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County Health Department earns national public health accreditation

Recognition reflects commitment to high-quality public health services

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department has earned national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), a distinction that recognizes health departments that meet rigorous national standards for quality, accountability, and performance.

The achievement follows a multi-year process that required the department to undergo an extensive review of its programs, policies, preparedness efforts, communications strategies, and community health services.

"This accreditation demonstrates our commitment to providing the highest level of service to the residents of Hamilton County," Health Department Administrator Jason LeMaster said. "Public health touches nearly every aspect of daily life – from inspections and disease prevention to emergency preparedness and health education. This recognition confirms that our department is operating at the highest national standards and continuously working to improve how we serve the community."

Photo provided

The Health Department has demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement.

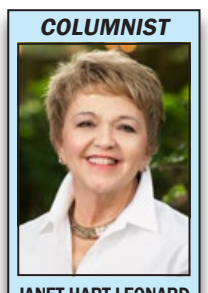
National accreditation also requires health departments to demonstrate a commitment to continuous improvement and accountability. Accredited agencies must continually evaluate programs, measure outcomes, and identify ways to improve services to the public.

"This has truly been a department-wide effort," Health Department Accreditation Coordinator Keirsha Davis said. "Every team member played a role in evaluating and improving the way we operate. Accreditation is not simply about checking boxes. It is about creating systems that help us respond more effectively, communicate more clearly, and better protect the health of our residents both now and in the future."

PHAB is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing and transforming public health practice by improving the quality and performance of health departments across the nation.

26 years of therapy

COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

What's therapy got to do with it?

Stay with me on this. I have a destination, but I have to take you bird-watching and show you a few squirrels before I get you there.

It was Labor Day weekend in September 2000, and I had signed my divorce papers a few weeks earlier. My best friend, Patrice, and her husband, Ray, arrived on my doorstep, armed with shovels, an edger, and a landscaping plan for my yard.

Patrice is a Master Gardener and quite the expert at friendship. Her words were, "Janet, gardening is therapy, and you need therapy." We laughed as I told her, "You know I do not like to sweat or get dirty."

It had to be one of the hottest Labor Day weekends on record. Patrice's design wasn't just for a flower bed but for an intricate, curving layout that would have the neighbors oohing and ahhing for years to come. I might add I would be aching and ouching every year but loving it.

Patrice, ever so gently, gave instructions and guidance on what I needed to do to help with her and Ray's efforts. Perennials and shrubs were strategically placed. Annuals would be added in the spring.

I don't think I have ever sweated so much in my life. I had dirt in places that had never been dirty.

Patrice did more than just tend to my yard. She tended to my heart as well as my soul.

That was almost 26 years ago.

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Carmel's own Eli Mercer earns top honor at IU Indianapolis Jag Awards

By MADDI SPONSEL
For The Reporter

Former Carmel High School tennis standout Eli Mercer was named one of two recipients of the Melvyn Garland Distinguished Student-Athlete Award at the IU Indianapolis Athletic Department's annual Jag Awards banquet. This award is the highest honor presented to one male and one female senior athlete.

Vasalakis

The award was established in memory of Melvyn Garland, former men's basketball head coach and athletic director. Known to most as Mel, he embodied all that is the best within IU Indy Athletics. Garland died of leukemia in 1983. He is remembered for his athletic ability, scholarship, mental attitude, leadership, and perseverance, which define this distinguished honor.

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In addition to receiving the Melvyn Garland Distinguished Student-Athlete Award, Eli Mercer (center) is an honors student at the Kelley School of Business.

For Mercer, the recognition was a reflection of his four years as a Jaguar.

"My time at IU Indy has been a transformative experience in all aspects of my life," Mercer said. "I've been able to develop professionally through the Kelley School of Business and Honors College, athletically through the men's tennis team and athletic department, and personally through all the great friends and mentors I've had throughout my time here."

His coach, Bren Vasalakis, echoed that sentiment.

"Eli's impact always transcended his athletic ability; he was a pillar of leadership and character for IU Indy Men's Tennis," Vasalakis said. "I am incredibly grateful to have coached him these past four years. While Eli was surprised to receive the athletic department's Mel Garland Award, anyone who knows his work ethic and character wasn't surprised at all."

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You can play golf to support Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County will hold its third annual Al Haimbach Memorial Golf Classic fundraiser at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 8, at Chatham Hills Country Club, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield.

Sturges

Hudson

Development and Outreach Director Jennifer Sturges told The Reporter Meals on Wheels serves 309 clients, some of whom only need short-term help.

"Some are elderly or disabled," Sturges said. "We help with just any kind of need where they can't leave the house or they just have disabilities that won't allow them to cook or that kind of thing. People can sign up for short-term or long-term meal service."

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Butter not miss this popcorn & comedy event!

Start your summer off with some great laughs & hometown musical performance

The REPORTER

Popcorn and Punchlines Comedy Showcase is returning to Westfield on Friday, May 29. Featuring eight outstanding comedians from six different states and Canada, it will be held at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 East St.

Doors open at 6 p.m. A pre-comedy musical performance will start at 6:30 p.m. The comedy's on at 7 p.m.

An unforgettable pre-comedy musical experience will be given by Fishers' own Peter Fulton. His music focuses on performing classic, romantic, and popular vocal music. He returns by your popular request!

The host for the evening is comedian **Rhonda Corey**. Hailing from Rhode Island, she truly embodies the New England spirit. It's no wonder that her authenticity with a twist of lovable sass has resonated with audiences from Rhode Island to California and back to Indiana!

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Coming all the way from Franklin, Ind., **Hoss Ridgeway** brings his mix of storytelling, sound effects, and musical comedy creating an interactive show that feels like hanging out with a funny friend.

Leland Klassen grew up on a small farm in Saskatoon, Canada, but his journey later took him into stand-up comedy and performing in feature films.

June Bug Colson is a comedian, writer, and podcaster born in Indiana and raised in Kentucky. June holds the prestigious title as 2020's Nashville Clean Comedy CHAMPION!

Tim Ketchersid is a former lawyer and pastor from Dallas, Texas, who was named one of DFW's "10 Comics to Keep on Your Radar" by the *Dallas Observer*.

Dorie McLemore hails from Texas, is a story teller and joy-bringer who believes that caffeine is keeping her alive, popcorn should be its own food group, and that true joy comes from knowing that we are worthy of God's love in the middle of our imperfections.

From Arizona, **Brian Kohatsu** spent 20 years as an award-winning director before stepping away from the camera for a career in comedy. He quickly found success in radio and gained national recognition when he was featured on Sirius/XM radio.

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What the world 'kneads' now

Reporter photo

Two television stars came to Fishers Thursday, May 21 to meet with Kroger shoppers and promote their latest endeavor to fight food insecurity. TV's Patrick Duffy and Linda Purl are the founders of Duffy's Dough, a line of take-and-bake artisan breads you can now find at your local Kroger. (ABOVE) Samantha and April Stinson graciously posed for The Reporter's camera when they met Duffy and Purl. In addition to meeting two famous actors, customers received a gift bag filled with delicious Kroger Private Selection products. Be sure to read The Reporter this week for an interview with Duffy and Purl on the story of Duffy's Dough.

Community rallies around Fishers Kiwanis President after house fire

The REPORTER

Support is pouring in for a Fishers community leader after a recent fire heavily damaged his Noblesville home.

Emergency crews with the Noblesville Fire Department were called to a residence in the 10000 block of Cumberland Pointe Boulevard, near East 146th Street and State Road 37, following reports that lightning may have struck the house during severe weather moving through the area.

Firefighters arriving on scene encountered thick smoke and flames coming from the home. Crews acted quickly, deploying several hose lines to contain the fire and prevent additional damage.

Authorities said no one was inside the residence when the fire broke out, and no injuries were reported.

The homeowner, David Cox, is well known in the community as president of the Fishers Kiwanis Club. Friends, neighbors, and fellow community members have since rallied around Cox and his family as they begin the recovery process.

"Everyone has been kinder than I deserve," Cox said. "It's overwhelming to see such care and compassion."

While investigators have not officially determined the cause of the fire, officials say a lightning strike is considered a possible factor.

Photos provided by Mitchell Elmore

This Noblesville house fire, which resulted in a total loss, was likely started by a lightning strike.

A GoFundMe fundraiser has been established to assist the family as they work to rebuild after the loss. Those wishing to contribute can find the fundraiser at **tinyurl.com/DavidCoxGoFundMe**.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Finding your voice in fearful times

Submitted

At a time when so many people feel exhausted by division, fear, and the inability to truly hear one another, Carmel author and longtime interfaith leader Jerry Zehr is inviting the community into a different kind of conversation.

On Sunday, May 31 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Carmel Clay Public Library Community Room, Zehr will launch his new book, *Sacred Rebel: Fierce Love in a Fearful World*.

Rather than a traditional author reading, the afternoon is designed as an open and engaging community conversation exploring courage, compassion, finding one's own voice, and how we stay connected across deep differences in today's culture.

Drawing from nearly 40 years in pastoral leadership and interfaith work in central Indiana, Zehr's book invites readers to rethink what strength, spirituality, and healing can look like in anxious times.

The event will include a few stories from the book, audience interaction, questions and discussion, and a book signing afterward.

Register at **carmelclaylibrary.org/event/16137692**. The library is located at 425 E. Main St., Carmel.

Readers can also explore the opening chapter and learn more about the book at **JerryZehr.com**.

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Real peony people don't mind a rain delay

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If you thought stormy weather could put a soft pedal on a peony-percolated weekend … boy, were you wrong! Thanks to quick thinking from Indiana Peony Festival organizers, the decision was made early Saturday morning, May 16 to push the party to Sunday. As your peepers can perceive from this picture, peony-lovers of all persuasions packed the park in Noblesville to get their fill of springtime fun. By the way, if you didn't make it to the merchandise tent, you can pick up peony apparel at tinyurl.com/ShopIPF2026. Thank you for another great Indiana Peony Festival. See you next May!

Comedy

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Comedian **Christy Conder** has performed at Zanies in Nashville as well as being the warm-up comedian for *The Huckabee Show* in Hendersonville, Tenn.

Find out more about Popcorn and Punchlines at **crchurch.org**. This free, family-friendly event is part of CrossRoads Church at Westfield's For Our Neighbor strategy to meet, know, enjoy, and serve the people of our local community.

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CrossRoads Church's next BIG event is their incredible Wild, Wild Westfield Fall Fest and Premier Chili Cook-Off, set for 4 to 7 p.m. Sept. 26, 2026, on the church's campus at 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield. It features Hamilton County's best chili, games and inflatables for children, live band music, and Manny the Mechanical Bull.

For the past 10 years, CrossRoads Church at Westfield has sponsored the popular February event, Pizza and Punchlines. The church also provides free pet food every first Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m., free Zumba every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m., Shepherd Center's Together Today for senior adults every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., a 24/7 food pantry, free Kids Coats give away in November, and Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based recovery program, every Thursday night from 6:15 to 9 p.m. on their campus at 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield.

Go online to **ForOurNeighbor.Life** for more information about CrossRoads Church's "For Our Neighbor" community outreach, or contact them at **ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com**.

Therapy

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Did you know that gardening has been proven to be therapeutic? It lowers stress, boosts your sense of well-being, and reduces anxiety. Any major life change can wreak havoc on your entire being, but especially a divorce.

There is something about getting your hands in the dirt, uncovering an earthworm, and planting something that brings promises for a better day. Beauty will eventually be found.

Over the 26 years since Patrice made me sweat and get dirty, I have learned to tend my yard and flower garden with great passion and plenty of sweat. In my flower garden, I have found that the anticipation of new growth and blossoms is just the therapy I need.

Waking up to my Rose of Sharon, enticing hummingbirds with its nectar, makes my heart smile. The beauty of the pink blossoms hugs my heart.

When the Redbird perches on my birdfeeder, I'm reminded of how God gave our family hope, when my dad was diagnosed with Stage 4 kidney cancer and lived almost 30 years after his diagnosis. I'll always look for a Redbird when I need hope.

And then there is Mulch Day. It's a day I look forward to every year. There is something about placing the mulch around my plants that is like tucking them into bed for the summer.

Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

Oh, and the squirrels aren't happy with me since I put a slinky on the bird feeder pole. The critters are always entertaining except for the raccoons. They are evil. I have stories and the insurance claims to prove that true.

It's not just the rain or the hose that has watered my flowers. My tears have added a bit of salty refreshment. I've been known to sing to my plants. "Consider the Lilies" is an old song that The Three of His Trio would sing on many Sundays at the Nazarene Church. Since my friend Barb's passing some nine months ago, that song and my tears have become more frequent as I work in my flower beds.

Patrice had no idea I would still need therapy all these years later. The gift of her friendship keeps on giving. This year, we went shopping for Viburnum and Hydrangea bushes. I will continue to tuck annuals into the flower beds each spring. My heart smiles and my soul sings, proving the therapy is working.

As I finish this week's column before I head out to mow, I plan on singing "Consider the Lilies" and "It is Well With My Soul." I just love going to therapy.

Patrice, you were right. I needed therapy and will continue to need it. A little sweat and dirt are good for the soul.

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Morales still "confident" he can win

Banks & Rokita drop their endorsements, Banks joins Spartz & Baird in backing Engling

By ASHLEY FOWLER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales is staying in the race and leaving his future up to the delegates at next month's Indiana Republican State Convention.

Morales

Morales, who last Thursday lost the endorsements of prominent Indiana Republicans, including U.S. Sen. Jim Banks and Attorney General Todd Rokita, said in a statement that he looks forward to the vote of GOP delegates in Fort Wayne:

Since I announced I was running for Indiana Secretary of State in November of 2020 my goal was to give delegates the choice at the convention.

I welcome more competition into this race, but that sentiment has not changed.

Delegates will decide who will be the Republican nominee for Indiana Secretary of State. The decision belongs in the hands and only the hands of Republican convention delegates and I'm confident I'll be renominated.

In addition to withdrawing his support for Morales, Sen. Banks also announced his endorsement of Max Engling, who announced his candidacy last Wednesday.

Banks, for whom Engling serves as a senior advisor, was direct in his support.

"Max Engling is a key member of my team and will make a great Secretary of State," Banks said in a release. "Max is a strong conservative who will keep our elections safe and secure, support Indiana small businesses and farmers, and he will win in November. He has my full and total support!"

Rokita, who said he spoke directly with Morales before issuing a statement, framed the shift as a matter of protecting the office from Democrats.

"The Secretary of State's office is too important to be lost to out-of-touch, left-wing Democrats who put Hoosiers last," Rokita said. "To that end, I have asked Diego to suspend his campaign. With so many self-inflicted wounds and issues, I now do not believe he can win in November."

The attorney general did not endorse Engling but encouraged delegates at the upcoming Indiana Republican Party Convention to "put Hoosiers first by allowing Engling to contact them and earn their support."

Both Banks and Rokita said they are thankful to Morales for his service, but believe the party must rally behind the strongest possible nominee heading into the fall.

Congressman Jim Baird (R-Ind.-04) on Thursday endorsed Engling, saying in a release, "Max understands the importance of protecting election integrity, supporting Indiana businesses, and delivering results for our state. This race is too important to risk, and Republicans must unite behind a strong candidate who can win in November. I'm proud to endorse Max Engling for Secretary of State."

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz, a Republican who represents Indiana's Fifth District, called on delegates to back Engling.

"I urge all of my fellow conservatives, libertarians, constitutionalists, fiscal hawks, and moderates within the Republican Party – and especially all of our convention delegates – to support Max Engling as our next nominee for Secretary of State," Max is a family man, a fighter, and someone who will work hard to help us defeat the radical left," Spartz said in a release.

Spartz went on to urge the other nominees to "unite in support of Max."

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Banks

Rokita

Spartz

State Treasurer Daniel Elliott calls on Diego Morales to resign

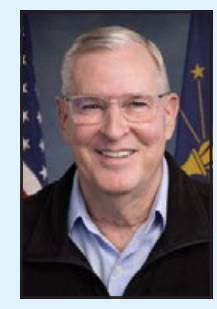
Elliott

"From allegations of corruption and mismanagement to the news that his own Chief of Staff was a non-citizen and illegally registered to vote, these failures have created a constant stream of controversy that has shattered confidence in the office.

"Indiana Republicans cannot continue asking voters to ignore conduct we would condemn anywhere else.

"I am calling on Diego Morales to resign immediately so the party and the state can move forward. It's time to unite behind a candidate Republicans can be proud to support."

Ballard & Bayh campaigns issue statements


Ballard

"This is what competitive elections do: create accountability where there hasn't been any before. Our presence has already changed the trajectory of this race. Both parties are now adjusting because of the Ballard campaign.

"The same Republicans who just months ago proudly endorsed Diego Morales have suddenly determined he's not fit to be their party's nominee. His issues were not a secret, but party insiders have been more concerned about protecting the Indiana GOP than the good people of this state. Sadly, that has not changed.

"On the Democratic side, Beau Bayh acknowledged in an interview released today that '[Secretary of State] really should be a nonpartisan role' and that 'one of the biggest problems in our politics … is the strident partisanship that we've seen kind of grip our politics.' He also said, 'We are trying to … have an independent voice in our Statehouse.' If he keeps talking like that, he might start getting mistaken for a slightly more handsome version of me.

"I'm proud that my campaign is already changing the conversation and creating the accountability Hoosiers so desperately need. Our team is more energized than ever."

– Greg Ballard, independent candidate for Secretary of State

"The corruption and insider dealing in Diego Morales's Secretary of State office has been going on for years. And yet, it wasn't the luxury SUVs he's purchased, or the international trips paid by unknown sources, or even the no-bid contracts for donors that finally earned him an opponent – it's a bunch of insiders realizing that Morales would probably lose to Beau Bayh in November.

"Now, insiders in DC and Indianapolis want to dictate how delegates should vote at the state GOP convention by throwing in a new candidate at the last minute. Beau will continue to campaign on returning integrity to this office and moving beyond the ugliness of today's politics. Hoosiers deserve better, and they'll get that with Beau Bayh as Secretary of State."

– Jack Tormoehlen, campaign manager for Beau Bayh for Indiana

Mercer

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Along with his achievements on the court, Mercer is an honors student at the Kelley School of Business, where he just graduated with a degree in Business Management and Marketing. He earned the Chancellor's Scholar distinction, one of the university's most prestigious academic recognitions. He has been an active member of the Kelley Indianapolis Marketing Association and the Honors College, and volunteered as a timekeeper at the Horizon League Swimming Championships.

His passion for tennis extends into the professional world as well. Mercer served as Social Media Manager for Cracked Racquets, a prominent tennis broadcasting outlet, where he managed all company social media accounts and co-led a team of interns. He worked courtside at the Cranbrook Tennis Classic in Michigan and interned at the Cincinnati Open, one of the most prestigious ATP tournaments and part of the Masters 1000 series.

Mercer is one of two award recipients this year, an honor that places him among a distinguished group of Jaguars who have embodied the full spirit of IU Indy Athletics, not only in competition but also in the classroom and throughout the community.

Flexibility meets opportunity: Elwood Community Schools launches Nexus Academy

The REPORTER

Elwood Community Schools has announced the launch of Elwood Nexus Academy, a flexible online learning option designed to meet the needs of today's students while keeping them connected to real-world opportunities and local support.

Serving students in grades 7 through 12, Elwood Nexus Academy combines online coursework with the support and opportunities families want from a public school program. Students can work from home while still having access to career and technical education pathways through Hinds Career Center, opportunities for athletics and extracurricular involvement based on eligibility, and ongoing guidance from local staff.

Unlike many fully online programs, Elwood Nexus Academy focuses on flexibility without sacrificing accountability, student growth, or future readiness.

"As a parent, I know how important it is to find the right fit for your child," Academy Director Julie Wrin said. "Elwood Nexus Academy gives students flexibility, but it also gives families peace of mind knowing their student still has support, accountability, and opportunities close to home."

The program provides students with a Chromebook and charger, flexible pacing, and progress monitoring designed to help students stay on track while building important life skills such as time management, responsibility, and independence.

Elwood Nexus Academy is open to students both inside and outside the Elwood community. Families interested in learning more about Elwood Nexus Academy can visit the program website, complete the interest/application form, or contact the school directly with questions.

