
County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Pamela
L. Irvin was, on the date of March
11, 2026, appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate of Robert
H. Irvin, deceased, who died on the
30th day of January, 2026.
All persons who have claims against
this Estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the Decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on the
date of: March 12, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court
for Hamilton County, Indiana
4/6/26, 4/13/26
R7757

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-003578
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
Ay'Dan Ah'Mir Ra'Shaun Glover
Name of Minor
Adrain Rashaad Glover
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, Adrain Rashaad Glover
as a self-represented litigant, filed a
Verified Petition for Change of Name
to change the name of Ay'Dan Ah'Mir
Ra'Shaun Glover to ay'dan ah'mir
ra'shaun glover bey.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Circuit Court on August 21,
2026 at 10:00 a.m. which is more than
thirty (30) days after the third notice
of publication. Any person has the
right to appear at the hearing and to
file written objections on or before the
hearing date.
Date: March 23, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26
R7769

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-003440
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Adrain Rashaad Glover,
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Adrain Rashaad Glover, whose
mailing address is: 9958 East Haven
Lane Apt.B Carmel, Indiana 46280, in
HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby
gives notice that Adrain Rashaad
Glover has filed a petition in the
HAMILTON Court requesting that my
name be changed to adrain rashaad
glover bey.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on August 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m..
Mikayla Ann Poff
Petitioner
Date: March 23, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Judicial Officer
4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26
R7768

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-003581
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
Adrianna Ja'Kesia Kha'Nirah Glover
Name of Minor
Adrain Rashaad Glover
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, Adrain Rashaad Glover
as a self-represented litigant, filed a
Verified Petition for Change of Name
to change the name of Adrianna
Ja'Kesia Kha'Nirah Glover to
adrianna ja'kesia kha'nirah glover bey.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Circuit Court on August 21,
2026 at 10:00 a.m. which is more than
thirty (30) days after the third notice
of publication. Any person has the
right to appear at the hearing and to
file written objections on or before the
hearing date.
Date: March 23, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26
R7771

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-003579
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
Ah'Miyah Le'Audree Nicole Glover
Name of Minor
Adrain Rashaad Glover
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, Adrain Rashaad Glover
as a self-represented litigant, filed a
Verified Petition for Change of Name
to change the name of Ah'Miyah
Le'Audree Nicole Glover to ah miyah
le'audree nicole glover bey.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Circuit Court on August 21,
2026 at 10:00 a.m. which is more than
thirty (30) days after the third notice
of publication. Any person has the
right to appear at the hearing and to
file written objections on or before the
hearing date.
Date: March 23, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26
R7770

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE
AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of
Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2402-
MF-001456, wherein Cross/Counter-Plaintiff, Weaver Woods North Property
Owners Association, Inc., and Counter-Defendant, U.S. Bank Trust National
Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner Trustee for VRMTG
Asset Trust and Cross-Defendants, Tracy F. Krause fka/ Tracy Krause; Marlin
Edward Krause a/k/a Marlin E. Krause a/k/a Marlin E. Krause, III a/k/a Marlin
Krause, III; Citibank NA; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; Bank of America,
NA; and State of Indiana, Department of Revenue, 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 21st day of May, 2025 between the hours of 10:00
a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriffs Office, 18100
Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real
Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot Numbered 118 in Weaver Woods North, Section 4, a Subdivision in the
Town of Fishers, in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded
September 20,1999, as Instrument #99-55493,m in the Office of the Recorder
of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known as 14298 Delaney Drive, Fishers, Hamilton County,
Indiana 46038.
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made
without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DOES NOT WARRANT
THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS
PUBLISHED HEREIN
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Delaware
WEAVER WOODS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., an
Indiana nonprofit corporation, Plaintiff
By: Zachary D. Cronkhitte (36604-49)
KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT
6125 South East Street, Suite A
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227
(317) 388-5560
Date: March 16, 2026
R7765 4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of
Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2506-
PL-006292, wherein Vermillion Homeowners' Association, Inc. was Plaintiff, and
Hardeep Singh and Kiranjee Kaur were the Defendants, 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 21st day of May, 2026 between the hours of
10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriffs Office,
18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of
Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
LOT 215, IN THE ENCLAVE AT VERMILLION, SECTION 4,
SECONDARY PLAT, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 8,
TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT
THEREOF RECORDED NOVEMBER 2, 2020, IN PLAT CABINET
6, SLIDE 14, AND AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2020-79189, IN THE
RECORDER'S OFFICE OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
Commonly known as: 16424 Drayton Way, Fortville, Hamilton County,
Indiana 46040
State Parcel No. 29-16-08-000-015.000-007
County Parcel No. 13-16-08-00-00-015.000
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made
without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
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: 16424 Drayton Way,
Fortville, IN 46040
The Sheriffs 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.
R7763 4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26

TIPTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR
CONSTRUCTION / RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF
THE RICHMAN-DOVERSBERGER-RECOBS DRAIN
Pursuant to IC 36-9-27-78 the Tipton County Drainage Board, Tipton County,
Indiana will receive sealed bid proposals until the hour of 11:00 a.m. on April
20th, 2026 in the Tipton County Surveyor's Office, Courthouse, Room 102,
101 East Jefferson St., Tipton, Indiana, 46072 for the "THE CONSTRUCTION
/ RECONSTRUCTION OF THE RICHMAN-DOVERSBERGER-RECOBS
DRAIN."
Each bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, identified as " BID FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION / RECONSTRUCTION OF THE RICHMAN-
DOVERSBERGER-RECOBS DRAIN", shall bear the name and address of the
bidder and must be filed in the office of the County Surveyor prior to the specified
time for the receiving of bids.
As required by IC 36-9-27-78 (c), as long as they are received by the above
stated time, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on April 20th, 2026 at
12:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of the Tipton County Courthouse.
Any bid received after the designated time will be returned unopened.
Pursuant to IC 36-9-27-78 (a-4) copies of the plans and specifications are
available for inspection to interested bidders in the office of the Tipton County
Surveyor.
The bid shall also include an executed Non-Discrimination Clause and
Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities.
Pursuant to IC 36-9-27-78 (b) Each bidder shall deposit with his bid, at his
option, either a certified check made payable to the board in the sum of five
percent (5%) of the bid or a bid bond in the sum of five percent (5%) of the bid. If
a bidder elects to deposit a bid bond, the bond must be payable to the board with
sufficient sureties, and the bond must be conditioned upon the bidder's execution
of a contract in accordance with his bid if accepted by the board and must provide
for the forfeiture of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid upon his failure
to do so. The board shall return all checks and bonds submitted by unsuccessful
bidders, and shall return a successful bidder's check or bond when he enters into a
contract with the board.
Pursuant to IC 36-1-12-4.5 Which defines bonding requirements for projects
estimated in excess of 200,000 dollars, with the understanding that the Surveyor's
Estimate for the Construction / Reconstruction of the Richman-Doversberger-
Recobs drain is more than the minimum amount required for mandatory bonding,
performance bonding in the amount of one hundred and ten percent (110%) shall
be required for this project.
Pursuant to IC 36-9-27-78 (c) at the time specified the Tipton County Drainage
Board shall open and examine all bids. The Board shall then promptly award the
contract to the lowest bidder it finds qualified. In determining whether a bidder is
qualified, the Board shall consider the complexity and magnitude of the work to
be performed, and the skill and experience of the bidder.
Pursuant to IC 36-1-12-6 (a) the Tipton County Drainage Board shall award the
contract and could provide the successful bidder with written notice to proceed
within ninety (90) days after the date on which the bids are opened.
Pursuant to IC 36-9-27-78 (e) within five (5) consecutive days after the
acceptance of the bid proposal, the successful bidder shall enter into a contract
with the Tipton County Drainage Board. If a successful bidder fails to enter into
such a contract, he forfeits to said Board, as liquidated damages, the check or
bond deposited under IC 36-9-27-78 (b).
Pursuant to IC 36-1-12-6 (d) failure to award and execute the contract and to
issue the notice to proceed within the sixty (60) day time limit required by IC 36-
1-12-6 (a) entitles the successful bidder to:
(1) reject the contract and withdraw his bid without prejudice; or
(2) extend the time to award the contract and provide notice to proceed at
an agreed later date.
If the successful bidder elects to reject the contract and withdraw his bid,
notice of that election must be given to the Tipton County Drainage Board in
writing within fifteen (15) days of the sixty (60) day expiration date or any other
extension date.
A defect in the form of the notice does not invalidate proceedings under the
notice.
TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA
Dennis Henderson, Chairman
Tracey Powell, Member
Nancy Cline, Member
Attest:
Jason R. Henderson, Surveyor
R7755 4/6/26, 4/13/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of
the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-2509-
MF-009976, wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and Shontee
Patrice Bryant, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Bonterra of
Westfield Homeowners Association, Inc., 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 21st day of May, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060,
the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
Lot Number 1102 in Bonterra, Section 1, as per plat recorded November
7, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022053442, and in Plat Cabinet 6, Slide 320,
recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
29-10-05-029.008.000-015
and commonly known as: 17521 Gruner Way, Westfield, IN 46062.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and
restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings
known as Cause # 29D01-2509-MF-009976 in the Superior Court of the County
of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently
due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the
sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a
return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the
Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Washington
Township
17521 Gruner Way, Westfield, IN 46062
Street Address
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address
published herein.
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR
R7764 4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk
of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D01-
1911-MF-010334, wherein MidFirst Bank was Plaintiff, and Robert Horan
Jr., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Meadow Brook Village
Homeowners Association and A/J Construction, LLC d/b/a Indy Roof Company
were Defendants, A/J Construction, LLC d/b/a Indy Roof Company was
Intervening Defendant, Counter-Claimant and Cross-Claim Defendant, MidFirst
Bank was Counter-Claim Defendant, and Robert Horan Jr. and Meadow Brook
Village Homeowners Association were Cross-Claim Defendants, requiring me
to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose
at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 21st day of May, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060,
the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
LOT NUMBERED 44 IN MEADOW BROOK VILLAGE, SECTION 3, AN
ADDITION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200300067608 IN THE OFFICE
OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
29-11-34-025-018.000-020
and commonly known as: 11842 Wedgeport Lane, Fishers, IN 46037.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and
restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings
known as Cause # 29D01-1911-MF-010334 in the Superior Court of the County
of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently
due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the
sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a
return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the
Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Fall Creek
Township
11842 Wedgeport Lane, Fishers, IN 46037
Street Address
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address
published herein.
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR
R7767 4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26

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

INDIANAPOLIS

NOTICE
EME Logistics LLC 5222 Pine Brook Dr apt G, Indianapolis, IN, 46254
Date of sale: 04/15/2026
3HSCUAPRXBN362267 2011 International Prostar \$6,000
5XNYTDA23B068264 2011 Kia Sorento \$5,500
KMHDH4AE5DU51202 2013 Hyundai Elantra \$5,500
1FMCU0F73JUA82978 2018 Ford Escape \$5,500
5XG6T4L36G257697 2018 Kia Optima \$5,500
JN1BJCPKW526023 2019 Nissan Rogue \$5,500
3KPF24ADXME360628 2021 Kia Forte \$5,500
R7748 3/31/26, 4/6/26

HAMILTON COUNTY

MEETING NOTICE - Monday, April 13, 2026
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
will meet on Monday, April 13, 2026, at in Commissioner's Courtroom in the
Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square
Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session at 1:00
pm in Conference room 1A for Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-
6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion
of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss county business
will follow the Executive Session. After the public session, a second Executive
Session will immediately follow in Conference room 1A to discuss Personnel
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7).
/s/ Todd E. Clevenger
Hamilton County Auditor
R7774 4/6/26

Strawtown Koteewi Park
Koteewi Aerial Adventure Operator
Request for Proposals:
The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department is seeking proposals
for a contracted aerial course operator at Strawtown Koteewi Park. A bid packet
containing proposal information may be obtained at the Hamilton County Parks &
Recreation Department's Administration Office, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville,
IN, 46060-1305. A digital copy of the bid packet may also be requested over the
phone by calling the Administration Office at (317) 770-4400. Proposals will be
received by the Department at the preceding address until 3:00 p.m. (Local time)
on Friday, April 17, 2026.
R7777 4/6/26, 4/13/26

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT I
COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) SS:
CAUSE NO. 29D06-2506-MF-006848
HORIZON BANK )
Plaintiff, )
v. )
SPRINGWOOD HOLDINGS, LLC, )
WHITE ASH HOLDINGS, LLC, )
ZAKIR KHAN, THE ZAKIR KHAN )
FAMILY PROTECTION TRUST, )
ALICEN TAYLOR BLACK, AND )
PARKSIDE FUNDING GROUP, LLC, )
Defendants. )