Learn more at **elwood.k12.in.us/elwood-nexus-academy**.

Meals

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According to Sturges, the majority of their clients are in Noblesville and Fishers, but they also serve people in Carmel, Westfield, Sheridan, Cicero, Arcadia, Fortville, Zionsville, Lapel, and Atlanta.

Fundraisers like the one coming up in June provide almost one-third of the annual funding.

The June 8 golf outing is presented by First Merchants Bank in Westfield. Participants will enjoy a round of golf, breakfast, lunch, a silent auction, and an awards ceremony, with proceeds directly funding medically tailored meals to the elderly or those with disabilities, facing food insecurities, or unable to prepare food for themselves, for both short- and long-term needs in Hamilton County.

This event will build on the strong momentum generated during its first two years. Backed by continued community support and growing enthusiasm, organizers expect this year's outing to be the biggest yet. Last year's event delivered an unforgettable highlight when a hole-in-one earned one lucky participant a brand-new Mazda CX-50. The moment added to an already memorable day on the course and reflected the excitement and strong community spirit that continue to make the event a favorite among participants and supporters.

"Every round played in the Al Haimbach Memorial Golf Classic helps drive our mission forward," CEO/Executive Director Tricia Hudson said. "This event brings our community together in support of neighbors who rely on us every day. Each golfer, sponsor, and volunteer helps ensure that seniors and individuals in need across Hamilton County receive the nourishing meals and caring connections they deserve."

The event also offers a variety of sponsorship opportunities, allowing businesses and individuals to support the cause while gaining visibility in the community. Those interested in participating, sponsoring, or donating silent auction items can call (317) 776-7159 or visit **mealsonwheelshc.org/golf-outing** for more details.

All are welcome to join Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County on June 8 for a day of golf with a purpose and help ensure that seniors and residents with disabilities in Hamilton County continue to receive the nutritious meals they depend on.

You can learn more at **MealsOnWheelsHC.org**. There you will find handy links if you'd like to donate or become one of more than 400 volunteers.

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(From left) Max Arnold, Aiden Caddell, Rebecca Garber, and Jude Naville won national recognition for their story, "Perils of Parlays," published in the March 24, 2025, issue of *Mill Stream*.

Team of Noblesville student journalists wins national award

Submitted

Four student journalists from Noblesville High School won top honors on Thursday, May 15 at the 2026 National Federation of Press Women's (NFPW) annual high school communications contest.

"Perils of Parlays" is the cover story for the March 24, 2025, issue of *Mill Stream*. The story was written by Max Arnold, Aiden Caddell, Rebecca Garber, and Jude Naville. The story also won first place in the sports writing category of the national contest before being selected as the best entry in the national contest.

Mill Stream is the newsmagazine produced by the student journalists of Noblesville High School. The "Perils" story offered readers a look into the rapidly expanding world of online sports betting, and how sports books have recently found methods to target teen gamblers. This is an audience that is legally prohibited from the gambling world, but betting corporations have developed systems that allow younger students to bypass the systems that are supposed to prevent them from wagering. The story looks at how online gambling addiction is rapidly becoming a national health crisis, and how teenagers are particularly vulnerable targets for unscrupulous wagering corporations.

"Our student journalists tackled an important and urgent story that was incredibly challenging to report and write," Noblesville High School Journalism Adviser Joe Akers said. "They had to navigate issues like how to refer to the students they spoke to, who were technically breaking the law, and in some cases, showing signs of gambling addiction. They aggressively pursued the local and state lawmakers who ignored the issue, and who refused to cooperate with the story. They worked to clearly explain the complex, confusing processes that teens use to slip through the cracks in the systems that are supposed to protect them from the online corporations looking to scam them out of their, and in many cases their parents', money."

Akers continued, "The story that resulted from their efforts shines a light on a secretive world that many readers had no idea existed. It's a story that's as smart and well-crafted as any piece done by any professional publication out there, and Max, Aiden, Jude, and Becca are deserving of every accolade they receive for their work."

Mill Stream's magazine and website, **MillerMediaNow.org**, are recipients of multiple state and national awards, including the prestigious Hoosier Star designation from the Indiana High School Press Association.

"Scholastic journalism is done right in Joe Akers' program in Noblesville," said Elizabeth Granger, director of Indiana's high school journalism competition. "His students are curious, courageous, tenacious, thorough and ethical in covering difficult topics – topics that readers need to know about but are too often not covered. Congratulations to Noblesville's young journalists and their adviser."

The entry competed against nearly 2,000 student entries in this national contest sponsored by the NFPW Education Fund. Student entries first competed in a statewide communication contest. First-place winners were selected to advance to the national round of competition. In states where a contest was not offered, NFPW hosted an at-large contest with the first-place winners also advancing to the national competition. The first-place winning entries all 23 categories in the contest then are judged by new judges who selected the Noblesville High School entry as the "Best of the Best" entry.

National first-place winning entries receive a $100 prize, and the Best of the Best award prize is $500.

More than just flags

Kiwanis Club of Westfield supports kids & families

Submitted

In honor of Memorial Day, residents across Westfield have seen American flags proudly displayed throughout neighborhoods as part of the Kiwanis Club of Westfield's Avenue of Flags program. For many families, the flags have become a meaningful tradition and visible reminder of gratitude, remembrance, and community pride.

This year feels especially meaningful as our nation begins recognizing the upcoming 250th anniversary of America. The Kiwanis Avenue of Flags program serves as a reminder that some of the best things happen when a community comes together.

What many people may not realize is that the Kiwanis is entirely volunteer driven. Early in the morning, late at night, and on lunch breaks, Kiwanis members and volunteers work together to place and retrieve thousands of flags throughout Westfield. It is a labor of love that helps support Kiwanis programs and projects benefiting children and families in Westfield.

Avenue of Flags represents what Kiwanis is all about. It is people coming together, serving others, and creating something bigger than themselves. Especially as we begin recognizing America's 250th anniversary, it feels like a good reminder that strong communities are built when people show up for one another.

Kiwanis is a global organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, and the Kiwanis Club of Westfield works year-round to support local kids and families through service projects, partnerships, and community outreach.

As another Avenue of Flags season begins, residents can not only enjoy seeing the flags throughout Westfield, but also recognize the volunteers behind them and the impact this Kiwanis program helps make possible.

If you are interested in volunteering, learning more about Kiwanis, or checking out a meeting, please reach out or attend a meeting. The Kiwanis Club of Westfield meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

For more information, email **kiwaniswestfield@gmail.com**.

Indiana launches investigations into potential gas price gouging

By TIM SPEARS
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Indiana Attorney General's Office has launched investigations into more than two dozen major fuel retailers for price gouging.

Attorney General Todd Rokita said he's received more than 170 consumer complaints for gas price gouging. Those complaints, along with the state's own monitoring, have led to more than 30 formal investigations and 100 additional inquiries into Indiana retailers.

"That's not the end of the story, that's the beginning of it," Rokita said during a press conference last Thursday, promising to follow through with any necessary enforcement. "The crisis is quick, and we're reacting to it. But the cleanup at the end of this might take a little bit longer."

Rokita

Rokita's office previously told I-Team it hadn't received any complaints from consumers in 2025 related to gas price gouging, and none in 2026 through April 8, when Gov. Mike Braun declared an energy emergency.

The emergency declaration suspended Indiana's gasoline use tax and excise tax to help with soaring costs driven by the conflict in Iran. Indiana's Fuel Price Gouging law prohibits price gouging for fuel products during a declared emergency.

Rokita said his office has issued Civil Investigative Demands in situations where it seems retailers charged too much. "That causes me to ask further questions," Rokita said. "When did you buy the fuel load that caused that price to bump up?"

Rokita said his office is actively monitoring more than 4,600 fuel retailers. Any caught price gouging could be fined for each individual violation. Rokita said the law gives the state five years to seek punishment.

Price gouging complaints can be submitted to the Attorney General's Office.

Gov. Braun has extended the "gas tax holiday" through June 7, which should give drivers a total discount of about 12.4 percent on gas.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at **wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/indiana-fuel-retailers-price-gouging**.*

Noblesville Schools considers continuation of operating referendum

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools announced Wednesday, May 20 that district officials are considering a continuation of the operating referendum, which is set to expire at the end of 2026.

Hile

The district has had referendums providing operational funding for schools for the last 16 years. If a new referendum is not approved, approximately $25 million per year in funding, which is about 20 percent of the district's operating budget, will expire at the end of 2026.

Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile shared an analysis of the district's financial state at the May 19 school board meeting, noting that the school is considering a proposed referendum.

"The cost of running our schools continues to increase at a time when state and local tax revenues are decreasing, and the funding gap continues to grow," Dr. Hile said. "Referendum funding is central to being able to deliver the types of services our community expects for students."

The school board is expected to vote at the June 9 meeting on whether to formally pursue a November 2026 community referendum vote. Should the board decide to move forward with a community vote, the district will provide comprehensive details regarding the referendum proposal.

You can find a video of Hile's presentation at **tinyurl.com/yc5b5yc3**.

To learn more about Noblesville Schools finances visit **noblesvilleschools.org/dollarsandsense**.

Beef & Boards announces cast for Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*

The REPORTER

Two Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre newcomers will star in the magical fairy tale *Cinderella,* opening May 28. The enchanting Rodgers & Hammerstein musical is the Family Show of Beef & Boards' 2026 Season.

Impossible things happen every day in the wonderfully imaginative world of fairy tales. Pumpkins become carriages, the most beautiful ball gown appears with the wave of a wand, and it takes just one dance to fall in love. Cinderella discovers all this and more in this enchanting tale, perfectly paired with the musical styling of Rodgers and Hammerstein. The incomparable duo originally wrote their version for television in 1957, with Julie Andrews as Cinderella. It was recreated in 1965 with Lesley Ann Warren, and again for a new generation in 1997, starring Brandy as Cinderella with Whitney Houston as her Fairy Godmother.

Now that magic comes to the stage starring two Beef & Boards newcomers: Grace Ellis Solomon as Cinderella and Carmine Mastrokostas as Prince Charming. Returnign to the Beef & Boards stage to join them are Craig Underwood (*Heartbreak Hotel, The Little Mermaid, Fiddler on the Roof*) as the King, Karen Pappas (*Church Basement Ladies, Grumpy Old Men, It's A Wonderful Life*) as the Queen, Amdanda Butterbaugh (*The Addams Family, Nunsense*) as Stepmother, and Chanel Edwards-Frederick (*Waitress*) as the Fairy Godmother.

Cinderella is directed by Elizabeth Stark Payne and choreographed by Sally Scharbrough.

As Beef & Boards' 2026 Family Show, *Cinderella* tickets for children ages 3 to 15 receive a $10 discount.

Tickets are currently on sale exclusively through Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre at **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.

Cinderella is on stage for 56 performances through July 12. Every performance includes the family-friendly dinner buffet, including Beef & Boards' signature roast beef, along with coffee, tea, or lemonade. Gourmet desserts and bar beverages are available for purchase.

Graphic provided by Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

This Rodgers & Hammerstein classic is Beef & Boards' 2026 Family Show, with $10 discounts off regular-priced tickets for children ages 3 to 15.

Cinderella is rated G and sponsored in part by Indy's Child.

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

Tri Kappa Beta Epsilon Chapter announces scholarship winners

Submitted by Sandy Lynch

The Beta Epsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa announces the recipients of its 2026 scholarship awards.

Throughout the year, Beta Epsilon members work diligently to raise funds for philanthropic projects that support the local community, with one of the chapter's largest fundraising events being its annual BINGO fundraiser. Proceeds from these events help provide scholarships to outstanding local students who excel academically, artistically, and through service to others.

This year's scholarship recipients represent a remarkable group of young leaders:

• Academic Scholarship – Paela Madsen, Noblesville High School, $3,000

• Community Service Scholarships – Allie Thompson, Noblesville High School, and Soren McLaughlin, Noblesville High School, $1,500 each

• Health Services Scholarship – Ansley Applegate Noblesville High School, $1,000

• Future Educator Scholarships – Addison Thompson, Noblesville High School, and Jackson Cantlon, Hamilton Heights High School, $1,000 cach

• Arion Band Scholarship – Nayelli Gelfo

• Arion Choir Scholarship – Matthew Hunt

• Arion Orchestra Scholarship – Hailey Gibbons

Arion Winners receive $100, a medal, a lapel pin and their names are entered on a plaque at Noblesville High School.

Beta Epsilon members are honored to support these deserving students as they continue their educational journeys and pursue their future goals. The chapter also thanks the community for its continued support of Tri Kappa fundraising events, which make these scholarships possible each year.

Tri Kappa remains committed to promoting charity, culture, and education throughout Hamilton County and looks forward to continuing its tradition of investing in the next generation of community leaders.

Harris named assistant director at Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Board of Trustees recently approved the appointment of Asheley Harris as Before and After Care (BAC) Assistant Director at the Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center (ELC) during its meeting on Tuesday, May 12.

Harris

Harris will support students, staff, and families through leadership at the ELC and BAC programs while helping strengthen learning experiences for WWS's littlest Shamrocks.

Harris currently serves as a K-5 Instructional Coach at White River Elementary in Noblesville, a role she has held since June 2021. In her current position, she facilitates Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), supports MTSS implementation, leads professional development, mentors staff, and works alongside educators to strengthen student outcomes through data-informed instructional practices.

Prior to serving as an instructional coach, Harris taught kindergarten, second grade, and third grade at Noble Crossing Elementary in Noblesville. She also previously served as a first and second grade teacher at Hazel Dell Elementary and a fourth-grade teacher at River Eves Elementary in Roswell, Ga.

Harris brings 20 years of experience in diverse and high-needs elementary environments with a background in instructional leadership, student support systems, staff coaching, and family engagement. She earned her Master of Education in Mathematics Specialist Education from Ball State University in 2013 and will complete her Building Level Administrator License through Ball State University in spring 2026.

Reflecting on her new role, Harris said:

"I am incredibly excited to join the Early Learning Center as an assistant principal and continue supporting students, teachers, and families during such an important stage of learning and growth. This opportunity allows me to combine my passion for early childhood education with my desire to serve and lead on a broader level.

"My main focus will be building strong relationships with students, families, and staff while creating supportive, engaging, and consistent experiences through both early learning leadership and high-quality before and after school care programs. I look forward to partnering with each school to best support their unique needs and help ensure seamless, successful programs where every child feels connected, safe, and set up for long-term success."

ELC leaders shared their excitement about Harris joining the team and the impact she will make within the programs.

"I am thrilled that Asheley will be joining our team," said Maggie Hultman, incoming Assistant Director at the ELC. "Asheley's collaborative focus and commitment to building strong relationships and fostering a positive culture makes her a wonderful addition to our programs."

Caylie Dicken, Incoming Director of the ELC, said, "We are excited to have Asheley join the team at the ELC and BAC. Asheley's experience with instructional coaching and her genuine enthusiasm are going to be an excellent resource for WWS. We are looking forward to seeing Asheley's skill set in action to mentor staff and engage with students and families at BAC and ELC."

Forming young Rocks into National Math Stars

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools has announced that 20 second- and third-grade students have qualified for the National Math Stars (NMS) program.

The Indiana Department of Education has partnered with National Math Stars to formally recognize exceptional mathematical talent across Indiana. ILEARN assessment data reports that these students scored within the top 2 percent of third-grade math learners.

"The Reveal Math Curriculum provides many opportunities for differentiated instruction for my students," Third-grade teacher Melissa Shaffer said. "What makes WWS great though is the way our teams collaborate to use the resources effectively and intentionally tailor instruction for our students."

NMS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving extraordinary math students from all communities. Every year, the nation's highest performing second and third grade students are nominated to apply for one of its free long-term support programs. Program supports are tailored to each student's family.

Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Congratulations to these students on their achievements. As they grow in their math skills, they become more Life Ready every day.

"This recognition is an exciting celebration of the talent and potential of our young learners in WWS," said Dr. Krystal Thompson, EL & High Ability Coordinator. "Being identified as National Math Stars reflects not only the students' achievement and perseverance, but also the support and encouragement they receive from their teachers and families each day. We are incredibly proud of these young mathematicians and all they have accomplished."

Congratulate the following students for their outstanding efforts:

- Oluwafolahanmi Abayomi
- Owen Bennett
- Sophia Feest
- Grant Huntwork
- Elijah Johnston
- Andrew Kemp
- Flynn Menke
- Kailash Narne
- Preston Rydzinski
- Adelaide Serrahn
- Shamshuddeen Shaik
- Paige Wilson

Westfield Washington Schools thanks 23 retirees

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Congratulations to Westfield Washington Schools' (WWS) 2026 retirees.

Combined, this incredible group has given more than 550 years of service to Westfield students and the community. These retirees include administrative professionals, teachers, instructional assistants, counselors, office staff, bus drivers, maintenance, and security. During their time at Westfield they have lived out the Life Ready mission every day.

Thank you to the following educators for their dedication to WWS:

- Donna Benedict: Office Staff/Instructional Assistant at ELC, 16 years
- Mark Capin: Teacher at WMS, 40 years
- Ken Crist: Bus Driver, 22 years
- Marci Derado: Administration at ELC, 37 years
- John French: Maintenance/Facilities, 34 years
- Catherine Gray: Office Staff/Instructional Assistant at SSES, 17 years
- Robb Hedges: Administration at MGES, WIS, and SSES, 30 years
- Dirk Harris: Security at WHS, 16 years
- Jami Harris: Instructional Assistant at OTES, 19 years
- Rhonda Johnson: Teacher at WMS, 20 years
- Nawal Kahoush: Food Service at WMS, 20 years
- Dawn Knight: Teacher at WHS, 32 years
- Laurie Lawry: Teacher at SSES, 29 years
- Jennifer Norton: Teacher at MTES, 24 years
- Elaine Oldham: Teacher at WW, 9 years
- Anne Petersen: Teacher at MTES, 19 years
- Pam Pickett: Teacher at CRES, 40 years
- Stephanie Rokop: Teacher at WHS, 16 years
- Tara-Lynne Sinicki: Teacher at SSES, 18 years
- Christy Ulsas: Counselor at WHS, 17 years
- Ray Wagner: Bus Driver, 13 years
- Tammy Wilcox: Bus Driver, 29 years

Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

- Frank Woten: Maintenance/Facilities, 41 years

WWS and the entire Westfield community recognizes your legacy of unwavering commitment to meeting the needs of every student. Thanks to the incredible connections you have made with students, you have had a lasting positive impact on young learners' lives.

All the best during this new season of your lives.

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Tolley

Strang

Three from Westfield Clerk-Treasurer's office earn international status

The REPORTER

Three Westfield city officials have earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC), which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), Inc. They are:

- Clerk-Treasurer Marla Ailor
- Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debra "Debby" Tolley, who also serves as the Accounts Payable Manager
- Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Kim Strang, who also serves as the Records Manager

IIMC grants the CMC designation only to municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements and have a record of significant contributions to their local government, community, and state.

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks, founded in 1947, has 14,000 members throughout the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries, and the mission of this global non-profit corporation is to enhance the educational opportunities and professional development of its diverse membership.

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Westfield High School students showcase innovation & entrepreneurial thinking

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield High School (WHS) students demonstrated creativity, collaboration, and entrepreneurial thinking during the 2026 WHS Innovation Competition, a multi-round experience in which students transform ideas into real-world solutions.

What began six years ago with just three student teams has grown into one of the district's signature Life Ready learning experiences. This year, more than 83 student teams participated in the competition, developing products, services, and business ideas while building skills in communication, leadership, problem-solving, and innovation.

During the April 23 Innovation Competition Luncheon, hosted by the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, students presented their ideas to community and business leaders as part of the second round of competition. VitaFlex+ was named the luncheon winner and received $1,300 to invest back into its innovation.

The top five teams advancing to the final round included:

- VitaFlex+
- Pocket Polish
- Templ
- cleanoutcashin
- NeoBait

The competition concluded May 12 with the final round at WHS, where students pitched their ideas before judges and community partners.

Congratulations to the following student teams for earning top honors:

- VitaFlex+, by Liv Bates and Samantha Foster: $8,800 awarded throughout the competition
- Templ, by John Bunch and Nick McKeown: $1,300 awarded
- CleanOut & CashIn, by Adrian Feltrinelli: $1,200 awarded

"Watching the growth of this program, and more importantly, the growth of our students, has been incredible," said WHS Business teacher John Moore in a Linkedin post. "[We're] proud of every student who stepped outside their comfort zone, took a risk, and shared an idea. The future is in good hands!"

Mayor Scott Willis addressed students during the event, sharing encouragement about the role students will play in shaping the future of the Westfield community. Attendees also heard from Westfield Middle School Project Lead the Way (PLTW) teacher Jeff Crist and seventh-grade student Will Sevick, who highlighted the importance of innovation and problem-solving at every age. Read more about their 3-D printed prosthetic project at **tinyurl.com/y78tvf9p**.

Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

The winners of the final round were (from top) VitaFlex+, Templ, and CleanOut & CashIn.

The district thanks the many sponsors, judges, and partners whose continued support helps make the program possible, including:

- Elements Financial
- Indiana Members Credit Union
- Skender
- Gaylor Electric
- Homes with Laura
- Beau Benjamin Realty Group
- Butler University Lacy School of Business
- City of Westfield
- Community First Bank of Indiana
- EdgeRock Development

The WHS Innovation Competition continues to demonstrate what is possible when schools, businesses, and the community work together to invest in student excellence and create meaningful Life Ready learning experiences.

Photos by Allison Wait

Sheridan High School Class of 2026 speeding out

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Tuesday, May 12, the Sheridan High School Class of 2026 made the most of their Senior Day.

Seniors began the day by walking the halls with the future Class of 2038 and ended the day by helping clean and beautify the town's parks. The seniors definitely showed what it means to leave a legacy behind.

Over that week, seniors have also been showing off all their hard work. SHS Senior Boards were on display at the high school from May 12 to 20. Since mid-April, seniors have been working on their boards, which consist of a three-panel display and a book that highlights and recounts their high school experience. From photos to quotes to everything that the students love and miss, students shared the highlights.

Finally, on the evening of May 12, students were honored at Senior Awards Night for the scholarships and other awards they have received. Congratulations to those seniors who worked hard to gain those accomplishments.

This year's commencement ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 30 in the Larry Hobbs Memorial Gym.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 and good luck on your future endeavors!

Donors needed to help Cicero Parks purchase new 50-foot flagpole

By EMILY PEARSON
Cicero Friends of the Park

The Cicero Parks Department is looking to purchase a 50-foot flagpole and install it near the water's edge in Red Bridge Park. Our intent would be to fly a 10-by-15-foot flag on a daily basis, and to fly an oversized flag on holidays.

On holidays, the American Legion currently puts out many flags throughout downtown and across the causeway. It is quite an impressive sight if you have never seen it! We are hoping to make this flag visible from the causeway and across the lake. We will light the flagpole with high-quality ground lights for added visibility at night. It is our intent for this to become a statement piece in our community.

The list below is some of the costs for this project.

- $14,760: flag
- $2,000: lighting
- $4,000: concrete and seating area yet to be determined (approximate cost)
- $2,000: signage, advertising, promotions, overage costs
- Total: $22,760

We have tentative commitments from the following.

- American Legion: $5,000
- Cicero Friends of the Park: $7,100
- Private Donor: $3,000
- Total: $15,100

As you can see, we are still substantially short of our goal, but we are working to raise additional funds for this project. If we can raise the funds in a timely manner, we will try to get the pole and lights installed as soon as possible. We will then look for and plan for a dedication ceremony. Our intent is to have signage at the flagpole site naming donors and contributions.

Thank you for your consideration and any help you can give us. Cicero Friends of the Park is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and donations are tax deductible.

Keep in touch with Cicero Friends of the Park at **Facebook.com/cfotp** and at **cfotp.org**.

Schmicker

Huffines

Henderson

Achieva sets up corporate headquarters in Tipton

Submitted by City of Tipton

Tipton city officials have announced that Achieva Inc. has established its new corporate headquarters in Tipton, marking an important economic development win for the community and reinforcing the city's commitment to attracting businesses aligned with its long-term strategic vision.

Achieva Inc. is an agriculture-focused training, communication, and learning technology company that has been producing and managing innovative sales, product and stewardship programs for almost three decades. The company specializes in customized knowledge platforms designed to serve agriculture audiences, helping inform, inspire, and influence growers, retailers, and other industry stakeholders. As a leader in innovative training technologies, Achieva is an "edutainment" pioneer, combining education, engagement, and technology to deliver measurable results for its clients.

The company's decision to locate its corporate headquarters in Tipton represents a significant investment in the community and reflects the city's focus on building strong partnerships with businesses that complement the region's existing strengths.

"Achieva's decision to establish its corporate headquarters in Tipton is an exciting milestone for our city," Mayor Kegan Schmicker said. "This investment speaks to the value of our community, our location, and our willingness to work collaboratively with businesses that see opportunity here. We are proud to welcome Achieva to Tipton and look forward to supporting their continued success."

City officials noted that the attraction of Achieva aligns closely with Tipton's evolving economic development strategy, which has placed renewed emphasis on pursuing industry sectors that build upon the community's agricultural heritage and related economic opportunities.

"This project is exactly the type of opportunity we have been working to cultivate," said Collin Huffines, Director of Special Projects for the City of Tipton. "Our refocused economic development strategy is centered on identifying industries that make sense for Tipton, and ag-based businesses are a natural fit. Achieva's presence here validates that approach and gives us momentum as we continue that work."

Achieva leadership also expressed enthusiasm about the company's future in Tipton and the opportunity to grow from a community that values partnership and progress.

"Tipton is the right place for Achieva's next chapter," said Terry Henderson, president and owner of Achieva Inc. "We are excited to celebrate our company's 30th anniversary in building our new corporate headquarters and being part of a community that understands the value of innovation, relationships, and agriculture. We appreciate the city's support and look forward to building something meaningful in Tipton."

The attraction of Achieva Inc. stands as the first major success of the city's refocused economic development strategy, which aims to attract and leverage ag-based industry as a catalyst for long-term growth. By aligning recruitment efforts with community strengths and regional assets, the City of Tipton is positioning itself to build a stronger, more resilient local economy.

Rabbits, chickens & horses, oh my!

By CASH CAMPERELLI
Husky 4-H'ers Club Reporter

On Wednesday, May 13, the Husky 4-H'ers began our meeting with the pledges and then got down to business.

Lauren Happel filled three roles by serving as President and then giving both the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports. Zuri Ebigbo shared a Devotion about courage, and Sophia Camperelli gave a Health and Safety demonstration about fire safety, including what to keep away from a fire and how far back to stand.

We then voted on several items, including whether to donate money to the Food and Animal Auction, and the motion passed. We also voted on whether to donate money for photos at the 4-H Fair, and the vote also passed.

Our trivia question for the night was, "When was Health added to the 4 H's?" The correct answer was 1911 (wow!), and McKinsey Allen won that.

Next, Chiamaka Ebigbo demonstrated how to hold a rabbit properly. She taught us how to cover its eyes so it wouldn't be scared and why you hold rabbits a certain way. We also got to pet the rabbit, whose name was Axel.

This month our guest speaker was Mrs. Fouch, one of our club leaders. She talked to us about chickens (along with bringing a real chicken). She taught us some interesting facts about her chicken, such as where her chicken originated from and what class it was in. Then she shared a really cool fact: the older a chicken gets, the whiter its legs get!

After we got to pet Mrs. Fouch's Buff Orpington chicken, Goldie, Natalie Knapp gave a demonstration on horse saddles, such as the parts of a saddle and why some saddles look the way they look. She also taught us how to get on and off a horse.

After that, Chiamaka Ebigbo and Natalie Knapp led us in two games. The first was Hula-Hoop Toss, where teams must hold hands and work together to pass a hula hoop from one end to the other. But the catch: you can't use your hands! After a round of that, Chiamaka and Natalie taught us how to play Hula-Hoop Beanbag Toss, where players must toss a beanbag into a hula hoop to advance their hoop till they reach the end.

After a couple of heated, exciting rounds, we ended the meeting with snacks. But while some members were ending things, this reporter was starting some. Now, what you are about to read is the product of what this reporter did with some of his spare time.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you: The Dirt!

Our question for this meeting was "What has been your favorite part of the meeting so far this year?" Here are the responses from a few of our Husky 4-Hers:

"Learning about what the guest speakers are talking about." – Nathaniel Leonard

"The ice cream sundae at the beginning." – Eliza Allen

"Petting the bunny." – Eleanor Brown

Photos provided by Husky 4-H'ers Club

(ABOVE LEFT) McKinsey Allen won the trivia prize for knowing when "Health" was added to the 4 H's. (ABOVE CENTER) Mrs. Elizabeth Fouch with Goldie the Buff Orpington. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Ebigbo sisters petting Goldie the chicken.

Photos provided by Husky 4-H'ers Club

(ABOVE LEFT) Natalie Knapp with her Western saddle. (ABOVE RIGHT) Our Club Reporter hard at work.

HSE High School teacher selected for prestigious Supreme Court Summer Institute

Submitted by HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) High School social studies teacher Lindsay Mahan has been selected to attend the prestigious Supreme Court Summer Institute in Washington, D.C., this June after a highly competitive national application process. Only 60 educators from across the country were chosen to participate in the program this year.

Mahan

The institute, now in its 31st year, is co-sponsored by Street Law, Inc. and the Supreme Court Historical Society and is designed for educators in law-related and civic education. Participants study recent Supreme Court cases, collaborate with legal scholars and Supreme Court advocates, and explore innovative teaching strategies that bring constitutional law and civic engagement to life in the classroom.

Mahan said the opportunity directly connects to the work already happening in her classroom at Hamilton Southeastern High School.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be selected for the Supreme Court Teacher Institute and so grateful for this opportunity," Mahan said. "I applied for this professional development because my students get so interested in Supreme Court decisions. They have so many great questions and share thoughtful opinions about the rulings, so I wanted to learn how to better utilize court cases in the classroom and hopefully build more simulations and authentic experiences for students to learn from."

She added that helping students understand government and civic responsibility remains a major focus of her teaching.

"Helping students understand how the government operates and how the system impacts their lives is a goal of mine, and I'm hoping this opportunity will continue to help the students of HSE grow into civically minded and active members of the community," Mahan said.

In addition to this national recognition, Mahan was recently named HSE High School's Teacher of the Year and was also selected as a district-level High School Teacher of the Year finalist.

Mahan's selection reflects HSE Schools' commitment to meaningful, real-world learning experiences that help students connect what they learn in the classroom to the world around them.

Ivy Tech Hamilton County holds fifth Commencement Ceremony

Kelly Gunn & Bob DuBois receive honorary degrees

Submitted

On Friday, May 8, the Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County campus celebrated the accomplishments of its students during two milestone events: the fifth annual Commencement Ceremony and Nursing Pinning Ceremony for its fifth cohort of nurses.

Commencement was hosted at the Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile. Graduates from a wide range of academic programs were celebrated during the 2026 Commencement Ceremony, where families, faculty, and community members gathered to applaud the newest class of credentialed professionals and degree earners. This ceremony marked the fifth year since Ivy Tech Hamilton County became an independent service area.

"Commencement is more than a ceremony; it is a celebration of perseverance, growth, and the promise of what comes next," Chancellor Rachel Kartz said. "Our graduates have balanced work, family, and countless responsibilities while pursuing their education, and today we celebrate not only their achievements, but the impact they will make in Hamilton County and beyond. We are incredibly proud to call them Ivy Tech alumni."

Outstanding Student Award winners included:

- Charlie Satterfield, School of Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering, and Applied Sciences
- Ying Xiao, School of Arts, Sciences, and Education
- Cole Elisea, School of Business, Logistics, and Supply Chain
- Cybill Chifodya, School of Health Sciences
- Madison Schultz, School of Information Technology
- Delaney Witt, School of Nursing
- Emmalea LaPeer, School of Public Affairs and Social Services

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Ivy Tech Hamilton County Chancellor Rachel Kartz (left) speaks before bestowing honorary degrees upon Kelly Gunn (center) and Bob DuBois (right).

Honorary Degrees were presented to Kelly Gunn, Director of Jail Programming at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and to Bob DuBois, President and CEO of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. Both recipients were praised for their continued support of higher education and the workforce and valuable partnership with Ivy Tech and the community.

The College also celebrated faculty excellence with the following recognitions:

- Dr. Bryan Zingg was honored with the Outstanding Faculty Award and served as the evening's Grand Marshal.
- Christopher Gray received the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award, highlighting his commitment to student learning.

Earlier in the day, the Campus hosted the Nursing Pinning Ceremony, honoring the most recent class of graduates from the Ivy Tech Hamilton County nursing program. The pinning ceremony, a time-honored tradition in the nursing profession, symbolizes the transition from student to nurse and the pledge to compassionate, ethical care. This class marked the fifth group of students to complete the full nursing program on the Hamilton County campus.

Speakers at commencement included Senior Vice President and Provost of Ivy Tech Community College, Dr. Stacy Atkinson, who shared an inspirational charge to the graduates.

"Where you go matters, but how you show up matters more," Atkinson said. "In your workplaces, your communities, and your families, be the person who brings effort, integrity and a willingness to help others succeed."

Also addressing the class of 2026 was Student Leadership Academy and Human Services graduate Crystal Burger, who shared a story of personal resilience.

"Returning to school at 45 years old was one of the most intimidating and empowering decisions I have ever made," Burger said, "but Ivy Tech provided more than an education. It provided belief, it provided structure. It provided community."

The Spirit of '76 marks 250 years of freedom

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (II Corinthians 3:17)

GUEST COLUMNIST

NATE LaMAR

As our nation is about to celebrate its Semiquincentennial, or 250th anniversary, it brings back childhood memories of "The Spirit of '76."

Growing up with both parents as teachers, they instilled in me a deep respect for our nation's heritage. Knowing that Revolutionary War sites would be too crowded in the Bicentennial year, it was in Summer 1975 that we made a family vacation to Virginia. This included Yorktown National Battlefield, Williamsburg, Jamestown, the Shirley, Berkley, and Westover plantations, President Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, and a family cemetery in Staunton.

About this time, I learned of Revolutionary War ancestors from my father's side of the family. They included Virginia Militia Captain Reuben Harrison and Captain Absalom James LaMar, whose family's homestead in Golden Beach, Md., saw British Revolutionary war soldiers riding horses through the house searching for him! These qualified my father, brother, and me for membership in Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). More recently, my mother became a member of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) after researching details of two of her ancestors, Lieutenant James Higgins and Private Jesse Womack, both of whom also served in the Virginia Militia.

As my forebears served in militias of their colonies, it reminds me that the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps actually pre-date our independence! In June 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the enlistment of expert riflemen from such militias to serve the United Colonies. Then in 1784, the Congress of the Confederation officially established the US Army.

In October 1775, the Continental Congress authorized creation of the Continental Navy to intercept British supply ships. Then the Naval Act of 1794 authorized construction of six original frigates and officially established the U.S. Navy.

In November 1775, the Continental Congress established the Continental Marines to serve as infantry troops capable of fighting on land or sea during the American Revolution. They became the U.S. Marine Corps.

In 1790, an original 10 cutters were built and became the Revenue Cutter Service. In 1915, it was merged with the U.S. Life-Saving Service to form the U.S. Coast Guard.

Originally known as the Army Air Service, then the Army Air Corps, then the U.S. Army Air Forces, it was in 1947 that the U.S. Air Force was officially established as a separate branch. Then, growing out of the Air Force, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2019 created the U.S. Space Force. For our freedom, we can thank these six branches of the armed services!

Whether your family has been here 400 years or four years, whether you are a veteran or not, this year we will see many America 250 events take place throughout the country. I urge you to take your children and grandchildren not only to sites where Revolutionary War history took place, but also to attend America 250 events closer to home. Please instill in them "The Spirit of '76!"

Nate LaMar, a career international manager, serves as Military Academy Liaison Officer (West Point recruiter) for East Central Indiana, and served as Henry County Council President from 2009 to 2019.

Juneteenth Jubilee back at Conner Prairie

Submitted

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) and Fishers High School's Future Black Leaders (FBL) club will present the seventh annual Juneteenth Jubilee from 5 to 8 p.m. on June 19 at Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

This annual student-managed event features Black-owned businesses and visual artists, culinary artists, community resources, as well as talented performing artists. Thank you to Title Sponsor MIBOR Realtor Association along with Entertainment Sponsors Accent Coatings and Mays Chemical. Special thanks to Zone Sponsors Conner Prairie and Alpha Gamma Mu Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Juneteenth Jubilee has been organized and created by students from the FBL club since 2020, and this is the fourth year it will be held at Conner Prairie. Last year more than 2,000 individuals enjoyed the Jubilee with their families.

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Fishers High School's Future Black Leaders and adult volunteers.

Juneteenth is an important celebration for the students of FBL at Fishers High School.

"Juneteenth marks the celebration of freedom for many African American people," said Gianna Fowler, one of the student organizers. "It celebrates liberty and independence."

Sondos Mertami sees how the history is shared through the day.

"Juneteenth is important to the Fishers community because it brings people together and raises awareness of the holiday allowing people to learn about the history behind it!" Mertami said.

FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said, "Working alongside these incredible student leaders is an inspiration. We are proud to support these students and the amazing event they create for the community year after year. They decide what will be offered, coordinate with the vendors and entertainment, create educational materials, and fundraise. It's truly amazing to see the power of what our youth can make happen in Fishers."

About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers.

Carmel PorchFest, Inc. announces schedule

Submitted by City of Carmel

Are you ready for a late-night street party in the Carmel Arts & Design District? Carmel PorchFest, Inc. recently announced four events for 2026, including three Late Night on Main events and its signature event in September, PorchFest.

Late Night on Main is a free, family-friendly community concert in the street with food and beverage vendors available. Bring your own chairs for relaxing and be ready to dance.

Carmel PorchFest

Carmel PorchFest will take place from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. Every September across the Arts & Design District, porches turn into stages and sidewalks into front-row seats. With close to 70 performances on more than 20 porches, local bands have the opportunity to shine.

Tons of local food and beverage vendors will be onsite to create the perfect festival vibe. Carmel PorchFest is Carmel's signature music festival: free, community-driven, and unlike anything else.

Are you interested in performing at Carmel PorchFest? Band applications are open to everyone through June 1 at **carmelporchfest.org/band-application**.

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Late Night on Main

Late Night on Main returns to Carmel's Main Street on the third Saturday of each summer month. The high-energy street party spans two city blocks and begins at 6 p.m. Plenty of food and beverage vendors will be available and many of the Main Street businesses stay open late. Come early for dinner and bring your chairs.

- **Saturday, June 20:** Jai Baker Trio returns to Late Night on Main. This high-energy country music band is led by Jai, with brother David and best friend Kevin Bonewitz. They have an unmatched local following and know how to rock the crowd.
- **Saturday, July 18:** Blair Clark and The Fun Factor Band. The Fun Factor Band is made up of gifted musicians, skilled vocalists, and seasoned performers, led by the electrifying performer Blair Clark.
- **Saturday, Aug. 15:** **DUDE!** is a five-member dance pop band from Indianapolis that plays everything from to Adele to Zeppelin and A-Ha to Lady Gaga. DUDE! is led by Renée Michelle Merrifield, a versatile female singer and charismatic star.

Read more about the Carmel PorchFest, Inc. 2026 events and the Carmel PorchFest Grant Program for children, go to **tinyurl.com/Carmel-PorchFest2026**.

The table that never ends

COLUMNIST

POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

There is something deeply moving about sitting at a long table filled with people whose daily work is rooted in service. A table where conversations stretch farther than the chairs themselves. A table where missions may differ, but hearts beat for the same community.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending Noblesville's fourth annual nonprofit appreciation gathering, often called "The Longest Table," sponsored by SERVE Village. While the table itself may eventually end, the impact created by the people sitting around it never truly does. Every seat carries a story. Every conversation holds years of dedication, sacrifice, and hope for a stronger community.

Some leaders serve through housing programs. Some focus on youth mentorship, food insecurity, mental health, education, senior care, arts, culture, or environmental efforts. Organizations like SERVE Village, Noblesville Creates, Hamilton County Historical Society, Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, Noblesville Diversity Coalition, Keep Noblesville Beautiful, Teter Organic Farm, HAND, and many others continue serving locally, staying local, and creating a meaningful local impact every single day.