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Please take notice, that by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure
entered in the above-entitled action on October 2, 2025, the undersigned Sheriff
of Hamilton County, Indiana will sell at public auction at the Hamilton County
Sheriffs Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 on May 21, 2026
at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. local time, the fee simple title in and to the following
described real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, to wit:
Lot Numbered 1 in Springwood Subdivision, Secondary Plat, an Addition
in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded October 18, 2000
in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 504, and as Instrument No. 200000052411, in the
Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Parcel ID: 29-13-03-006-001.000-018
with common street address of 415 Springwood Drive, Carmel, IN 46032
AND
Lot 78 in the Village at Weston Place, Section 1, a Subdivision in Hamilton
County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded June 2, 1995, in Plat Cabinet
1, Slide 559, as Instrument No. 9537317 in the Office of the Recorder of
Hamilton County, Indiana.
Parcel ID: 29-13-06-003-019.000-018
with common street address of 10784 Bunker Hill Drive, Carmel, IN 46032
That judgment was rendered in this case in favor of Horizon Bank and against
the defendants, Springwood Holdings, LLC, Zakir Khan and The Zakir Khan
Family Protection Trust, in the current unpaid amount of \$2,774,578.17 as
of March 24, 2026, together with accrued interest after that date at the post
judgment rate of 4.94% per annum, plus advances by Horizon of real estate taxes,
assessments, insurance premiums, maintenance costs and all other advances
which Horizon pays to preserve the Real Estate and Horizon's interest and rights
incurred from the date of the filing of the complaint in this action, to the date of
sheriffs sale, plus court costs, all without relief from valuation or appraisalment
laws.
The sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of general assembly of
the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931 and entitled An Act Concerning
Proceedings in Action to Foreclose Real Estate Mortgage providing for the
sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting
therewith as amended.
It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale and
the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of its purchase, shall be
entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned Sheriff of Hamilton County,
Indiana, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, a fee simple title in and to said
real estate. All sales are for cash.
Said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
The Sheriffs department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addresses
published herein.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff, Hamilton County, Indiana
R7766 4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26



"This truck has mirrors. Use them."
- Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 2013

Public Notice Deadline:
4 p.m. Friday
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COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 2
CAUSE NO 29D02-2602-CE-001703
COMMUNITY STATE BANK- )
ROYAL CENTER, )
Plaintiff, )
vs. )
TWO GUYS MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC., SCOTT FAGNER, )
BETHANY FAGNER, CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES )
CORPORATION, U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, PNC )
EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC, FIRST CORPORATE SOLUTIONS, AS )
REPRESENTATIVE, CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY, )
AS REPRESENTATIVE, CT CORPORATION ) SYSTEM, AS )
REPRESENTATIVE, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, LIBERTY )
CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, and E ADVANCE ) SERVICES, )
Defendants. )
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the above-named Defendants and any other person who may be concerned.
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court named above.
The nature of the suit against you is: Claim for recovery on Commercial Note and to determine the priority of security interests.
This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following Defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Liberty Capital Management
In addition to the above-named Defendant being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after final publication of this Notice, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.
Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martha R. Lehman
Brandt N. Hardy, Atty. No. 8101-49
Martha R. Lehman, Atty. No. 14287-49
AMUNDSEN DAVIS, LLC
201 N. Illinois Street, Suite 1400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
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Attorneys for Plaintiff Community State Bank-Royal Center
March 26, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Courts
4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26
R7776

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF )
SOPHIA MARIE RENDEL, MINOR )
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
Amy Nicole Rendel is notified that a petition for adoption of Sophia Marie Rendel was filed by Rachel Rendel in the office of the clerk of Hamilton County Superior Court, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The petition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption of Amy Nicole Rendel is not required because she has failed to maintain significant communication with the child, abandoned the child, and failed to support the child.
If Amy Nicole Rendel desires to contest the adoption of the child, she must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above-named court not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of service of this notice.
If Amy Nicole Rendel does not file a motion to contest the adoption within fifteen (15) days after service of this notice the above-named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The consent to adoption of Amy Nicole Rendel will be irrevocably implied and Amy Nicole Rendel will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of her implied consent to the adoption. No oral statement made to Amy Nicole Rendel relieves her of her obligations under this notice.
This notice complies with IC 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes.
Kathy Kreag Williams,
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Prepared by:
Nathan A. Leach (Attorney #25673-49)
HERRIN & LEACH, LLC
3815 River Crossing Parkway, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 566-2174
Nate@IndianaAdoptionLawyer.com
4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26
R7782