The City of Noblesville has also remained an important part of this growing tradition. Mayor Chris Jensen has been a continuous source of support and an energetic presence behind the program, helping encourage and uplift the spirit of community collaboration that makes gatherings like this possible.

Each organization operates differently, with unique goals and challenges, yet somehow all those separate paths beautifully intertwine into one larger mission: serving people with compassion and purpose.

That reminds me of how we used to meet our community friends back in India – gathering together, sharing stories, building connections, and learning from one another. Growing up in neighborhoods where people came from different walks of life, there was always a sense of belonging woven into everyday moments. Someone would stop by with tea, another would share food or advice, children played across homes, and conversations naturally turned strangers into extended family. Looking around The Longest Table brought back that same feeling of genuine love, connection, and care for one another.

As I sat there listening to stories and experiences from nonprofit leaders across our county, I felt something bigger than inspiration. I felt empowerment. The kind that reminds us that community work is never meant to be done alone. Hearing how others continue showing up – despite limited resources, long hours, and little recognition – reignites the passion to keep going and to do even more.

What stood out most was not titles, awards, or accomplishments. It was the genuine care people carried into the room. Many nonprofit leaders quietly work behind the scenes, often unseen and without much appreciation, not because they seek recognition, but because they believe in the people they serve. This gathering was created as a simple way to say thank you – a reminder that their efforts matter and that their work is deeply valued in our community.

Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

What began as a small appreciation event has also grown into something much more meaningful. It has become a powerful networking opportunity where organizations connect, collaborate, and discover shared goals. Sometimes one conversation across the table can spark a future partnership, a new volunteer opportunity, or an idea that reaches even more people in need.

As I had the opportunity to speak with Patrick Probst, he shared a hopeful vision for the future – that one day this event could grow into a nonprofit expo connected to The Longest Table experience. A place where the broader community could meet local organizations, learn about their missions, and discover ways to engage as volunteers, committee members, board leaders, donors, or supporters. More importantly, it would continue acknowledging the local leaders and hidden gems in our community who consistently go beyond the basics.

The longest table may be built with tables and chairs, but its true foundation is people who choose, every single day, to care for their community. And that kind of table should never stop growing.

The feeling felt familiar.

Sitting at The Longest Table, surrounded by leaders serving our community, I realized how connection itself can become a form of service.

The neighborhoods I grew up in back in India, where connection was not scheduled – it simply happened naturally – unannounced with tea, conversations flowing across front doors, and kindness shared without invitation.

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

A letter to my college graduate

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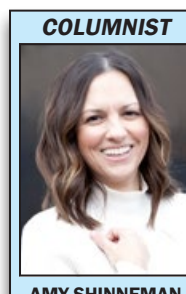

AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Dear Luke,

In the blink of an eye, you are a college graduate. The boy who made me a mom.

As a mom often does, I marvel at you and am in awe of the man you have become.

From the very start, I knew that we had each other's backs. I felt it. My fears calmed at the sight of your face for the very first time. My doubts about being a disabled mom vanished for a moment.

The doubts quickly returned as we left the safe space of the hospital where we stayed for several days after you were born. You, your dad, and I had created our own little haven. It was easy for me to feel confident there.

But I was smitten from your first cry. I knew that I was going to do whatever it took to be a mom who you would be proud to call "mom," doubts and all. During our first days together, you were like a little doll that I had the privilege to love and care for.

Over time, we developed our own language. You learned things other kids were not learning. It was a lot to ask of such a tiny human. But it made you stronger. More resilient. My unsolicited perseverance born into you.

You learned patience as it took me longer to do things other moms could do in an instant. We lagged, finding joy in the journey. Learning as we went.

We had to stay home when others did not. Sometimes, I had to choose to skip out on the fun to protect you. That was tough for both of us. We accepted help when it was available, but I was adamant that I was your primary caregiver as much as I could be.

Over time, we accepted that as our normal. We started to become more comfortable and the older you got, the more I could explain what I needed you to do to stay safe. This allowed us more freedom to do things. Each time, we gained more confidence.

Still, there were doubts if I was giving you everything you needed. I never wanted my limitations to hold you back, or in any way block you from living out your purpose. I feared your purpose would be tangled up with my challenges, even if that were the last thing I wanted.

The times you were forced to witness discrimination towards me; it broke my heart.

You and your brother have taught me so much about myself and encouraged me to see that I do have value and a place in this world. Your lives have illuminated the stubborn darkness that used to live in me.

I vividly remember, you were there on the day my custom wheelchair arrived. It was a day I had dreaded for most of my life. At first, I did not want you there to see me "give up." That is how I viewed having to use a wheelchair more. Going into that day, I felt like I had failed not just myself, but you, your brother, and dad, too.

Your calm and confident presence on delivery day made all the difference. That day turned out to be nothing like I had imagined all those years. It was so much better because of you.

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My Kinda Saturday Night & some other stuff that happened

COLUMNIST

TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

Typically, in the month of May, I would want to write about the Greatest Spectacle in Racing.

However, while that will always be one of my favorite topics, my wife, Megan, and I recently had a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We had the good fortune of attending the Luke Combs *My Kinda Saturday Night Tour* concert at Notre Dame Stadium. This 40-something doesn't get to a ton of concerts anymore, so I was really excited for this one. I've only been into country music for the last two or three years and Luke Combs has been my favorite of that genre.

Tickets for this mega-concert went on sale last October, literally while we were driving to our fall break destination. We pulled over to a McDonald's parking lot so we could both be on our phones to try to get seats before they sold out. We had our friends, a couple who were going with us, do the same to give us the best possible chance. I've written before that ticket-buying is one of the most nerve-wracking events in my life, and this proved to be no exception. However, when it was all said and done (after anxiety-eating half the menu) we accomplished our task and bought four tickets to the show.

We were so excited to snag these well-sought-after seats for that April concert date. Wait … an outdoor April concert … in South Bend, Indiana? More on that later.

Shortly after securing the tickets, I jumped on the Bootlegger website (the official fan site for Luke Combs) and signed up for a chance to win a meet and greet before the show. I figured, why not? It never hurts to try.

After six months of joyful anticipation, the week of the concert had finally arrived. I had completely forgotten I signed up for that meet and greet. That Monday, I happened to be checking my junk email (yes, I'm a nerd who checks his junk mail every day) and saw something about Luke Combs. There was also another word … "winner." I went ahead and clicked on it out of curiosity. The email informed me I was one of 25 winners for a meet and greet for me and a guest.

Now, obviously I thought it was spam, so I went to the Bootlegger site and signed in. There it was, plain as day. I won a meet and greet! I have never won as much as a game of bingo in my life, let alone being one of 25 for a concert that was going to hold over 80,000 people.

That tidbit of news made things even more exciting when the Saturday concert day rolled around. The one issue with winning something like a meet and greet is that they give you virtually zero information, other than to pick up the package at will-call for further info.

The problem was, it didn't say where the will-call was.

I assumed it was at the box office, but of course it wasn't. It was located in a random trailer next to one of the gates. Getting the info for that location was just a touch more difficult than learning the deepest secrets of Area 51, but I managed.

When we arrived, I learned I had massively underestimated what 80,000 people was going to look like when trying to get around the small city of Notre Dame, Indiana. And this is coming from someone who goes to the race every year with 300,000 others. Our super-secret meet and greet package had to be picked up by 5:30 p.m. and we were stuck in traffic in an Uber at about 5:15 p.m. This was going to be close, but no way I was going to screw this up. So, I jumped out of the Uber, leaving my wife and friends behind and started running. I can only imagine the other cars stuck in traffic, taking in the site of a 40-something me huffing and puffing, sprinting toward the stadium.

Photo provided

Our columnist Tim, shown here with his wife and fellow columnist Megan Rathz, wouldn't let anything stop him from meeting country singer Luke Combs.

The good news is, I managed to make it and received my letter that gave the location of the meet and greet. The letter then immediately self-destructed.

Megan and I met Luke, and he was as nice and as normal a guy and we had hoped he would be. With that amazing experience behind us, we made our way to the seats for the show.

Oh yeah, I did mention earlier that it was April in South Bend. It was 40 degrees that night, so it was officially my first concert in a winter coat.

The merchandise and bathroom lines rivaled anything you've ever seen at Disney. However, I did find one men's room that was hidden because the line for the women's room was so long. So, after knocking down a few ladies in cowboy boots and earmuffs, I had a bathroom all to myself … hee-hee.

The show was amazing, and we were exhausted! So, after not being able to find an Uber out of there, a thousand-mile walk, led by a couple of morons who may have indulged in some beverages (possibly me and my friend), a ride from a total stranger who felt bad for us, and two wives who were questioning their choice of spouses (me and my friend again), we finally made it back to the hotel and put this trip in the books.

I realize that last paragraph was a lot of information that really should have some explanation, but I'm out of time, so let's save that for another day.

The moral of the story is … don't forget to check your junk mail.

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Photo provided by Amy Shankland

Our columnist considers Mater to be an incredible top dog.

He's the top dog!

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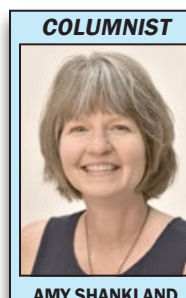

AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

People often inspire us. I think animals can do the same.

My husband John and I recently agreed to take care of my great-nephew's pet, Mater, an adorable French bulldog. Family and friends know John and I do this all the time – we love animals, and our dogs are comfortable with other cats and dogs.

However, this was the first time we took care of a special-needs dog. Due to an accident last fall, Mater is paralyzed from the waist down. He rarely uses his two-wheeled cart and drags his back legs behind him. Mater must also wear a belly band (diaper for male dogs) 24/7, unless he's outside in the grass.

When my great-nephew, Trevor, reached out to us weeks ago to ask if we'd watch Mater, I told him I'd need to discuss it with John. I knew with John being retired, he'd be the primary caregiver for the little guy. My husband eagerly agreed.

Trevor and his fiancée, Mikayla, arrived at our house on a Thursday morning with a page full of instructions. He demonstrated how to squeeze Mater in just the right way so he could empty his bladder in our backyard every few hours. John and I also watched some YouTube videos for further education.

We were shocked to see how quickly Mater moved throughout our yard and house. He's adapted to his situation well and gets around like any other dog. It just looks a bit different. His front legs are mighty!

Mater is full of life and love. I lost a bit of sleep Thursday night wondering if he'd be eager and anxious in his crate when I would come downstairs the next day. I laughed when I tiptoed into the room to see him snoring away at 7 a.m. Mater's not one to wake up early.

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Wafford's final Summer Movie to screen June 12

Submitted

Wafford Theater will present its final Classic Summer Movie on Friday, June 12 at Forest Park in Noblesville.

The last film will be 1934's *The Thin Man* with William Powell and Myrna Loy. Thank you to the many great sponsors over the past 15 years.

"It has been years of enjoyment!" Jim Wafford said. "The past 14 years we have enjoyed presenting to our community over 300 movie events, dozens of locations which include Forest Park, Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Cicero, Sheridan, Westfield, Saxony, Federal Hill and many more."

This year, the 15th, marks the last free Classic Summer Movie Series. It will end with one night at Forest Park in Noblesville.

For the latest information, check out **Facebook.com/waffordtheater**, or see the advertisement below.

When Phi Beta Psi & Lions team up in Sheridan, big things happen

By TINA VAWTER
Phi Beta Psi

The aroma of smoked pork loin drifted through the air outside the Sheridan Elementary School cafeteria at the annual Pork Loin Dinner. Inside, members of the Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Psi and the Sheridan Lions Club were preparing for their friends, family, and community members to arrive.

Volunteers smiled as they served plate after plate, and before the night was over, a record 300 meals had been enjoyed. Friends and families filled the cafeteria while homemade desserts disappeared almost as quickly as the pork loin itself.

Behind the scenes, 20 sorority members and 15 Lions Club members worked side by side. Some had spent the morning seasoning meat and arranging desserts, while others sold tickets, set up tables, or stayed late for clean-up. Everyone knew the dinner was about more than food.

At the end of the evening, their hard work had raised $3,000 for community benevolence, local cancer patients, and cancer research.

The organizations thank United Feeds for donating the pork loin, Sheridan Community Schools for use of the cafeteria and kitchen, and Helena Foods for donating the seasoning. Most of all, they are grateful for the support of Sheridan and the surrounding communities, which made the evening such a success.

Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Bob Godby and Dan Christian. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Gail Godby family and friends. (BELOW, from left) Tammie Hall, Darryl Hall, Elaine Cannon, Sandy Moore, Jeanna Pearson, and Pam Pickard.

Letter

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My disability does not stop me from making sure you know how deeply loved you are.

Over the last four years, I have taken a backseat to your life and watched from a distance. So many times, I wanted to intervene and rescue you from hard things, but I knew I did not need to. You were equipped to handle hard things because you already had.

As I sat and watched you walk across the stage in Elliott Hall at Purdue University, accepting your Biomedical Engineering degree, I took a journey. I could not help but run through a catalog of memories.

That little guy who learned so many valuable life lessons from having a mom with a disability proudly shined at that moment in time. Just like I always knew you would.

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I hope you will always carry with you the lessons we have both learned along the way. I was not strong like other moms, but in time, you helped me discover and voice what my strength does look like.

I am, always and forever, so honored to be mom to you and Jack. My strength and my joy.

Love,
Mom

"I'm so proud of us and I can't explain the feeling of reading how you were worried your disability would tangle up in my purpose, just to know that's exactly what happened but in the best of ways." ~ Luke

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He's also rather vocal, with a full range of expressions. While we were cautioned to not have Mater up on our furniture, John couldn't resist cuddling with him on the couch. One afternoon, John decided to nap without the little guy. That was a mistake.

As I worked at my desk, I saw Mater sitting at John's feet looking up. I heard a combination of a growl/bark/command and chuckled when John startled awake. Mater was soon back in his proper place – John's lap.

Before Trevor and Mikayla picked Mater up the following Saturday afternoon, I realized they were also an inspiration. They're in their early 20s and starting out in life. They could have given up on Mater and had him put to sleep last fall, and many of us would have understood. Instead, they knew how much they loved him, and were determined to make their situation work.

I want to thank Trevor, Mikayla, and Mater for a powerful reminder – it's important to not give up on so many of life's situations. The work and experience make us stronger and wiser. It yields so much joy and happiness.

We fell in love with this little dog. Mater, we hope you come and see us again soon.

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

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.

Photos provided

Members of the Fishers High School football team help at the Fishers Post Office.

Stamp Out Hunger 2026 was another great success

Submitted by Suzanna Hobson
Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

Saturday, May 9 was a perfect day for the 34th year of Stamp Out Hunger!

Volunteers across the county gathered at post offices and collected food picked up by the postal carriers which was left by mailboxes.

During this annual food drive, Hamilton County residents from Noblesville, Fishers, Westfield, and Carmel donated more 57,000 pounds of food. This equates to 47,500 meals!

All food donated has been sorted and distributed to food pantries here in Hamilton County. All of this generosity comes at a time of year where the need increases with summer approaching.

Thank you to all the volunteers who folded bags, stapled postcards, and helped collect the donated food. Thank you to the postal workers who loaded their postal trucks with bags filled with donated food.

We also want to thank Keller Williams Indy Metro North who supported Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank on their worldwide day of giving back. Their team sorted approximately 14,000 pounds of food that helped us distribute immediately to the food pantries.

For additional information about how to find needed food pantries located in Hamilton County, visit **communitycompass.app** or download the Community Compass app on your smartphone.

Learn more about Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank at **hchfoodbank.org**.

Photos provided

(ABOVE) The Keller Williams Indy Metro North team sorted around seven tons of food for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank. (BELOW) Volunteers at the Noblesville Post office unload the donated food.

Community News

Carmel High School Class of 1976 Reunion

Submitted by Sharon Kibbe

The planning committee for our 50th class reunion is busy searching far and wide for classmates we've lost touch with.

If you have not yet connected via our private Facebook page, or if you know of classmates not active on social media, please contact **carmelin1976.50threunion@gmail.com** so we can send details about the Sept. 18 and 19 reunion weekend.

We have loads of fun in store, including two gatherings, lots of time to reconnect, and a one-hour tour of our old CHS stomping grounds. We are looking forward to celebrating with everyone!

Tipton's Maggie Cline receives Indiana FFA License Plate Scholarship

Photo provided by Tipton Community School Corporation

Congratulations to Tipton FFA Senior Maggie Cline for being selected to receive a 2026 Indiana FFA License Plate Scholarship. As part of this year's Indiana FFA theme, "Unwritten," the school corporation celebrates the exciting futures these members are preparing to write for themselves through leadership, service, and continued growth beyond high school. Cline will receive a $250 scholarship check from the Indiana FFA Foundation.

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Edwin A. Ziliak

January 31, 1931 – May 19, 2026

Edwin A. Ziliak, 95, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at Independence Village of Fishers East in Fishers. He was born on January 31, 1931, to Edwin and Cecelia (Obert) Ziliak in Evansville, Ind., and was a 1949 graduate of Evansville Memorial High School.

Ed worked for Sears Roebuck & Co. for 36 years, retiring in 1989 as a store manager in Springfield, Ohio. He was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville, a retired member of the Rotary Club, and past president of the Springfield Ohio Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Board of Mercy Hospital in Springfield. Ed was an avid golfer and volunteered at the Heritage Golf Tournament.

He is survived by his wife, Donna M. Ziliak; daughter, Kathleen (Jay) Shipley; sons, Michael J. Ziliak and Thomas D. Ziliak; brothers, Donald (Jean) Ziliak, Lawrence Ziliak, and Jerome (Barbara) Ziliak; three grandchildren, Matthew (Sharla) Snyder, Eric (Ashley) Snyder, and Amanda Snyder; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by his brother, Rev. Joseph Ziliak.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with Mass at 11 a.m., on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (ologn.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Kenny Monroe Wariner

August 19, 1950 – May 21, 2026

Kenny Monroe Wariner, 75, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. He was born on August 19, 1950 to Roy and Ilene (Glover) Wariner in Jamestown, Ky.

Kenny was a business owner and a people person. He enjoyed listening to music, antique hunting, collecting old records, and traveling to Lake Cumberland.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Wariner; sons, Gregory (Jackie) Wariner and Bradley (Jen) Wariner; sister, Barbara Judd; brothers, Steve (Caryn) Wariner, David Wariner, and Terry Wariner; grandchildren, Kennedy Wariner, Bradley Wariner, Jordan Russell, Miles Taulman, and Kylie Taulman; and grand dog, Jaxson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Matt Wariner; granddaughter, Natalie Wariner; and special niece, Jessi Wariner.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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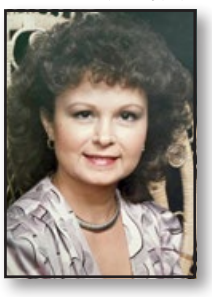
Holly LaDue Ulrich

February 28, 1941 – May 18, 2026



Helen (Holly) (Bazarnyi) LaDue Ulrich, 85, daughter of Efrosinia and Maksym Bazarnyj of Peru, Ind., passed away quietly Monday evening, May 18, 2026, at Waterford Place Health Campus in Kokomo, Ind., after a long struggle with dementia and terminal sarcopenia.

Holly was predeceased by her father, mother, and sister, Dunya Long of Kokomo and her brother, Mykola Bazarnyj of Chicago and her second husband, Lee ULrich of Indianapolis.

She is survived by her son, John LaDue, daughter-in law, Mrs. Tammy (Hicks) LaDue, her daughter, Mrs. Lisa (LaDue) Martin and her son-in-law, Cary Martin all of Kokomo. She has three grandchildren, Mrs. Faith (LaDue) Dugan, Gavin LaDue, and Tanner Martin. She also has two great-grandchildren, Gunner and Goldie Rose Martin. She is also survived by four nieces, Mary Hetzel, Lucy Flora, Sophia Agoranos, and Luba Dyker as well as twin nephews Peter and Paul Bazarnyj.

In addition to her family members, Holly is also survived by a special friend, Larry Kasey of Noblesville, who was fortunate enough to know her for over 20 years and who shared a home with her for more than 15 years.

Holly was voted Circus City Queen of Peru, Ind., in 1962 and she was First Runner Up to Miss Indiana that same year where she was also voted Miss Congeniality. Holly was a graduate of Peru High School and Indiana State Teachers College. Holly was a member of the Kokomo Art Club and the Hamilton County Artists Association for many years, and she had taught art at Pettit Park School in Kokomo as well as giving private and class art lessons in her home. She was well known for her lifelike portraits, her jewelry, and many other art forms. For someone who was small in stature, (4'10"), she was mighty in spirit, and she has left a giant footprint on the world as well as a huge imprint on the hearts of many of its citizens.

Karen Backs

August 12, 1963 – May 18, 2026

Karen Backs, 62, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2026, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with aggressive cancer that took her from us far too soon.

Born in Marion, Ind., Karen was the daughter of Morris and Linda Underwood. She later graduated from Eastbrook High School, carrying with her the values of hard work, kindness, and devotion to family that would guide her throughout her life.

Karen's heart was rooted in caring for others, both through her many years as a nurse and in the love she gave so freely to her family. Nothing brought her more pride or joy than the lives and accomplishments of those she loved most.

In her younger years, Karen lived in the country, where she developed a deep love for animals, especially her many pets and her beloved horse, Surral. In her teenage years, she began working at McDonald's, where she later met the love of her life, Rick. Together they built a life centered on love and family, welcoming their first son, Matthew.

Karen then worked in the billing and accounting department at Devoe's in Marion, where she and Rick welcomed their second son, Mitchell. She later returned to school in her late 20s to attend Indiana University Kokomo, where she earned her nursing degree. She began her nursing career at Marion General Hospital before continuing her work at The Heart Center at 106th and Meridian, where she loved being a nurse and took great pride in the comfort and compassion she gave to her patients. She dedicated almost 30 years to the profession, often making her hour-plus commute alongside her close friend, Gina Cox, reflecting both her dedication and the meaningful friendships she cherished throughout her life.

Karen will be dearly remembered by her devoted husband of 44 years, Rick Backs, her children Matthew (Melanie) and Mitchell (Tylee), and her precious grandchildren Mirabelle, Leo, Eila, and Aden. She is also survived by her siblings Cheryl, Pamela, and Stephen. She was preceded in death by her parents, Morris and Linda Underwood and her mother-in-law, Lois Backs.

A viewing and Funeral Mass were held Thursday, May 21 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield. A luncheon followed at the Church. In accordance with her wishes, Karen was cremated, and burial will take place at a later date.

Charitable donations in her honor may be made to SmileTrain at smiletrain.org.

Karen's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

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Evelyn L. Orrell

September 21, 1932 – May 20, 2026

Evelyn L. Orrell, 93, Noblesville, formerly of Lafayette, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, surrounded by family. She was born on September 21, 1932, to the late Oscar and Irma (Hanson) Sabel in Chicago, Ill.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, L. Dow Orrell, and survived by three children: sons, Kirk (Zelda) Orrell of Arkansas and Jay (Darla) Orrell of Lebanon, and daughter, Rhonda (Tony) Denhart of Noblesville; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family will gather for a private service.

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Mary Elizabeth Clark

April 6, 1928 – May 14, 2026

Mary Elizabeth (Moss) Clark, 98, Carmel, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 14, 2026. She was born April 6, 1928, in the small community of Chloe in Calhoun County, W.V., to James Walter Moss and Cynthia Mae (Jarvis) Moss. She graduated from high school in Lodi, Ohio, where the family moved to during WWII, and on February 28, 1948, married the love of her life, Richard L. Clark. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, service, and love.

Mary Elizabeth devoted her life to being a Christian wife, homemaker, mother, and servant of the Lord. For many years, she faithfully taught Sunday School alongside her husband. Long before seat belts were common, their car was often filled with children they brought to church each week. Seeing young lives touched by the Gospel brought them immense joy and fulfillment.

Growing up during a time when families depended upon the land for survival, Mary Elizabeth carried those values throughout her life. She and Richard planted and harvested large gardens every year, raising much of the food they shared with family and friends. Her yard overflowed with beautiful flowers which reflected the care and beauty she poured into everything she did.

Mary Elizabeth was gifted with remarkable creativity and talent as a seamstress, lovingly making clothing for her family, including suits for her husband. She was also known for crafting beautiful, beaded jewelry. Even as her eyesight faded with age, she continued designing necklaces and earrings for others. If you visited her home, chances were you left wearing one of her lovingly handmade creations.

In addition to her parents, Mary Elizabeth was preceded in death by her beloved husband of nearly 70 years, Richard Lelan Clark.

Survivors include her loving family; daughter, Linda K. (Michael) Shelton; granddaughter, Bethany Shelton; grandson, James (Lillian) Shelton; along with many beloved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Family and friends will gather at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Trinity Baptist Church, 1415 E. 191st St., Westfield, where the Funeral Service will begin at 7 p.m.

A Committal Service will take place at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Road, Seville, Ohio, alongside her husband.

In memory of Mary Elizabeth, contributions may be made to World Baptist Fellowship Missionary Agency, P.O. Box 13459, Arlington, TX 76094.

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

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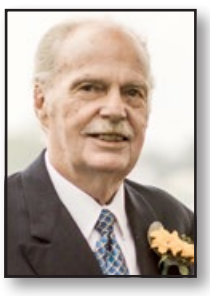
Thomas A. Endicott

October 1, 1942 – April 14, 2026



Thomas A. Endicott, 83, Carmel, a devoted father, grandfather, educator, and friend, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. He was surrounded by family, friends, and his beloved dog, Camille.

Born October 1, 1942, in Portage, Wis., Tom was the eldest son of Albert and Lucy Endicott. He grew up in Hamilton, Ohio, and graduated from Taft High School in 1960. He held a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Dayton.

Tom's distinguished career spanned decades of leadership in manufacturing and industry, beginning with General Motors, followed by Union Carbide and Dayton Walther Corp. He went on to serve as president of the Gunite Division of Kelsey-Hayes Co. in Rockford, Ill.; president of Dayton Walther Corp.; and president of Duffy Tool & Stamping in Muncie, Ind. In addition to his corporate career, Tom found great joy in teaching and served as a business instructor at Butler University, a role he often described as his favorite and one that reflected his love of mentoring and connecting with others.

He was a man who lived his life with intention, joy, and deep love for his family. He was always present, whether cheering on his children in their activities, offering steady support, or creating opportunities to explore the world together. Traveling with his family brought him immense happiness, and he delighted in exploring new places with his children, reveling in cultures and experiences, instilling a sense of curiosity and wanderlust his children will carry throughout their lives. With camera in hand, he captured the moments that mattered most. Those photos now stand as a lasting reminder of a life lived fully and a family he loved deeply.

In his later years, Tom showed extraordinary strength and compassion as the full-time caregiver for his beloved wife, Melinda, until her passing in December of 2023. His care for her was a reflection of his unwavering commitment and love. During this time, he also discovered a love for cooking and took pride in "perfecting" recipes and making them his own. He enjoyed golfing, following the stock market, watching cable news, and had a special fondness for long-haired chihuahuas, especially his beloved companions Chico and Camille.

Over the past year, he found special joy in spending time with his youngest granddaughter, Lucy. He cherished their time together, especially the moments he could sneak her a dessert, and delighted in watching her grow and learn new words.

Tom lived by a simple motto: "Every day is a good day." He will be remembered for his optimism, his generosity, and the deep love he had for his family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Thomas V. (Jenny) Endicott of Nashville, Ind., and Sara (Luke) Kroh of Indianapolis; and his grandchildren, Emily Endicott of Salt Lake City, Utah, Thomas (Sally) Endicott of Denver, Colo., and Lucy Jane Kroh of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Melinda Endicott; his son, Adam Endicott; and his parents, Albert and Lucy Endicott.

A private scattering of ashes will take place at a later date.

In honor of Tom's spirit, his family encourages all who knew him to remember that, as he often said, "Every day is a good day," and to live each day with the same gratitude, joy, and love he shared so freely.

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Girls Track & Field

Carmel defends team title, NHS' Meinerding is triple winner

By RICHIE HALL
sports@readthereporter.com

Photo provided

The Carmel girls track & field team defended its sectional championship on Wednesday, May 21. The Greyhounds scored 156 points and won three individual events.

FISHERS – The Carmel girls track & field team started its state championship defense strong on Wednesday, May 21 with a big win at the Hamilton Southeastern sectional.

The Greyhounds scored 156 points to win the sectional trophy again. Carmel was boosted by three event victories, including a 1-2-3 sweep of the 800 run.

Teams usually can only enter two athletes in an event, but the Hounds had three in the 800 as they had all run a time better than the 3-participant standard during the regular season. And Carmel delivered: Kaitlyn Oshimura won the race in 2 minutes, 12.06 seconds. Sadie Foley finished second and Larkin Taylor was third.

Greyhounds coach Aaron McRill said that "Kaitlyn has come on strong at the end of the season. She's consistently running 2:12 to 2:14 and she looked so good tonight. Very proud of her and looking forward to her last two races as a senior."

Larkin Taylor won the 1600 run, with Foley in second place. Carmel opened the meet with a victory in the 4x800 relay, which clocked in at 9:20.81.

Hamilton Southeastern finished second as a team with 100 points, edging out Westfield, who took third place by scoring 97 points.

The Royals picked up four event victories. Anissa Lammie won the 400 dash, while Chloe Senefeld was first in the 300 hurdles and second in the 100 hurdles. Southeastern also claimed the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

The Shamrocks won two events. Katelyn Eblen was first in the 100 hurdles, while Gracie Czubik won a close high jump event, clearing 5 feet, 5 inches. Hamilton Heights' Waverly Woolever was second in the high jump, also clearing 5-5; Czubik won a tiebreaker.

Noblesville was fourth as a team by scoring 85 points. Ainsley Meinerding powered the Millers with three event wins. She was first in the 100 dash, clocking in at 12.23 seconds, then won the 200 dash in 25.10 seconds. Both are personal bests for her.

Meinerding

"I'm really happy with them, especially my 200 because I haven't PR'ed in that one since last year at state, so I was worried I wouldn't be able to hit it again," said Meinerding. "I was just so happy to hit it again."

Hamilton Heights freshman Lilly Higgins zoomed to victory in the 3200 run, clocking in at 10:25.95. Guerin Catholic's Amelia Smith won the pole vault, clearing 12 feet, 9 inches.

The top three finishers all advance to the Tuesday, May 26 regional at Lafayette Jefferson; they are listed below. Many athletes will receive callbacks to the regional. The Reporter will publish a list of those in a later edition once they have been made official.

Team scores: Carmel 156, Hamilton Southeastern 100, Westfield 97, Noblesville 85, Fishers 76, Hamilton Heights 46, Guerin Catholic 42, Lebanon 16, Lapel 4.

Individual results (top three in each event)

4x800 relay: 1. Carmel 9:20.81, 2. Southeastern 9:27.81, 3. Fishers 9:39.83.

100 hurdles: 1. Katelyn Eblen (W) 14.94, 2. Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 15.08, 3. Jenna Rhodes (W) 15.22.

100 dash: 1. Ainsley Meinerding (N) 12.23, 2. Kaleah McCarter (HSE) 12.27, 3. Livi Miller (C) 12.69.

1600 run: 1. Larkin Taylor (C) 5:01.75, 2. Sadie Foley (C) 5:01.76, 3. Ansley Applegate (N) 5:06.96.

4x100 relay: 1. Southeastern 48.25, 2. Fishers 49.18, 3. Noblesville 50.05.

400 dash: 1. Anissa Lammie (HSE) 55.19, 2. Norah Reiger (HH) 55.45, 3. Gabriela Grande Rosas (C) 56.13.

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Boys Track & Field

Royals win highly-competitive sectional

The REPORTER

It seemed like everyone that participated in the Fishers boys track & field sectional on Thursday, May 22 was in contention for the team trophy.

When the dust settled, Hamilton Southeastern was able to make its way to the top. The Royals defended their team sectional championship, scoring 110 points. The top three teams were close: Carmel placed second with 106.25, while Fishers was third with 103.

"We knew going into it, it was going to be a very tough meet and very tight, based on the heat sheets," said Southeastern coach Garrett Lawton. "We had some guys step up big and that ended up being enough at the end of the day."

The Royals won one event, the pole vault. Sophomore Weston Kopeck cleared 13 feet, 6 inches, which isn't bad for someone who was competing in his first sectional.

"It's definitely crazy," said Kopeck. At this time last year, Kopeck wasn't even on the county or Hoosier Crossroads Conference rosters because his best was 10 feet.

"Over the summer and over the winter I really put in some work and I finally got up to 14 feet," said Kopeck. "It was a crazy season."

Southeastern also got points from Sam Long, who was the runner-up in both the 110 and 300 hurdles, while Omar Elsayed took second in the 800 run.

Carmel was powered a pair of 1-2 finishes. Lucas Bartlett won the 3200 with Jonah Kaul placing second, then Gabriel Davis was the long jump champion, with Alim Broadnax the runner-up.

The Tigers had the most event wins of all with five. Rocky Duplessis won the 400 dash, with Vincent Rozzi claiming the 200 dash. Fishers finished the meet with a victory in the 4x400 relay. The Tigers added two field event victories: Konrad Hayden was first in the high jump and Mason Cantwell was the shot put winner.

Westfield was a close fourth, scoring 94.25 points. Logan Tuck won the 110 hurdles, while the Shamrocks' 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams were also victorious. An extra boost came in the 100 dash, where Westfield had three runners due to the 3-participant standard. Cayden Gearhart was second in 10.98 seconds, with Maison McCray edging out Olumide Fapetu for third (10.984 second to 10.986 seconds).

Noblesville's Angel Wilson won the 100 dash in 10.93 seconds, the first of two Millers wins. Banner Barnes claimed the others, taking the 800 and 1600 runs. Isaiah Vohs was second in the 1600 to give Noblesville a 1-2 result in that event; Vohs was also third in the 800.

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The Hamilton Southeastern boys track & field teams won the Fishers sectional on Thursday, May 22, scoring 110 team points.

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300 hurdles: 1. Senefeld (HSE) 41.44, 2. Eblen (W) 44.26, 3. Waverly Woolever (HH) 45.16.

800 run: 1. Kaitlyn Oshimura (C) 2:12.06, 2. Foley (C) 2:14.01, 3. Taylor (C) 2:14.18.

200 dash: 1. Meinerding (N) 25.10, 2. Zinnia Pineda (F) 25.32, 3. LeBraya Warren (W) 25.71.

3200 run: 1. Lilly Higgins (HH) 10:25.95, 2. Annabel Pollert (C) 10:34.97, 3. Zoe Gebhart (HSE) 10:43.90.

4x400 relay: 1. Southeastern 3:50.56, 2. Carmel 3:53.89, 3. Guerin Catholic 4:01.20.

High jump: 1. Gracie Czubik (W) 5-5, 2. Woolever (HH) 5-5, Kylee Black (F) 5-0.

Pole vault: 1. Amelia Smith (GC) 12-9, 2. Ella Jenkins (W) 12-0, 3. Zoe Travelsted (GC) 11-0.

Long jump: 1. Meinerding (N) 18-0.25, 2. Rylan Bell (N) 17-1.75, 3. Payton Hunter (C) 16-11.5.

Discus: 1. Mia Tobias (F) 135-11, 2. Amyla Holder (C) 133-1, 3. Amelia Kring (N) 131-0.5.

Shot put: 1. Tobias (F) 45-1.5, 2. Nyla Young (N) 41-11, 3. Holder (C) 38-10.

Royals

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Hamilton Heights' Will Duncan was the discus winner and placed second in the shot put.

The top three finishers all advance to the Thursday, May 28 regional at Lafayette Jefferson; they are listed below. Two more county athletes advanced by bettering the state standard, and many more will receive callbacks to the regional. The Reporter will publish a list of those in a later edition once they have been made official.

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 110, Carmel 106.25, Fishers 103, Westfield 94.25, Noblesville 78, Lebanon 45.25, Hamilton Heights 38, Guerin Catholic 27, Lapel 19.25, University 1.

4x800 relay: 1. Westfield 7:56.30, 2. Carmel 8:01.19, 3. Fishers 8:03.32.

110 hurdles: 1. Logan Tuck (W) 14.44, 2. Sam Long (HSE) 14.58, 3. Daniel Richards (Leb) 14.63.

100 dash: 1. Angel Wilson (N) 10.93, 2. Cayden Gearhart (W) 10.98, 3. Maison McCray (W) 10.99.

1600 run: 1. Banner Barnes (N) 4:17.70, 2. Isaiah Vohs (N) 4:18.07, 3. Luke Moulder (W) 4:18.55.

4x100 relay: 1. Westfield 41.12, 2. Carmel 42.014, 3. Fishers 42.015.

400 dash: 1. Rocky Duplessis (F) 48.97, 2. Ryd Wallerstedt (W) 49.88, 3. Kallen Hoeft (HSE) 50.19.

300 hurdles: 1. Daniel Richards (Leb) 38.16, 2. Long (HSE) 38.28, 3. Kortez Foster (F) 40.44.

800 run: 1. Barnes (N) 1:51.66, 2. Omar Elsayed (HSE) 1:54.14, 3. Vohs (N) 1:54.78. *NOTE:* Two runners qualified by running under the state standard: 4. Reece Torres (F) 1:54.89 and 5. Cooper Szotek (C) 1:54.92.

200 dash: 1. Vincent Rozzi (F) 21.84, 2. Francisco Luyindula (Leb) 21.95, 3. Caleb Terril (W) 22.01.

3200 run: 1. Lucas Bartlett (C) 9:14.23, 2. Jonah Kaul (C) 9:19.78, 3. Liam Powers (HSE) 9:21.10.

4x400 relay: 1. Fishers 3:20.14, 2. Westfield 3:21.51, 3. Noblesville 3:24.90.

Discus: 1. Will Duncan (HH) 173-0, 2. Anthony Schmidt (F) 161-4, 3. Gavin Adkins (C) 157-2.

Shot put: 1. Mason Cantwell (F) 54-3.5, 2. Duncan (HH) 53-10.25, 3. KJ Mallett (HSE) 51-8.5.

Long jump: 1. Gabriel Davis (C) 22-10.5, 2. Alim Broadnax (C) 22-5.5, 3. Reed Hamilton (Lap) 21-2.

High jump: 1. Konrad Hayden (F) 6-6, 2. Tannon Monden (Leb) 6-4, 3. Seffrin Smith (GC) 6-3.

Pole vault: 1. Weston Kopeck (HSE) 13-6, T2. Brady Lemieux (W) 12-6; Lux Foster (N) 12-6.

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Girls Tennis

Hounds, Tigers, Rocks keep sectional streaks going

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County girls tennis teams kept their sectional championship streaks going after winning finals Thursday, May 21 at their respective sites.

Carmel hosted Sectional 35 and claimed its 34th consecutive title. The No. 3 Greyhounds beat No. 1 Guerin Catholic 4-1 in a hard-fought match between two of the best teams in the state.

The Golden Eagles won the first match; No. 3 singles Anna Kolb won 6-0, 6-0. Carmel tied the meet after No. 1 doubles Madison Littell and Gabby Hall were victorious 6-4, 6-3. Minutes later, Brylie Price and Shravya Pillutla took the No. 2 doubles match 6-4, 6-2.

The clincher was No. 1 singles, where the Hounds' Olivia Widjaja and Guerin Catholic's Emily Pasman played a dramatic match. Widjaja won the first set 6-4 and held on to take the second set 7-6.

No. 2 singles Alexia Widjaja won her match in three sets.

Carmel will host the regional this year and play Crawfordsville at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the semifinals.

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Fishers won its sixth consecutive sectional title, sweeping Pendleton Heights to claim the Sectional 35 crown at the Tigers' courts.

No. 1 singles Allison Briggs scored a 6-0, 6-0 shutout, while Ryan Bell claimed the No. 2 singles match 6-3, 6-3. No. 3 singles Addie Sharp recovered from dropping the first set 6-0 to win the next two 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles, No. 1 Imani Mokra and Lucy Clark were 6-1, 6-4 winners, while No. 2 Reva Peddi and Katie Bergman won 6-3, 6-1.