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-003580
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF )
MINOR: )
Ah'Mani Ar'Nasia Ja'Kelsie Glover )
Name of Minor )
Adrain Rashaad Glover )
Petitioner )
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR )
CHANGE OF NAME )
Notice is hereby given that )
Petitioner, Adrain Rashaad Glover )
as a self-represented litigant, filed a )
Verified Petition for Change of Name )
to change the name of Ah'Mani )
Ar'Nasia Ja'Kelsie Glover to ah'mani )
ar'nasia ja'kelsie Glover by. )
The Petition is schedule for hearing )
in the Circuit Court on August 21, )
2026 at 10:00 a.m. which is more than )
thirty (30) days after the third notice )
of publication. Any person has the )
right to appear at the hearing and to )
file written objections on or before the )
hearing date. )
Date: March 23, 2026 )
Kathy Kreag Williams )
Clerk, Hamilton County Court )
R7773 4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON )
CIRCUIT COURT )
Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-003582
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF )
MINOR: )
Azariah Imani Taylor )
Name of Minor )
Adrain Rashaad Glover )
Petitioner )
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR )
CHANGE OF NAME )
Notice is hereby given that )
Petitioner, Adrain Rashaad Glover )
as a self-represented litigant, filed a )
Verified Petition for Change of Name )
to change the name of Azariah Imani )
Taylor to azariah imani taylor by. )
The Petition is schedule for hearing )
in the Circuit Court on August 21, )
2026 at 10:00 a.m. which is more than )
thirty (30) days after the third notice )
of publication. Any person has the )
right to appear at the hearing and to )
file written objections on or before the )
hearing date. )
Date: March 23, 2026 )
Kathy Kreag Williams )
Clerk, Hamilton County Court )
R7772 4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26

IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT )
COURT )
STATE OF INDIANA )
Cause No. 29C01-2603-MI-003933
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF )
COURTNEY STIEHL ARREGUI, )
NOTICE OF PETITION TO )
CHANGE NAME )
Notice is hereby given that on the )
27th day of March, 2026, Petitioner )
Courtney Stiehl Arregui filed in the )
Hamilton Circuit Court her Petition )
requesting that her name be changed )
from Courtney Stiehl Arregui to )
Courtney Nicole Corrone. )
Notice is further given that a hearing )
will be held on said Petition in the )
Hamilton Circuit Court on August 21, )
2026 at 10:00 a.m. )
March 21, 2026 )
Kathy Kreag Williams )
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court )
James D. Crum #14530-29 )
COOTS, HENKE & WHEELER, P.C. )
255 East Carmel Drive )
Carmel, IN 46032 )
(317) 844-4693 )
jcrum@chwlaw.com )
R7778 4/6/26, 4/13/26, 4/20/26

29D01-2603-EU-000141
ALTMAN, POINDEXTER & )
WYATT LLC )
Anne Hensley Poindexter )
90 Executive Drive, Suite G )
Carmel, Indiana 46032 )
(317) 350-1000 )
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED )
ADMINISTRATION )
In the Superior Court of Hamilton )
County, Indiana. )
Notice is hereby given that Jessica )
Barnes was, on the date of March )
25, 2026, appointed Personal )
Representative of the Estate of Thomas )
W. Barnes, deceased, who died on the )
8th day of January, 2026. )
All persons who have claims against )
this Estate, whether or not now due, )
must file the claim in the office of )
the clerk of this Court within three )
(3) months from the date of the first )
publication of this notice, or within )
nine (9) months after the Decedent's )
death, whichever is earlier, or the )
claims will be forever barred. )
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on )
March 25, 2026. )
Kathy Kreag Williams )
Clerk of the Superior Court )
for Hamilton County, Indiana )
R7775 4/6/26, 4/13/26

IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY )
SUPERIOR COURT 2 )
STATE OF INDIANA )
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2601-EU-000033
IN THE MATTER OF THE )
UNSUPERVISED )
ADMINISTRATION OF THE )
ESTATE OF )
DIANE C. QUEAR, )
DECEASED. )
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION )
IN THE SUPERIOR 2 COURT OF )
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. )
In the matter of Diane C. Quear, )
deceased. )
Notice is hereby given that on the )
19 day of March 2026, Scott )
A. Quear was appointed Personal )
Representative of the estate of Diane )
C. Quear, deceased, who died on the )
11th day of December, 2025. )
All persons having claims against )
this estate, whether or not now due, )
must file the claim in the office of )
the Clerk of this Court within three )
(3) months from the date of the first )
publication of this notice, or within )
nine (9) months after the decedent's )
death, whichever is earlier, or the )
claims will be forever barred. )
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this )
19th day of March, 2026. )
Kathy Kreag Williams )
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 2 )
HOLT LEGAL GROUP )
Christina M. Trent )
198 South 9th Street )
Noblesville, Indiana 46060 )
(317) 773-5997 )
ctrent@holtlegal.com )
R7787 4/6/26, 4/13/26

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HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT
MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Regional Utility District will meet on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session from 10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m. for discussion of the Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss the utility district business will immediately follow the Executive Session.
R7781 4/6/26

ELWOOD

NOTICE
Shadow Auto 1906 South R St. Elwood, IN, 46036
Date of sale: 04/16/2026
3CFY68B1ZT209036 2002 Chrysler Pt Cruiser \$3,500
R7753 4/1/26, 4/6/26