The No. 14-ranked Tigers advance to the Mt. Vernon regional. Fishers plays New Castle at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 26 in a semifinal matchup.

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Westfield won its third consecutive sectional title at the Noblesville Tennis Complex, beating the host Millers 5-0.

No. 1 singles Isla Harvey was a 6-0, 6-0 winner, with No. 2 singles Sloane Seyferth winning 6-1, 6-0 and No. 3 singles Alexis Halliburton getting a 6-1, 6-2 victory. In doubles, No. 1 Jenna Berry and Bella Rivera won 6-1, 6-1 and No. 2 Kendall Omer and Rayna Roy won 6-0, 6-3.

The No. 10-ranked Shamrocks return to Noblesville on Tuesday for the regional. Westfield takes on Alexandria at 4:45 p.m. in a semifinal matchup.

Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics

Photo courtesy Fishers Athletics

Photo provided

(TOP) The Carmel girls tennis team won a tough match over Guerin Catholic 4-1 on Thursday, May 21 to claim its 34th consecutive sectional title. (CENTER) Fishers won its sixth consecutive sectional championship, beating Pendleton Heights 5-0. (ABOVE) Westfield beat Noblesville 5-0 for its third straight sectional title.

Tennis sectional semifinal results

The REPORTER

The tennis sectional semifinals were played at all three Hamilton County sectional sites on Wednesday, May 20.

At Sectional 31, host Fishers advanced to the final by beating Mudsock rival and No. 30-ranked Hamilton Southeastern 4-1.

The Tigers won all three singles matches. No. 1 Allison Briggs and No. 2 Ryan Bell won in straight sets, while No. 3 Addie Sharp took her match in a third-set super tiebreak. Fishers' Imani Mokra and Lucy Clark won the No. 1 doubles match, while the Royals' Meredith Walters and Lucy Denton won the No. 2 doubles match.

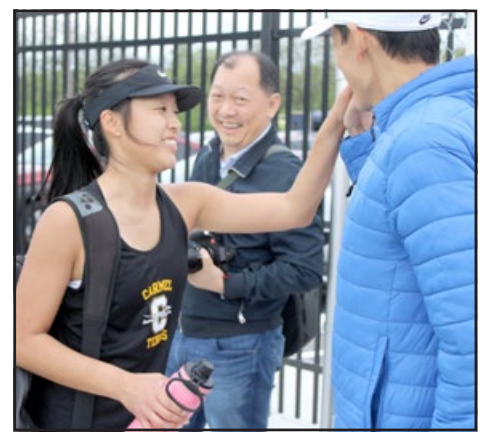
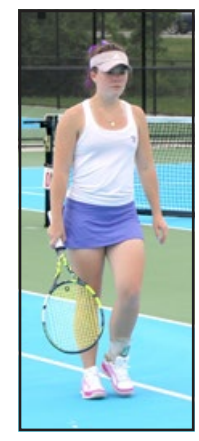
Sectional 35 host Carmel beat No. 13 Zionsville 4-1 to reach the final at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center, while No. 1 Guerin Catholic was a 4-1 winner over University.

The Golden Eagles won their matches in straight sets. No. 2 Cece Phillips and No. 3 Anna Kolb were singled winners, while the doubles teams of No. 1 Abby Quigley and Katie Kolb and No. 2 Maddy Hood and Grace Docktor were also victorious.

University No. 1 singles Laurel Buttrick won her match 6-2, 6-4 and will advance to the individual tournament.

Carmel's wins came from No. 1 singles Olivia Widjaja and No. 2 singles Alexia Widjaja. As for doubles, No. 1 Madison Littell and Gabby Hall and No. 2 Brylie Price and Shravya Pillutla were winners.

At Sectional 56, host Noblesville beat Lapel 4-1 in the semifinals, while Westfield beat Hamilton Heights 5-0.

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(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Alexia Widjaja is congratulated by her family after winning the No. 2 singles match over Zionsville Wednesday, May 20 during sectional play. (ABOVE CENTER) Guerin Catholic's Cece Phillips won the No. 2 singles match during the Golden Eagles' sectional semifinal with University. (ABOVE RIGHT) University's Laurel Buttrick won the No. 1 singles match and advanced to the individual tournament.

Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers' Addie Sharp won the No. 3 singles match in a third-set super tiebreak at the Tigers' sectional semifinal with Hamilton Southeastern. (ABOVE CENTER & RIGHT) Hamilton Southeatern's Lucy Denton and Meredith Walters won the No. 2 doubles match.

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Baseball

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The Noblesville baseball team beat Zionsville 8-4 on Thursday, May 21 to clinch an outright Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship.

Millers sweep Zionsville for outright HCC title

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – After taking the first game Wednesday, May 20 in Boone County over the Eagles, 4-1, it was only fitting that the Millers clinched the outright championship Thursday at home at Dunker Field.

Noblesville got to Zionsville early and had a big inning that pushed them to an 8-4 victory and their third Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship in four seasons.

Zionsville scored in the top of the first for an early 1-0 lead, but that didn't last long.

The Millers got a leadoff walk from Ethan Clark. Aiden Reynolds next reached on an error for runners at the corners. Reynolds advanced to second on a passed ball and then the bases were loaded from Zac Glander's walk.

"We just needed to play good baseball," said Noblesville head coach Justin Keever. "In the first inning, to give them credit, they got two hits and they got the runs that they earned."

Slade Hodges grounded into a double play, but Ethan Clark scored to tie it 1-1. Brooks Riggs then reached on an error at third base to plate Reynolds and it was 2-1.

"They gave us some runs in the bottom of the first, putting us on with some walks and an error," continued Keever.

The home half of the third proved to produce a crooked number that chased starter Landon Ambs in the middle of the inning.

Clark got hit by a pitch and moved to third on a Reynolds double to left. Glander walked to load the bags again. Hodges lined a hit to left to score Clark to make it 3-1. Jalen Stidham walked to send Reynolds home. Garrett Dixon hit a sacrifice fly to left, sending Glander home to push it to 5-1.

Hodges scored on a wild pitch with Brooks Riggs up and then Stidham scored on Riggs' hard grounder to first for a 7-1 advantage through three.

The Eagles made it 7-4 with one in the fifth and two in the sixth.

An insurance run scored when Glander laid down a sacrifice bunt that was an error, allowing Clark to score for a third time. Clark's run made it 8-4.

"I thought, for the most part, we played some pretty good defense. Again, both Brooks (Riggs and Muse) were great on the mound. It was a good team effort," Keever said.

Relief pitcher Brooks Muse pitched two solid innings. Muse trusted his defense behind him, which ended the game with a double play.

The dogpile ensued on the field immediately after in celebration of winning the HCC championship.

Brooks Riggs (3-1) had three K's in five innings. He gave up four runs (two earned) to earn his third win on the mound.

"He's just a competitor, loves baseball," said Keever. "He's a Riggs. All of his brothers are the same way, just a baller. He's been playing great first base. He's a bulldog on the mound, loves to compete and was just outstanding tonight."

Clark, Stidham and Reynolds all hit doubles and the Millers capitalized on five Zionsville errors.

"This group continues to play for each other. We're not perfect, but they do play for each other and they compete hard and they're able to be outright champs and they deserve it," Keever added.

Noblesville (19-9) will host 4A Sectional 8 at Dunker Field starting on Wednesday, May 27. The Millers play Zionsville (13-14) in the second game on that day, following Hamilton Southeastern (19-9) and Carmel (9-14) that starts at 5:30 p.m.

Tigers win 17-inning game over Brownsburg

The REPORTER

The Fishers baseball team split its final Hoosier Crossroads Conference series of the season last week.

The series began at the Tigers' field on Wednesday, May 20. That first game nearly went into Thursday, as Fishers played an ultra-marathon game against the Bulldogs before finally getting the victory.

The Tigers beat Brownsburg 1-0 in 17 innings. Henry Cherry was the hero, batting Vincent Pecoraro for the walkoff victory in the bottom of the 17th.

Owen Lukac had three hits, including one double, while Andrew Baldini had two hits. Grant Wolf got the pitching win, striking out seven in four innings. Wolf came in for the Tigers in the 14th inning. Lukac struck out five in six innings after relieving starter Hayden Werner, who tossed nine strikeouts in seven innings and got out of a no-out, bases-loaded jam in the first inning. Werner threw two strikeouts and induced a groundout to get out of the jam.

The series concluded on Thursday, May 21 at Brownsburg, where the Tigers lost 5-1.

Fishers scored its run in the second inning; Carter Davis got home on Isaac Fernandez's RBI groundout. Fernandez had the Tigers' lone hit of the game.

Austin Conley pitched five innings, striking out four.

The Tigers finished conference play 9-5 and are 15-13 overall. Fishers plays next at Sectional 8 in Noblesville, taking on Westfield Friday, May 29.

Golden Eagles win all-county game

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic won an all-county game 9-2 over Hamilton Heights on Thursday, May 21.

The Golden Eagles scored two runs in the first inning. Liam Zorger got home on Carson Kail's sacrifice fly, then Ben Canada scored on a wild pitch. Luke Gremelspacher got a second-inning run on a wild pitch to put GC up 3-0.

The Huskies got on the board in the top of the fourth inning; PJ Wright was sent home by Tyson Upchurch's RBI groundout. Guerin Catholic responded with six runs in the third inning. Canada batted in Brody Cain, Karson Smith singled in Canada and Ian Taylor, then Grant Beard blasted a three-run home run, also scoring Smith and Kail.

Wright doubled in AJ Flanagan in the fifth inning for Heights' second run.

The Golden Eagles' Ben Aho pitched three innings for the win. Wright finished with two hits for the Huskies, including a double. Owen Hughes threw four strikeouts in 3.2 innings.

Guerin Catholic is 21-3-1 and plays tonight at Center Grove. Heights is 7-15 and plays a Saturday doubleheader at Frankfort.

Royals sweep Franklin Central

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern put together a Hoosier Crossroads Conference sweep of Franklin Central last week.

The Royals won the first game 6-0 on Wednesday, May 20. Parker O'Steen hit a two-run home run in the first inning, also scoring Jackson Bixler. O'Steen scored a third-inning run on Cy Cole's RBI groundout.

Southeastern added three more runs in the sixth inning. Chase Bradle singled in Alex Shepherd, then Kian Kelly batted in Carter Reed and Conrad Owens.

O'Steen had two hits, a homer and a triple. Nick Bach hit a double. Spencer Mohr pitched a complete game, striking out four.

The Royals finished their sweep on Thursday, May 21, also winning that game 6-0.

Cole singled in Bixler for a first-inning run. In the third inning, Kelly scored on Clark Bucher's RBI groundout, then O'Steen brought in Bixler with a sacrifice fly. Bixler had gotten on base with a double.

The Royals sprinted to the finish line, scoring three runs in the seventh inning. Bixler singled in Reed and Bach, then Bucher drove in Kelly with a single.

Bixler was flawless at the plate, going 4-for-4 with two doubles. Dylan Cope pitched five innings for the win, striking out six.

Southeastern finished HCC play 9-5 and is 19-9 overall. The Royals now head to the Noblesville sectional, where they play Carmel in a Wednesday first-round game.

Hawks go 2-1 at HHC tournament

The REPORTER

Sheridan finished 2-1 at the Hoosier Heartland Conference last week.

The Blackhawks fell to Delphi 11-9 in their first game on Monday, May 18. The Oracles led 11-1 midway through the sixth inning before Sheridan launched a comeback. The Hawks put up seven runs in the bottom of the sixth and one more in the seventh.

Chance Spencer was 4-for-5 at the plate, batted in two runs and scored another two. Hall hit a double.

Sheridan rebounded to beat Clinton Central 12-1 on Tuesday, May 19. Jake Hall, Cesar Cuautle and Chance Spencer all batted in two runs, with Spencer and Levi Gellert both getting two hits. Crew Spencer, Braelan Bochner and Austin Hinshaw all scored two runs.

Hall pitched a no-hitter across all five innings, striking out seven.

The Hawks finished the tournament on Thursday, May 21 with a 6-2 win over Carroll. Brayden Whisman batted in Bochner for a first-inning run, then Cuautle singled Eli Bales home in the second inning to give Sheridan a 2-2 lead.

The Cougars tied the game in the third inning with two runs. The Blackhawks took back the lead in the fourth inning when Bochner singled in Chance Spencer. Sheridan finished its scoring with three runs in the fifth: Hall singled in Crew Spencer, Hinshaw got home on an error, then Hall scored on Cuautle's sac-rifice bunt.

Walker McWhorter was 3-for-4 at the plate, with Gellert getting two hits. Bochner pitched six innings for the win, striking out eight and allowing three hits.

Sheridan is 11-11 and hosts Indy Genesis on Tuesday, May 26 to finish the regular season. The Blackhwaks are hosting Class 2A Sectional 39 this season and play Tipton on Thursday, May 28 in the first round.

Rocks sweep Orioles to finish HCC play

The REPORTER

Westfield swept Avon in a Thursday, May 21 home doubleheader to finish its Hoosier Crossroads Conference season.

The Shamrocks beat the Orioles 10-0 in a five-inning first game. Maddox Novotney was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, scoring three runs. Lincoln Hoffman had two hits, a double and a single, and drove in three runs. Evan Govert also had two hits, while Nick Fero batted in two runs and scored two more. Andrew Noble also scored two runs.

Aiden Grabowski pitched all five innings, striking out seven.

Westfield won the second game 7-3. Novotney doubled in Kasen Jessup in the second inning to get the Rocks on the board.

Avon scored twice in the top of the third inning, but Westfield came back by scoring three runs in the bottom of the third. Noble got home on Grabowski's RBI groundout, Gavin Russ singled Hoffman home and Jessup scored to put the Shamrocks ahead 4-2.

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Basketball

Noblesville hires new girls coach

The REPORTER

Noblesville High School announced on Tuesday, May 19 that the Millers have named Justin Bennett as their new head varsity girls basketball coach, replacing former coach Donna Buckley.

Coach Bennett joins NHS from his role as head boys basketball coach for Herron-Riverside High School in Indianapolis, where he recently won a conference championship. He also brings girls basketball coaching experience from head coach roles with Tri-West and Greenwood high schools.

Bennett holds several basketball accolades, including Mid-State Conference Coach of the Year, Indianapolis Public Schools Coach of the Year, and a Top 100 Girls Basketball Coach designation in the Indiana/Kentucky All-Star Series.

"We were impressed by Justin's ability to improve team records, as well as his high energy, positive attitude, and focus on fundamentals," said Noblesville High School athletic director Leah Wooldridge. "We're pleased to welcome him to NHS and excited to see where he takes our program next."

FINISH

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The Orioles cut the lead to 4-3 in the top of the sixth. Westfield responded in the bottom of the inning: Hoffman smacked a three-run double. Noble, Fero and Beck Jordan all got home.

Noble also hit a double. Corey Wilhelm pitched 4.1 innings, tossing five strikeouts.

The Rocks finished conference play 10-4, giving them second place.

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Softball

Millers claim outright HCC championship

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

The Noblesville softball team beat Avon 11-5 on Thursday, May 21 to clinch its fifth Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship.

The Thursday, May 21 Senior Night at Miller Park became that much sweeter for the Noblesville softball team. Head coach Deke Bullard claimed his first Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship and the program's fifth HCC title overall (2004, 2009, 2010 and 2011). The Millers were also outright winners in 2004 and 2011 and shared the title in 2009 and 2010.

The Millers took down a feisty Avon squad in an 11-5 decision to become HCC champions. Hamilton Southeastern knocked off Franklin Central for both to finish at 5-2, leaving Noblesville all alone atop with a 6-1 league record for the outright crown.

Avon scored twice in the top of the first, but that just fueled Noblesville. The Miller bats took off in the bottom. Izzy Zapp led off with a solo home run, her sixth of the season, to cut it to 2-1. Reese Newsom singled to left and Haley Schatko doubled to left for runners at second and third. After Newsom got caught stealing second, Schatko scored on a base hit by Lily Brown, tying it 2-2.

The Orioles scored two more in the second to go up 4-2. Allie Thompson homered with one out to trim the deficit to 4-3.

Noblesville took the lead for good in the home half of the third. Thompson did it again. This time, she hit a bases-clearing double to center for a 6-4 advantage.

Roslyn Ervin hit her first long ball of the year to drive in herself and Thompson for an 8-4 score. Schatko joined the home run party with her 14th dinger and a 10-4 count.

Maggie Kern made it 11-4 on an RBI double in the bottom of the sixth. Avon scored one in the top of the seventh, but their comeback fell short, making the Millers conference champs.

Addison Retzinger (11-3) struck out five in a complete game. Thompson drove in four, along with Schatko and Ervin each driving in a pair to lead the offense.

Noblesville (18-6) drew the second bye in Class 4A Sectional 8 at Zionsville and will play the Hamilton Southeastern (17-4)/Fishers (15-9) winner in the second semifinal on May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Royals finish second in HCC

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern softball team completed regular-season play on Thursday, May 21 with a 7-1 Hoosier Crossroads Conference win against Franklin Central.

The Royals scored five runs in the second inning. Madison Burlingame got the first run on Kaitlyn Burdick's RBI fielder's choice. Sophia Feher scored on a wild pitch, then Addy Richmond singled in Haleigh Seitz and Burdick. Kaleah McCarter finished things off by batting in Richmond.

Burdick smacked a two-run home run in the third inning, also scoring Burlingame, who had led off with a double. Burlingame had two hits.

Grace Swedarsky got the pitching win, striking out six in five innings.

Southeastern finished second in the conference with a 5-2 record. The Royals are 17-4 overall and play Fishers Monday, May 25 in the first round of Sectional 8 at Zionsville.

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Fishers dropped an HCC game at Franklin Central Wednesday, May 20 by the score of 8-7.

Kennedy Shockley was 3-for-4 at the plate, including a home run in the fifth inning. Shockley batted in two runs and scored three. Anna McGrath also hit 3-for-4 and batted in two runs.

Caroline Smock pitched 5.2 innings, striking out six.

The Tigers finished up the regular season with a 2-1 HCC win over Brownsburg on Thursday, May 21.

All the runs were scored in the fifth inning. Caroline Thompson singled in Breana Henderson for the first run, then Thompson scored when Cate Summerfield reached on an error.

Joni Oliver pitched six innings for the win, striking out six.

The Tigers finished conference play 2-5 and are 15-9 overall.

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The Noblesville softball team beat Zionsville 6-0 on Wednesday, May 20 for a home Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory.

Haley Schatko hit a third-inning home run to score the Millers' first two runs, also bringing in Zadie Brown. Noblesville added four more runs in the fourth inning: Bella

Hughes singled in Brown and Kyra Means, then Maggie Kern sent Hughes and Izzy Zapp home with a single.

Schatko, Kern and Brown all totaled two hits. Roslyn Ervin pitched six innings for the win, striking out six.

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Westfield lost an HCC game at Avon 3-1 Wednesday, May 20.

The Shamrocks scored their run in the third inning. Dylan Todd led off with a double and scored on an error.

Westfield was held to three hits; Alyssa Ayers hit a double and Sofia Easterhaus hit a single. Olivia Sampia pitched a complete game, striking out six. The Rocks completed conference play 2-5.

Westfield beat McCutcheon 7-5 on Thursday to complete its season.

Three different Shamrocks hit home runs: Carlynne Schrock, Sampia and Reese Mahannah. Easterhaus and Ayers both had two hits.

Mac Delph got the pitching win, throwing eight strikeouts over 5.2 innings.

Westfield finished its regular season 13-10-1 and plays Sectional 8 host Zionsville Monday, May 25.

Blackhawks play at HHC tournament, finish week with victory

The REPORTER

The Sheridan softball finished 1-2 at the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament last week, then finished the regular season with a win.

The Blackhawks fell to Delphi 15-6 on Monday in six innings. Sheridan scored two runs in the first inning: Doss hit a two-out double, then Jump smacked a home run.

The Oracles put up three runs in the bottom of the first. Jump singled in Ellie Eaton to tie the game in the third inning at 3-3. But Delphi scored four runs in the fourth inning and one more in the fifth for an 8-3 lead.

Sheridan kept things close by putting up three runs in the top of the sixth. Doss led off with a homer, Remi Smith singled in Dallas and Anna Rusk drove in Terry. The Blackhawks were within 8-6, but the Oracles surged ahead in the bottom of the sixth, scoring seven runs.

Doss was flawless at the plate, hitting 3-for-3. Jump also had two hits.

The Hawks beat Clinton Central 6-5 on Tuesday, May 19, using a late rally to stop a Clinton Central comeback. Sheridan scored three runs in the seventh inning.

The Blackhawks scored in the top of the first inning when Adria Jump tripled in Amiyah Doss. Machya Fosnight singled Norah Adams home in the fourth inning to give Sheridan a 2-0 lead.

The Bulldogs hit a home run in the bottom of the fourth for their first run. Fosnight batted in Makenzy Terry in the top of the sixth, but CC responded in the bottom of the sixth with four runs to take a 5-3 lead.

Sheridan fought back in the seventh inning. Doss led off with a triple and was sent home by a Jump single. Jump scored the tying run on an error, then Terry hit a sacrifice fly to send Abby Dallas home for the go-ahead run.

Jump pitched five innings for the win and was one of five Sheridan players with two hits. Doss, Dallas, Adams and Fosnight were the others.

The Blackhawks fell to Clinton Prairie 6-5 on Wednesday, May 20. Sheridan jumped out to a 3-0 first-inning lead: Eaton got home on Doss' sacrifice fly, Terry singled in Hayleigh Kemp and Adams batted in Terry.

The Gophers scored two runs in the third inning and tied the game in the fifth inning. Eaton cracked a two-run home run in the seventh inning, also scoring Rusk and giving the Blackhawks a 5-3 lead. But Prairie hit an RBI single before smacking a two-run double for the walkoff victory.

Eaton, Doss and Adams all had two hits. Adams pitched a complete game, throwing five strikeouts.

Sheridan finished its regular season Friday, May 22 with a 17-0, five-inning win against Indiana School for the Deaf.

Eaton led the game off with a home run, one of two hits for her during the game. She finished with three RBIs and three runs scored. Adams was 3-for-4 at the plate and scored three runs, while Dallas and Terry both scored three runs as well.

Jump pitched three innings for the win, with Adams throwing the other two. The two combined for a no-hitter and each pitcher finished with five strikeouts.

Sheridan is 5-14 for the season. The Blackhawks travel to Class 2A Sectional 39 in Tipton Tuesday, May 26 and play Taylor at 5:30 p.m. in a first-round game.

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1 that the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Hamilton East Public Library (the "Library") did, on May 21, 2026, make a preliminary determination to issue bonds for the construction of a new Library building, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology (the "Project"). The bonds will have a maximum maturity of 20 years, a maximum principal amount of $20,605,000 and estimated maximum interest rate of 5.5% resulting in total estimated interest costs of $16,850,318.

As required by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1(b)(1), the following information was available to the public at the public hearings on the preliminary determination: (i) the Library's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the library district, which is 0.03%; and (ii) the sum of the Library's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any other territory of the Library divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the Library, which is 10.68%.

The Library's current debt service fund levy is $2,934,280 and the current debt service fund tax rate is $0.0168. After the bonds are issued, the debt service fund levy will increase by a maximum of $3,120,000 and the debt service fund tax rate will increase by a maximum of $0.0684. The anticipated increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be $0.0179 above the current debt service fund tax rate. However, as existing obligations mature, the anticipated net increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be $0.0000 above the current rate.

The estimated amount of the Library's debt service fund levy and debt service fund tax rate that will result during the following 10 years if the Library issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the debt service fund levy and debt service fund tax rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period, is as follows:

Year	Estimated Total Debt Service Levy	Estimated Total Debt Service Rate
2027	$2,934,280	$0.0168
2028	2,934,280	0.0168
2029	2,934,280	0.0168
2030	2,934,280	0.0168
2031	2,934,280	0.0168
2032	2,934,280	0.0168
2033	2,934,280	0.0168
2034	2,934,280	0.0168
2035	2,934,280	0.0168
2036	2,934,280	0.0168
2037	2,934,280	0.0168

Any owners of real property within the Library or registered voters residing within the library district who want to initiate a petition and remonstrance process against the issuance of the bonds must file a petition that complies with Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1 subdivisions (4) and (5) not later than 30 days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated May 27, 2026.

/s/ *Secretary, Board of Trustees*
Hamilton East Public Library

R8015 *5/25/26*

— NOBLESVILLE —

Request for Bids to Purchase Surplus Technology Equipment

Noblesville Schools (NS, the District) desires to dispose of surplus technology equipment pursuant to Indiana Code 5-22-22-5.
Deadline for Submission: prior to 3:00 pm local time (EST) May 29, 2026
Recording of Proposers: 12:00 pm local time (EST) June 1, 2026
Location: Noblesville Schools Administration, 18025 River Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062
NS's surplus equipment includes working devices listed below:

iPad Gen 5 Working/good condition Qty 1	iPad Gen 6 Working/good condition Qty 778	iPad Gen 7 Working/good condition Qty 32	Damaged Devices (screen, home button, etc.) Gen 6 Qty 33 Gen 7 Qty 2
32 GB WiFi Model A1822	32 GB WiFi Model A1893	32 GB WiFi Model A2197	WiFi Models vary by Generation
No chargers or cables included	No chargers or cables included	No chargers or cables included	No chargers or cables included

All items are sold as is. Vendors shall submit bids according to the Instructions, Provisions and specifications stated in the notice documents posted on the Noblesville Schools website. Questions should be addressed via email to the Noblesville Director of Technology, Andrew Swickheimer (andrew_swickheimer@nobl.k12.in.us)

NS will select the highest responsible bidder. Payment must be made at the time the devices are picked up.

R8014 *5/25/26*

— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2602-MI-002700
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
VALERIE DOREEN JONES, an
Adult,
Petitioner.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Petitioner, Valerie Doreen Jones, whose mailing address is: 12405 Quarterback Lane Fishers, Indiana 46037, in Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that on the 3rd day of, March 2026, she filed a petition in the Hamilton Circuit Court, requesting that her current name remain as Valerie Doreen Jones and that her birth certificate name be changed to Valerie Doreen Jones.

Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on the 17th day of July , 2026 , at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections.

Valerie Doreen Jones
Petitioner
Date: 2/14/2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R7923 *5/11/26, 5/18/26, 5/25/26*

IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF INDIANA
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2603-EU-000151
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
CAROLYN SUE PHILLIPS,)
DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

n the matter of Carolyn Sue Phillips, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2026, Linda Kay Ousley was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Carolyn Sue Phillips, deceased, who died on the 9th day of January, 2026.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months 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 April 2, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
HOLT LEGAL GROUP
Matthew I. Snyder #34777-29
198 South 9th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
(317) 773-5997
R7957 *5/18/26, 5/25/26*

STATE OF INDIANA
HAMILTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2601-MI-000914
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

In the Matter of the Custody/Support of:
Reyna Hernandez
Taneil Montano, Petitioner,
v.
Wuithyman Alachan, Respondent.

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 31-21-6-4 and Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure, Rule 4.13, notice is hereby given to **Wuithyman Alachan**, whose last known address is unknown, that a Petition has been filed in the Hamilton County Circuit Court under the above cause number by Petitioner **Taneil Montano**, concerning the custody and/or support of the minor child, **Reyna Hernandez**.

You are hereby notified that you must respond to said Petition within **twenty (20) days** after the last date of publication of this Notice. Your response must be filed with the Clerk of the Hamilton County Circuit Court, and a copy served upon Petitioner's attorney:

Andrew J. Dollard
813 Westfield Road
Noblesville, Indiana 46062

If you fail to respond, judgment may be entered against you by default for the relief requested in the Petition.

Dated this12th day of May, 2026.
R7961 *5/18/26, 5/25/26, 6/1/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2510-MI-012133
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
Titus Ray Adair
Name of Minor
Amanda Smith
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Amanda Smith as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on Titus Ray Adair to change the name of Titus Ray Adair to Titus Ray Smith.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on the September 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

Date: February 20, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R7967 *5/18/26, 5/25/26, 6/1/26*

29D03-2605-EU-000226
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of ERIK FRED BAADE, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that DEANN FARTHING was on May 19, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of ERIK FRED BAADE, deceased, who died on May 11,2026.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on May 20, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County
Superior Courts, Probate Division
Thomas R. Steele
(Attorney #36366-42)
ROBINSON FARTHING SPANDAU WILLIAMS
8500 Keystone Crossing #470
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Phone: (317) 587-7820
Email: trs@YourIndyAttorneys.com
R7992 *5/25/26, 6/1/26*

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STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2604-MI-004944
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Taylar Kearstan Parker-Miller
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Taylar Kearstan Parker-Miller, whose mailing address is: 1010 Retford Dr Westfield, Indiana 46074-5532, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Taylar Kearstan Parker-Miller has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Taylar Kearstan Parker.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: September 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Taylar Kearstan Parker-Miller
Petitioner
Date: April 24, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R7924 *5/11/26, 5/18/26, 5/25/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2605-MI-5516
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF:
DANI RAE MONTGOMERY

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, DANI RAE MONTGOMERY, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from DANI RAE MONTGOMERY to DANI RAE POWELL.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on September 18, 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: May 7, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R7948 *5/11/26, 5/18/26, 5/25/26*

29D02-2605-EU-000213
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK E. ADAMS II

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Hamilton County Superior Court

Notice is hereby given that CHARITY ADAMS was, on May 11, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of FRANK E. ADAMS, II, deceased, who died October 10,2023.

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 May 12, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County
Superior Court
Hamilton County, Indiana
R7958 *5/18/26, 5/25/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
In The Hamilton Superior Court
Probate Division
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2605-EU-000207
IN RE THE MATTER OF)
THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:)
MARGARET S. DELUCIA,)
DECEASED)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of May, 2026, John P. DeLucia was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Margaret S. DeLucia, deceased, who died on the 20th day of April, 2026.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on May 13, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Stephen E. Ferrucci
Clapp Ferrucci
8766 South Street, Suite 210
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 578-9966
Attorney for John P. DeLucia, Personal Representative of the Estate of Margaret S. DeLucia, deceased
R7962 *5/18/26, 5/25/26*

GORDON D. BYERS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
298 South 10th Street, Suite 300
Noblesville, Indiana 46060

NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MICHAEL V. CURLEY, DECEASED.
ESTATE DOCKET 29D02-2604-ES-000183

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANDREW DOLLARD was on the 20th day of April, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF MICHAEL V. CURLEY, deceased, and is authorized to administer said estate with court supervision.

Michael V. Curley, deceased, died on April 11, 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 the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 6th day of May 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R7935 *5/18/26, 5/25/26*

29D03-2605-EU-000216
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID K. HANNA

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that KELLY R. HANNA was, on 5/13/26, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of DAVID K. HANNA, deceased, who died February 6, 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 May 14, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of
Hamilton County, Indiana
R7980 *5/25/26, 6/1/26*

— TIPTON —

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
TIPTON COMMERCE CENTER PUD DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on June 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the 1st floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

An amendment of the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance concerning the establishment of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District that will amend the Tipton County Zoning Code. This district shall be known as the "Tipton Commerce PUD District".

Patch Development seeks to designate approximately 79.05 acres in Tipton County, Indiana from the I-1 – Light Industrial and AG - Agricultural district to a PUD district for a mixed use commercial and industrial development. The property is located just north of SR 28, between U.S. 31 and C.R 560 W. The legal description is below. Adjacent uses include cultivated crop land to the north, cultivated crop land to the east, U.S. 31 to the west, and a public utility building to the south.

The underlying zoning district shall remain I-1 Light Industrial, AG Agricultural and Prospect Overlay District. Except as modified, revised, supplemented, or expressly made inapplicable by the adoption by the Tipton County Commissioners of a PUD District Ordinance, the standard of the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance applicable to the underlying zoning and overlay district shall apply.

Specific sections of the Tipton Zoning Ordinance and/or Subdivision Control Ordinance that may be modified, revised, supplemented, or expressly made inapplicable include permitted uses, prohibited uses and minimum lot size.

Additionally, general development standards for the I-1 Light Industrial District shall apply to the development of the PUD district.

The legal description of the proposed Planned Unit Development District is as follows:

Parcel #80-11-17-200-005.010-001

A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Northwest Quarter, thence South 88 degrees 20 minutes 17 seconds West (Indiana State Plane Coordinate System – East Zone) along the South line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 521.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 88 degrees 20 minutes 17 seconds West along said South line, a distance of 101.90 feet; thence North 00 degrees 42 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 1311.75 feet to the South line of the North Half of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 29 minutes 31 seconds East along said South line, a distance of 583.59 feet to the beginning of a 850.00 feet radius curve to the right, being subtended by a chord bearing of South 15 degrees 02 minutes 35 seconds West with a distance of 447.55 feet; thence Southwesterly along said curve a distance of 452.88 feet; thence South 30 degrees 18 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 407.02 feet to the beginning of a 1049.86 feet radius curve to the left, being subtended by a chord bearing of South 15 degrees 23 minutes 09 seconds West with a distance of 504.69 feet; thence Southeasterly along said curve a distance of 546.84 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 19.14 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 10.05 acres, more or less.

Parcel #80-11-07-300-008.030-001

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Cicero Township, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the Quarter Section Line, said point being North 87°33'30" East 667.5 feet from the Northwest corner of said Quarter Section; thence South 02°38'00" East 665.5 feet; thence North 89°01'30" East 482 feet; thence North 00°48'00" West 678.5 feet to the Quarter Section Line; thence South 87°33'30" West on and along the Quarter Section line 503.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 7.60 acres.

Parcel #80-11-07-200-004.000-001

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East,

EXCEPT:

Five (5) acres of the whole East end thereof,

EXCEPT:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Quarter; thence S 87°55' 11" West 166.063 feet along the South line of said Quarter to the point of beginning; thence S 87° 55' 11" West 457.10 feet along said line; thence North 01° 08' 01" West 1313.95 feet to the North Quarter Quarter Section Line; thence N 88°09' 28" East 455.33 feet along said line; thence South 01° 12' 55" East 1312.03 feet to the point of beginning containing 13.75 acres, more or less, subject to highway rights-of-way in Tipton County, Indiana.

ALSO:

The North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East,

EXCEPT:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Four (4) East, and more specifically described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East marked by an iron pin; thence North on and along the West Section Line of said Section, Six Hundred Sixty point One (660.1) feet to the point of beginning marked by and iron pin; thence North on and along said West Section Line, Two Hundred Fifty-six point Zero (256.0) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence East perpendicular to said West Section Line, Nine Hundred Eighteen point Zero (918.0) feet; thence South parallel to said West Section Line, Two Hundred Fifty-six point Zero (256.0) feet; thence West perpendicular to said West Section Line, Nine Hundred Eighteen point Zero (918.0) feet to the point of beginning, containing Five and Forty Hundredths (5.40) acres, subject to legal highways and utility easements.

EXCEPT:

A part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Tipton County, Indiana, and being that part of the grantor's land lying within the right of way lines depicted on the attached Right of Way Parcel Plat, marked EXHIBIT "B", described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said section, designated as point "54" on said plat; thence North 0 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds East 916.10 feet along the west line of said section to the Northwest corner of the 5.40-acre exception described in Deed Record 164, page 829, in the Office of the Recorder of Tipton County, Indiana; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds East 46.79 feet along the north line of said exception to the east boundary of U.S. 31; thence North 0 degrees 21 minutes 13 seconds East 42.14 feet along the boundary or said U.S. 31 to point "304" designated on said plat and the point of beginning of the description: thence continuing North 0 degrees 22 minutes 05 seconds East 362.15 feet along said boundary to the North line of the grantor's land; thence North 88 degrees 29 minutes 32 seconds East 29.27 feet along said North line to point "306" designated on said plat; thence South 3 degrees 43 minutes 03 seconds West 363.73 feet to point "305" designated on said plat; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 47 seconds West 8.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.155 acres, more or less.

ALSO:

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East, all in Tipton County, Indiana.

The proposed amendment may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana prior to the hearing.

Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding the proposed amendment, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place; or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Tipton County Plan Commission
R7970 *5/22/26, 5/25/26*

— NOBLESVILLE —

ORDINANCE NO. 19-04-26
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA SEWAGE WORKS

WHEREAS, the City of Noblesville, Indiana (the "City" or "Noblesville"), operates a municipal sewage system for the collection and disposition of sewage from users in and around the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-9-23-1 et seq., Common Council of the City ("Council") is responsible for establishing just and equitable rates and charges for the services rendered by the sewage works; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2024, the Council passed Ordinance No. 41-07-24, amending the rates and charges for the City's sewage works system; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the charges for the sewage works of the City funds public works related to stormwater collection and conveyance system, as further defined in §52.02 of the Code of Ordinances ("Stormwater Conveyance Systems"); and

WHEREAS, certain users of the Stormwater Conveyance Systems are only users of the Stormwater Conveyance Systems and no other portion of the sewage works of the City ("Stormwater Customers"); and

WHEREAS, the City's municipal advisor, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC ("Baker Tilly"), has conducted a rate study to analyze the costs associated with providing access to the Stormwater Conveyance Systems to Stormwater Customers ("Rate Study"), and to recommend any changes to the City's existing rates and charges. A copy of Baker Tilly's Rate Study is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 36-9-23-25(b) provides that just and equitable fees are the fees required to maintain the sewage works in the sound physical and financial condition necessary to render adequate and efficient service; and

WHEREAS, the Council now finds that the rates and charges set forth in the Rate Study applicable to the Stormwater Customers should be adopted; and

WHEREAS, after introduction of the ordinance establishing sewer rates and charges, but before it is finally adopted, the Council must hold a public hearing at which users of the sewage works, owners of property served or to be served by the works, and other interested persons may be heard concerning the proposed fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code§ 36-9-23-26, on Monday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. local time, the Council held a public hearing regarding the rates and charges, which was properly noticed; and

WHEREAS, based on a recommendation from Baker Tilly, the City desires to adopt and establish a specific schedule of rates for the City's Stormwater Customers as set forth in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the City also desires to amend the City's Municipal Code to reflect the special rates and charges for the Stormwater Customers, as set forth in Exhibit C, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, HAMILTON COUNTY INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Rates and Charges. The City's existing rates and charges for sewer service shall be and are hereby amended to include the special rates and charges for the City's Stormwater Customers as set out in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Stormwater Customers General Rules. Stormwater Customers shall be subject to the City's applicable sewer use rules and all ordinances applicable to the City's sewer customers.

Section 3. Existing Rates and Charges. Unless specifically amended by this Ordinance, all other sewer rates, charges, and provisions related thereto as set forth in Ordinance No. 41-07-24 (or any other applicable ordinance) shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Amended Municipal Code. Chapter 51 of the City's Municipal Code is amended as set forth in Exhibit C, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. These amendments include adding "Stormwater Customers" as a new definition to § 51.01 and adding new a subsection as § 5 l.03(C)(4) to include the special rates and charges for the Stormwater Customers. All other provisions, subsections, and definitions in Chapter 51 of the Municipal Code of the City of Noblesville that are not amended by Exhibit C shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effect. All other ordinances and provisions thereof not specifically changed shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance so long as enforcement of the same can be given the same effect.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance is and shall be effective as of the date of passage and upon notice provided pursuant to Indiana law.

Approved on this 12th day of May, 2026 by the Common Council of the City of Noblesville, Indiana:

AYE:
Mark Boice
Evan Elliott
David M. Johnson
Darren Peterson
Pete Schwartz
Todd Thurston
Megan G. Wiles

ATTEST: Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Noblesville, Indiana this 13th day of May, 2026 at 8:03 A.M., Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

MAYOR'S APPROVAL:
Chris Jensen, Mayor 5-13-26

ATTEST: Evelyn L. Lees, City Clerk

Excerpt from Exhibit B:

NOBLESVILLE (INDIANA) MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER UTILITY
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED RATES

	Monthly Base Rate	Times ERU Factor	Resulting Monthly Rate per ERU
Residential – Single Family	$6.60	1.00	$6.60
Residential – Multi-Family	6.60	0.70**	4.60
Non-Residential	6.60	Impervious Area/3,550	TBD*

*The ERU factor and resulting monthly rate per ERU for Non-Residential customers will be calculated on a case by case basis and be determined by the impervious are of each specific property.