FISHERS

CITY OF FISHERS
FALL CREEK BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE VA-26-2
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/FCBZA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the FALL CREEK BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center, FMC Nickel Plate Conference Room, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.
REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # VA-26-2. Consideration of a Land Use Variance from Section 5.1.5. of the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to allow RV storage on a lot zoned R2 - Residential. The property is generally known as 17198 Southeastern Pkwy and contains two (2) lots with the following parcel numbers: 13-16-05-00-004.000 and 13-16-05-00-004.102.
LOCATION: 17198 SOUTHEASTERN PKWY, FORTVILLE, IN 46040
The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Community and Economic Development, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:
City of Fishers Community and Economic Development
planning@fishersin.gov
(317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
Petitioner: Richard L Garrity
R7780 4/6/26

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana
This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 4th day of May, 2026. This hearing, to discuss applications BZNA-000037-2026 will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville. The application submitted by Monica and David Packard requests approval be granted to a variance of development standards application pursuant to UDO §4.D.3. to allow for an elevated deck to encroach approximately 15 feet into the required 30-foot rear yard building setback within the R1 zoning district at property located at 10410 Golden Bear Way, Noblesville 46060.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.
A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on www.noblesville.in.gov/applications by clicking on the public records search and entering the case number or address listed above.
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R7783 4/6/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Noblesville, Indiana

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-23-5-9, notice is hereby given that the City of Noblesville, Indiana, Board of Public Works (the "Board") will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM (local time), concerning the recommendation to award a public-private agreement for the Public Safety Building Project which concerns the design, construction, operation, and transfer of a police station at the old Firestone site (generally the south side of Division Street between 15th and 19th Streets) in Noblesville, Indiana (the "Project"). Said hearing will be held in accordance with Indiana 5-23, as amended. The hearing will be held in person at the Noblesville City Hall, City Hall Council Chambers, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 (the "City Hall").
Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-23, as amended, the Board issued a request for proposals and qualifications for the design, construction, operation, and transfer of the Project and related improvements. After review and analysis of proposals received, a recommendation is being made to the Board to award the public-private agreement to GM Development Companies LLC and Noblesville PD BOT, LLC (an affiliate of C.H. Garmon and Son, Inc.). Copies of the proposals and a written explanation of the basis upon which the recommendation is being made are with the Board, and are available for public inspection and copying at Noblesville City Hall, Mayor's Office, 16 S. 10th Noblesville, IN 46060; Phone: 317-776-6323; (Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM). The public is invited to comment on any of the matters herein noted, and all taxpayers, residents, or interested parties who appear will be given a reasonable opportunity to express their views on the recommendation.
Dated this 2nd Day of April, 2026
R7784 4/6/26

SHERIDAN

BZA Meeting
This notice is to inform you the meeting to be held by the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals on April 16, 2026, 5:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan, has been cancelled.
Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission
Jennifer Miller, Secretary
R7785 4/6/26

APC Public Notice
This notice is to inform you of a public hearing to be held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission on April 16, 2026, 6:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss:
a. 26-VAC-01 Sheridan Public Library Vacate any Recorded Covenants with +/- 1.35 acres generally located at 209 W 1st Street, Sheridan. Zoned PS: Public Service District.
b. 26-PP-01 Sheridan Public Library Primary Plat Sheridan Public Library requests approval of a Primary Plat of +/- 3.35 acres generally located at 103 W 1st Street and 209 W 1st Street, Sheridan. Zoned PS: Public Service District.
c. 26-SP-03 Sheridan Public Library Secondary Plat Sheridan Public Library requests approval of a Secondary Plat of +/- 3.35 acres generally located at 103 W 1st Street and 209 W 1st Street, Sheridan. Zoned PS: Public Service District.
Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission. People interested in presenting their views in person written or verbally shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place. Agenda items may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the APC. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during regular business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That file may also be viewed online at www.Sheridan.IN.gov.
Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission
Jennifer Miller, Secretary
R7786 4/6/26

WESTFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE
Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Plat Committee will meet at 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Westfield City Services Center, 2728 E 171st St, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing on the following petitions:
• 2604-ODP-01 & 2604-SPP-01; Harvest Trail Cottage Collection; 612 East 191st Street; CND Woods Robinson, LLC by Weihe Engineers requests Overall Development Plan and Primary Plat review of seventy-seven (77) single-family lots and one (1) commercial block on 18.5 acres +/- in the Woods Robinson Briggs Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana or by calling (317) 804-3150, option 5.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Committee at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana at or before the hearing. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Westfield-Washington Township Plat Committee
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfieldin.gov
R7788 4/6/26

CARMEL

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Carmel, Indiana
Department Board of Public Works and Safety
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.
All bids and proposals shall be properly and completely executed on the proposal forms provided with the plans and specifications, which will include the non-collusion affidavit as required by the State of Indiana. The digital submission will be sealed until opened at the Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting.
A bid bond or certified check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must be submitted with each bid. A one hundred percent (100%) performance and payment bond will also be required of the successful bidder. It is intended that actual construction of all work divisions shall be started as soon as practicable, and each bidder shall be prepared to enter promptly into a construction contract, furnish a performance bond, and begin work without delay in the event the award is made to him.
The Project consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:
Paving, Curb Repair, and Traffic Markings on Specified City Roads
Contract Documents for the Project have been assembled on the OpenGov portal, which may be obtained with an OpenGov account (http://www.opengov.com).
Payments and costs of Contract Documents are non-refundable.
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.
This Project will be funded by the City of Carmel.
A pre-bid conference for discussions of the Project, the bidding requirements and other important matters will be held on April 8th, 2026 at 10:00 AM virtually. To request a link, send a request to Ryan Murt at Rmurt@carmel.in.gov by 8:00 AM, April 8th. All prospective bidders are invited to attend the pre-bid conference. The pre-bid conference is not mandatory.
No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of thirty (30) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety reserves the right to hold any or all bids or proposals for a period of not more than thirty (30) days and said bids or proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said period. The City of Carmel reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitations when it is not in the best interests of the governmental body as determined by the purchasing agency in accordance with IC 5-2218-2
Jacob Quinn
Clerk
R7690 3/30/26, 4/6/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE
THE CARMEL PLAN COMMISSION
Docket No. PZ-2026-00059 OA
Notice is hereby given that the Carmel Advisory Plan Commission will hold a public hearing upon a proposal to amend the Carmel Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") pursuant to documents filed with the Department of Community Services as follows:
Amend the Unified Development Ordinance to revise the fees, definitions, standards, and approval procedures applicable to Short-Term Residential Rental Units.
Designated as Docket No. PZ-2026-00059 OA, the hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Carmel City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032.
The file for this proposal (Docket No. PZ-2026-00059 OA, may be examined on the City's website, through Public Documents - Laser Fiche, or at the Carmel Department of Community Services, Division of Planning and Zoning, Carmel City Hall, Third Floor, One Civic Square, Carmel, IN, 46032.
Any written comments or objections to the proposal should be filed with the Secretary of the Plan Commission on or before the date of the Public Hearing. All written comments and objections will be presented to the Commission. Any oral comments concerning the proposal will be heard by the Commission at the hearing according to its Rules of Procedure. In addition, the hearing may be continued from time to time by the Commission as it may find necessary.
Bric Butler, Administrator
Carmel Plan Commission
(317) 571-2417
4/1/26, 4/6/26
R7751

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.
Bidders shall submit sealed bids to the Office of the Hamilton County Auditor at 33 N. 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, in the basement of the Historic Courthouse on or before 11:45 a.m. on April 27, 2026. After 11:45 a.m. they can be delivered to the Commissioners Courtroom, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana until the time of the bid opening. Those bids shall contain the following:
a. A clear designation on the outside of the bid envelope of 4-H RENTAL Bids.
b. A Cashiers or Certified Check in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) payable to Hamilton County, Indiana.
c. The name, address, home, and business phone number of the bidder.
d. No bid under \$35,000 will be considered.
The bid shall be opened and read aloud during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County on or after 1:15 p.m. on April 27, 2026.
The successful bidder shall be expected to tender to the County one-half of the bid amount on or before October 1, 2026, with the balance of the bid amount due and owing on December 1, 2026.
All unsuccessful bidders shall have their Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) deposit check returned. A successful bidder who fails to complete his rental agreement shall forfeit his Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). The Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) will be held as a damage deposit until the buildings are vacated at the end of the rental term.
Any persons desiring an opportunity to inspect the building(s) prior to submission of a bid and to review the proposed Rental Agreement may contact Ms. Lisa Hanni, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service at (317) 776-0854. s/s Todd E. Clevenger, Auditor
Hamilton County, Indiana
R7703 3/30/26, 4/6/26

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
Proposals must be submitted electronically via Hamilton County's eProcurement portal found on the County's website at https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/2130/Bid-Opportunities-and-Solicitation. There is no cost to the contractor in submitting proposals through the eProcurement portal. Submission will be accepted up to the start time of the public meeting listed below. The County's eProcurement portal will not allow any proposals to be submitted after the bid notice time. Only proposals from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation's current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(A) "Bridges: Highway Over Water" and/or E(C): "Bridge Deck Overlay and Minor Bridge Repair" will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for this item on the list will be rejected.
All proposals will be electronically opened by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioners' Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 1:15 p.m. local time, April 27, 2026.
The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.
All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts to be made, shall be furnished, and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents.
Bidding documents will be available beginning on March 31, 2026. Copies of the Proposal, Specifications, Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained through the County's eProcurement portal. The eProcurement portal will send out notification for addendums. However, it shall be the responsibility of the individual to periodically check for addendums posted in the eProcurement portal.
During the proposal submission process through the eProcurement portal the following documents will need to be uploaded prior to the submission being accepted:
Form 96 Financial Statement
Non-Collusion Affidavit Itemized Proposal
Employment Eligibility Verification Certification 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.
Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable Bidder's Bond, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent of the total amount of the bid. The Bidder's Bond or certified check must be submitted as hard copies and delivered in a sealed envelope to the County Auditor at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L2, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 until 11:30 a.m. local time, April 27, 2026. After 11:30 a.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners' Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening in order to be included as part of a complete bid submission. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked "Bidder's Bond/Certified Check for Project # " and must also clearly indicate the name of the bidder.
Bids received without a corresponding Bidder's Bond or certified check will not be considered by the Owner. The County Auditor will hold the Bidder's Bond or certified check as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification. All Bidder's Bonds or certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them upon selection of the successful bidder.
Todd E. Clevenger
Hamilton County Auditor
Dated: March 23, 2026
R7706 3/30/26, 4/6/26



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Basketball

# Special Olympics Hamilton County brings home two state championships

Submitted by Special Olympics Hamilton County

Special Olympics Hamilton County (SOHC) is proud to announce a historic weekend (March 21 and 22) at the Special Olympics Indiana State Basketball Championships, as both the women's and men's Level 2 teams brought home state titles – each completing undefeated tournament runs.

The Lady Millers, coached by Shannon Loomis and Stephanie Davis, dominated Level 2 Women's Basketball, finishing the tournament undefeated and capturing first place. Their performance showcased teamwork, resilience, and the kind of joy that defines Special Olympics competition.

On the men's side, the SOHC Men's Level 2 Team, coached by AB Buckner and Todd Hieber, also secured a State Championship with an undefeated tournament run, demonstrating grit, unity, and outstanding play throughout the weekend.

Adding to the energy of



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(ABOVE LEFT) The Lady Millers, coached by Shannon Loomis and Stephanie Davis, captured first place in Level 2 Women's Basketball. (Front row, from left) Brayleigh Buckner, Brooke Easterhaus, MacKenzie Wilt, Nora Danielson, and Madeline Paxton. (Back row, from left) Shannon Loomis, Ali Callahan, Kelsey Green, Maggie Abel, Lauren Holland, Madelyn Long, and Stephanie Davis. (ABOVE RIGHT) The SOHC Men's Level 2 team went undefeated while winning a state championship. (From left) Coach Todd Hieber, Caleb Short, Caiden Wetherald, David Scott, Nash Huffman, Blake Buckner, Colin Etchison, Cade Agnelli, Dylan Feil, and Coach AB Buckner.

the day, the SOHC Cheer and POM Squad, led by Kim Weninger, supported the athletes throughout the tournament and performed a halftime routine that brought spirit and excitement to the championship atmosphere.

Special Olympics Hamilton County serves more than 500 athletes, providing year-round sports training and competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities, ages 8 to 108. All programming is offered free of charge to athletes and their families, made possible through the generosity of donors, sponsors, and volunteers.

With spring sports now beginning, including track and field, SOHC is actively seeking volunteers to support athletes across programs.

Looking ahead, SOHC will host its annual Golf Fundraiser on Aug. 26,

2026, at Fox Prairie Golf Course, with registration opening soon. The event supports athlete programming and opportunities across Hamilton County.

"This weekend is what it's all about – athletes showing up, competing hard, and celebrating everyone together," said Danyele Easterhaus, SOHC County Coordinator. "We are incredibly proud of these teams and the community that stands behind them."

Community members can follow, support, or get involved at [Facebook.com/SOHCsports](https://Facebook.com/SOHCsports) or at [sohcindiana.org](http://sohcindiana.org).



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The SOHC Cheer & Pom Squad supported the players during the tournament. (Pictured) Chloe Hipkiss, Lauryn Weninger, Kelsey Royal, Christian Walker, Logan Gottschalk, Karinne Scofield, Kalina Crank, Adaleena Martinez, and Azyra Martinez.

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