**Based on an industry standard factor approved by management.

All exhibits are on file in their entirety and may be viewed at the Clerk's office at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana.
R7978 *5/25/26*

— CICERO —

ORDINANCE NO. 05-19-2026-03
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WEIGHT LIMITS FOR VEHICLES ON TOWN STREETS

Date of Approval: On May 19, 2026, the Town Council of Cicero, Indiana, approved Ordinance 05-19-2026-03, which establishes weight limits for vehicles on Town streets.

Subject Matter: this ordinance amends Title VII of the Town of Cicero's Municipal Code to adopt new Chapter 78 establishing a maximum weight limit for vehicles operating on Town streets. It also sets forth certain exceptions and excludes State Road 19 from the weight restrictions.

Penalty Provision: This ordinance contains a penalty provision that permits the imposition of fines and penalties. This provision is in: Section E of new Chapter 78 entitled "Fines".

Public Inspection of the Ordinance: the ordinance may be examined in Town of Cicero's Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 331 East Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46030. You may also request a copy or ask questions by contacting the Clerk-Treasurer directly at (317) 984-4900.
R7997 *5/25/26*

ORDINANCE NO. 05-19-2026-02
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 76 ENTITLED PARKING SCHEDULES OF THE CICERO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINACES

Date of Approval: On May 19, 2026, the Town Council of Cicero, Indiana, approved Ordinance 05-19-2026-02, which establishes three, twenty-minute parking spaces on Jackson Street.

Subject Matter: this ordinance amends Title VII of the Town of Cicero's Municipal Code amend Chapter 76 establishing three, twenty-minute parking spaces along Jackson Street.

Penalty Provision: This ordinance incorporates the penalty provision Chapter 70.99 of the Cicero Municipal Code of Ordinances that permits the imposition of fines and penalties.

Public Inspection of the Ordinance: the ordinance may be examined in Town of Cicero's Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 331 East Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46030. You may also request a copy or ask questions by contacting the Clerk-Treasurer directly at (317) 984-4900.
R7998 *5/25/26*

ORDINANCE NO. 05-06-2026-01
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLE IX OF THE TOWN OF CICERO'S MUNICIPAL CODE

Date of Approval: On May 6, 2026, the Town Council of Cicero, Indiana approved Ordinance 05-06-2026-01, which permits local restaurants to offer outdoor seating to patrons.

Subject Matter: this ordinance amends Title IX of the Town of Cicero's Municipal Code to adopt new Section 94.50 establishing seating areas on sidewalks. It also sets forth certain guidelines.

Penalty Provision: This ordinance contains a penalty provision that permits the imposition of fines and penalties. This provision is in: Section 94.50.

Public Inspection of the Ordinance: the ordinance may be examined in Town of Cicero's Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 331 East Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46030. You may also request a copy or ask questions by contacting the Clerk-Treasurer directly at (317) 984-4900.
R7999 *5/25/26*

— WESTFIELD —

Exhibit A - Legal Notice
Notice of
Request for Proposals for
Construction Manager as Constructor Contract

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Washington Schools (the "Owner"), requests any Construction Manager as Constructor (as defined in Indiana Code Section 5-32-2-5, as amended) which is interested in being considered by the Owner as the Construction Manager as Constructor with respect to a construction projects at the Monon Athletic Complex, Monon Trail Elementary, and Maple Glen Elementary located in Westfield, Indiana. All are described in more detail in the Request for Proposals for Construction Manager as Constructor, dated May 13, 2026 (the "RFP"), to submit a Verified Statement of Proposal to provide Construction Manager as Constructor Services for the Project. The estimated Cost of the Work for this project is included in the RFP.

Verified Statements of Proposals shall be received by the Owner by 10:00 AM, Local Time on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at the WWS Administration Building, which is located at 19500 Thomlinson Road Westfield, IN 46074, Attention: Greg Hunt, Asst. Superintendent for Business and Operations. Each Proposal to the RFP that the Owner and the Owner's Evaluation Committee will determine to be a qualified response must be in accordance with the RFP and all of the provisions of Indiana Code 5-32, as amended and as applicable to the RFP process. Each Proposal to the RFP must also be submitted by a person or entity satisfying the definition of a construction manager as constructor as defined in Indiana Code Section 5-32-2-5, as amended (each, a "CMc").

To obtain a copy of the RFP or any other available additional information regarding the Project or to ask any questions regarding the RFP, please contact the Owner's Agents, via email - Brent Hite, CSO: bhite@csoinc.net.

Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Architect or the RFP, as of the date of this notice, all communication between any CMc and the Owner and/or the EC or their respective agents shall be conducted through only the Owner's Agents. Any CMc who otherwise contacts any employee, agent or elected or appointed official of the Owner or any member of the EC between the date of this notification and the award of the Construction Manager as Constructor Contract (other than expressly permitted by the RFP) is subject to disqualification at the sole and complete discretion of the Owner.

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

Each of the Owner and the Evaluation Committee reserves the right to reject for any reason and for no reason at all any and all responses received to the RFP and to be the sole judges of the value and merit of the Proposals offered. The Owner reserves the right to terminate for any reason and for no reason at the Project prior to executing the Construction Manager as Constructor Contract. If such termination occurs, the Owner shall not be liable for any costs incurred by any of the CMc with respect to any Proposal to this RFP.

By: Greg Hunt, Asst. Superintendent for Business and Operations
Westfield Washington Schools
Dated: May 11, 2026
R7921 *5/11/26, 5/25/26*

— TIPTON —

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
CO-ZO-09-26

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

An amendment of the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance concerning an additional section entitled "524 – Batter Energy Storage Systems". Specifically, the amendment is intended to add language to the zoning ordinance that will regulate the location and conditions of Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Additionally, Section 303 of the zoning ordinance entitled "District Land Usage" – Table A - District Use Standards, shall also be amended by adding addition use requirements for Battery Energy Storage Systems ≤ 200 MW, Battery Energy Storage Systems > 200 MW and Accessory Battery Energy Storage Systems.

These amendments will apply to the entire jurisdiction of the Tipton County Plan Commission.

The proposed amendments may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana prior to the hearing.

Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding the proposed amendments, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place; or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Tipton County Plan Commission

R7971 *5/22/26, 5/25/26*

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
CO-ZO-10-26

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

An amendment of the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance concerning changes or additions to the fee schedule associated with permits, applications, inspections, reviews and other services administered by the Tipton County Building Department and/or Planning and Zoning Department. The proposed amendments may include revisions to fees for building permits, improvement location permits, rezonings, variances, special exceptions, subdivision applications, development plans, inspections and related administrative services.

These amendments will apply to the entire jurisdiction of the Tipton County Plan Commission.

The proposed amendments may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana prior to the hearing.

Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding the proposed amendments, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place; or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Tipton County Plan Commission

R7972 *5/22/26, 5/25/26*

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CO-V-06-26 Cantwell

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 3rd day of June 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-06-26: John Cantwell, petitioner and owner, requests one (1) development standard variance to reduce the required front setback for an accessory structure from 91.5 feet to 62 feet from the center of the road in the AG zoning district.

The property is more fully described as:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Quarter; thence West 209.80 feet along the South line of said Quarter; thence North 01°40' 06" West 491.40 feet; thence East 209.80 feet to the East line of said Quarter; thence South 01°40' 06" East 491.40 feet along said East line to the point of beginning, containing 2.37 acres, more or less.

Commonly known as: 4978 State Road 19, Tipton, IN 46072

Parcel No.: 80-11-26-500-010.060-001

Interested persons desiring to present their views upon this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing to the Planning Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

R7973 *5/22/26, 5/25/26*

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CO-V-07-26 Hooper

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 3rd day of June 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-07-26: Scott Hooper, owner and petitioner, requests five (5) development standard variances to reduce the rear yard setback requirement from 50 feet to 20 feet, reduce the lot width requirement from 150 feet to 130 feet, increase the maximum lot coverage from 10% to 14%, decrease the minimum lot area from 30,000 sq. ft. to 16,000 sq. ft., and reduce the side yard setback from 20 feet to 9 feet, for the creation of two lots through the administrative subdivision process.

The property is more fully described as:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Six (6), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Three (3) East, Jefferson Township, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing 56 feet West of the Southwest corner of Lot One (1) in Block One (1) in David Kemp's North Addition to the Town of Kempton, thence North276 feet; thence West 132 feet' thence South 276 feet; thence East 132 feet to the place of beginning, containing .84 acre, more or less.

ALSO:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Six (6), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Three (3) East, Jefferson Township, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Beginning at a point Fifty-six (56) feet West of the Southwest corner of Lot One (1) in Block one 91) in David Kemp's North Addition to the Town of Kempton, Tipton county, Indiana, thence South to the North line of the public highway running East and West; thence West of the North line of said public highway, a distance of One Hundred Thirty-two (132) feet; thence North to a point West of the place of beginning; thence East to the place of beginning, containing .06 acre, more or less.

Commonly known as: 106 North West Street, Kempton, Indiana 46049

Parcel No.: 80—12-06-300-033.000-003 (.86 Acre)
80-12-06-300-044.000-003 (.06 Acre)

Interested persons desiring to present their views upon this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place or comments or objections may be submitted in writing to the Planning Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 prior to

12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

R7974 *5/22/26, 5/25/26*

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CO-V-08-26 Hooper

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 3rd day of June 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-08-26: Scott Hooper, owner and petitioner, requests five (5) development standard variances to reduce the rear yard setback requirement from 50 feet to 12 feet, reduce the lot width requirement from 150 feet to 120 feet, increase the maximum lot coverage from 10% to 25%, decrease the minimum lot area from 30,000 sq. ft. to 19,500 sq. ft., and reduce the side yard setback from 20 feet to 9 feet, for the creation of two lots through the administrative subdivision process.

The property is more fully described as:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Six (6), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Three (3) East, Jefferson Township, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing 56 feet West of the Southwest corner of Lot One (1) in Block One (1) in David Kemp's North Addition to the Town of Kempton, thence North276 feet; thence West 132 feet' thence South 276 feet; thence East 132 feet to the place of beginning, containing .84 acre, more or less.

ALSO:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Six (6), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Three (3) East, Jefferson Township, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Beginning at a point Fifty-six (56) feet West of the Southwest corner of Lot One (1) in Block one 91) in David Kemp's North Addition to the Town of Kempton, Tipton county, Indiana, thence South to the North line of the public highway running East and West; thence West of the North line of said public highway, a distance of One Hundred Thirty-two (132) feet; thence North to a point West of the place of beginning; thence East to the place of beginning, containing .06 acre, more or less.

Commonly known as: 106 North West Street, Kempton, Indiana 46049

Parcel No.: 80-12-06-300-033.000-003 (.86 Acre)
80-12-06-300-044.000-003 (.06 Acre)

Interested persons desiring to present their views upon this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place or comments or objections may be submitted in writing to the Planning Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 prior to

12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

R7975 *5/22/26, 5/25/26*

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 44-foot pole communications structure at the approx. vicinity of 6489 Braemar Avenue South, Noblesville, Hamilton County, IN, 46062. Lat: 40-0-1.836, Long: -86-3-25.236. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Jordin Govero, j.govero@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111.

R7976 *5/25/26*

— SHERIFF SALES —

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the *Superior* Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D05-2310-MF-009587, wherein The Huntington National Bank was Plaintiff, was Plaintiff, and Audrey Knuckles as Personal Representative of the Estate of Evelyn N. Dunwoody, Fifth Third Bank, National Association and United States of America Internal Revenue Service, were Defendants, and Fifth Third Bank, National Association was Counterclaim/Cross-Claim Plaintiff, and The Huntington National Bank was Counter-claim Defendant, and Audrey Knuckles, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Evelyn N. Dunwoody, and United States of America Internal Revenue Service, were the 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 **9th day of July, 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:

Part of the south half of Section 6 Township 17 North, Range 3 east in Hamilton County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of the east half of the west half of the southeast quarter of said Section 6 proceed west 250 feet in and along the south line of said quarter section to a point; thence north 350 feet parallel to the said east line to a point; thence east 250 feet parallel to the said south line to a point on the said east line; thence south 350 feet in and along said east line to the place of beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT: A part of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 6, Township 17 North, Range 3 East in Clay Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, said part being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said half quarter section; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds West (Indiana State Plane Coordinate System, East Zone), along the south line of said quarter section, a distance of 250.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 40 seconds East, parallel to the east line of said half quarter section, a distance of 50.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 250.00 feet to the east line of said half quarter section; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 40 seconds West, along said east line, a distance of50.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.287 acres (12,499 square feet), more or less. Subject to all legal highways, rights-of-ways, easements, and restrictions of record.

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and commonly known as: 3740 W 106th Street, Carmel, IN 46032.

Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # **29D05-2310-MF-009587** 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 appraisement 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

Clay
Township
3740 W 106th Street, Carmel, IN 46032
Street Address

The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR

R7982 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D03-2512-MF-013985 wherein NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing was Plaintiff, and Max A. Burgdoerfer, Amber S. Burgdoerfer, Scofield Farms Homeowners Owners Association Inc and Unknown Occupants were Defendants*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **July 9, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff s Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot Numbered 154 in Scofield Farms, Section 6, Secondary Plat, an Addition to the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, according to the plat thereof recorded July 12, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021050493 in Plat Cabinet 6, Slide 126, and Surveyor's Affidavit recorded December 9,2021 as Instrument No. 2021088204, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Commonly known address: 19405 Titus Drive, Westfield, IN 46062

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Westfield
Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 29-06-29-013-016.000-015

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
MDK Legal
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff

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R7985 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 7 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D05-2509-MF-010407 wherein Elements Financial Federal Credit Union was Plaintiff, and Hind C. Salih and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority were Defendants,* required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **9th day of July, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

UNIT 37 IN GUILFORD TRAILS TOWNHOMES - TRACT H, IN BUILDING 8, A HORIZONTAL PROPERTY REGIME, PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, IN CLAY TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, RECORDED AUGUST 18,2021 IN PLAT CABINET 6, SLIDE 147, AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2021060363 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

More commonly known as 20 Guilford Trail Dr, Carmel, IN 46032-1525

Parcel No. 29-09-25-301-008.003-018

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

/s/ MATTHEW S. LOVE
MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 18762-29
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727

Clay
Township

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

NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

R7986 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: *29D02-2506-PL-007232, wherein Bridgewater Property Owners' Association, Inc, was Plaintiff and T. Tad Bohlsen was Defendant*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **9th day of July, 2026, at the hour(s) of 10:00am-12:00pm** of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriffs Office, 18100 Cumberland Rd; Noblesville, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot Number Twelve (12) in Bridgewater, Section One, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument #9114079 and scrivener's error certificate recorded July 26, 1995 as Instrument No. 9544573, in the Plat Cabinet 1 slide 169, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Also, an undivided l/24w interest in Block D, as designated on the recorded plat of Bridgewater Section Four which was recorded as Instrument No. 96-44663 in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 731, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, which 1724th interest shall not be separately conveyable but shall pass title with said Lot 12.

Commonly known as: 12225 Wayside Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46256
Township: Fall Creek

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. All sales are subject to any first and prior liens taxes, and assessments legally levied and assessed thereon.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

Thrasher Buschmann & Voelkel, P. C.
Steven C. Earnhart, Esq.
8440 Woodfield Crossing Blvd, Suite 310
Indianapolis, IN 46240

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R7983 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

— WESTFIELD —

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

2605-VS-05; 18008 Dartown Road, SPWL Westfield, LLC requests a Variance of Development Standard to permit the use of stamped architectural concrete panel in lieu of Masonry Materials on 65.01 acres +/- in the Wheeler Landing Planned Unit Development (PUD) District (Article 6.3(G)(2)(a)(1).

Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov

R8012 *5/25/26*

— SHERIFF SALES —

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the *Superior* Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D01-2507-MF-007521, wherein U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust was Plaintiff, and Joseph M. McCarthy, was a Defendant*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **9th day of July, 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:

Tract A: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 3 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 3 East that is 1751.34 feet South 89 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds West (assumed bearing) from the Northeast corner of the said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds West on the North line of said Northeast Quarter 332.40 feet; thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 15 seconds West parallel with the East line of said Northeast Quarter 655.30 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds East parallel with the said North line 332.40 feet; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 15 seconds East parallel with said East line 655.30 feet to the place of beginning, containing 5.00 acres more or less and subject to all highways, rights-of-way and easements. Tract B: Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 3 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 3 East measured 2083.74 feet South 89 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds West (assumed bearing) on the North line of said Northeast Quarter from the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds West on said North line 187.84 feet to a point that is 450.00 feet North 89 degrees 48 minutes 05 Seconds East from the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 26 seconds West parallel with the West line of said Northeast Quarter 655.28 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds East parallel with said North line 185.97 feet to a point on a line that bears South 00 degrees 31 minutes 15 seconds West, measured parallel with the East line of said Northeast Quarter from the place of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 15 seconds East on said line and parallel with the East line of said Northeast Quarter 655.30 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2.81 acres, more or less and subject to all highways, rights-of-way and easements.

29-09-16-000-005.004-025; 29-09-16-000.005.000-015

and commonly known as: 1739 W 156th St, Westfield, IN 46074.

Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # **29D01-2507-MF-007521** 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 appraisement 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

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1739 W 156th St, Westfield, IN 46074
Street Address

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R7981 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D03-2512-MF-013371 wherein Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing was Plaintiff, and Dennis J. Richards, Rhonda Richards, Irwin Franchise Capital Corporation, The United States of America, Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, KRG Hamilton Crossing, LLC, Cavalry SPV I, LLC, LVNV Funding, LLC, Barclays Bank Delaware, City of Fishers, State of Indiana, Department of Workforce Development, State of Indiana, Department of Revenue and Tanglewood Property Owners Association, Inc. were Defendants*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **July 9, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff s Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot Numbered 73, in Tanglewood, Section 2B, a subdivision in Town of Fishers, Fall Creek Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded July 6, 2005, as Instrument No. 200500041218 in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 656 and corrected in Surveyors Affidavit recorded February 10,2006 as Instrument No. 200600006852, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Commonly known address: 12742 Balbo Place, Fishers, IN 46037

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Fall Creek
Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 29-11-26-025-007.000-020

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
MDK Legal
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff

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R7984 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D07-2502-MF-001894, wherein Planet Home Lending, LLC was Plaintiff, and Joel Kenneth Moore, Samantha L. Branford, Maple Run II Homeowners Association, Inc. and Discover Bank were the Defendants,* requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **9th day of July, 2026**, at **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m**. local time, of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

LOT NUMBER 14 IN MAPLE RUN, SECTION 4, SECONDARY PLAT, AN ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 12, 2021 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-19548 IN PLAT CABINET 6, SLIDE 79, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

More Commonly known as: 1447 Bigleaf Drive, Sheridan, Indiana 46069

Property ID Number: 29-05-06-002-005.000-002

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana
Adams Township
Township of Property Location
1447 Bigleaf Drive
Sheridan, Indiana 46069
Street Address

/s/ Andrew Kraemer
Andrew Kraemer, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney No. 14872-71
Johnson, Blumberg and Associates, LLC
500 West Lincoln Highway, Suite J
Merrillville, IN 46410
312-541-9710
July 09, 2026
Date

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R7987 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Date & Time of Sale; *July 09, 2026 - 12:00 pm*
Sale Location: 18100 Cumberiand Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060
Judgment to be Satisfied: *$84,897.53 plus interest from April 14,2026*
Plaintiff: *Everwise Credit Union*
Cause Number: *29D02-2509-MF-010099*
Defendant: *Nicole J. Snyder n/k/a Nicole J. Carnahan*

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County Indiana, wherein *Everwise Credit Union was Plaintiff, and Nicole J. Snyder n/k/a Nicole J. Carnahan, Union Planters Bank NA, Ashwood I Homeowners Association, Inc., Fishers Utilities, Richmond Exteriors and Midland Funding LLC were Defendants*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:

Lot Numbered 128 as shown on the plat of Ashwood Section 2, an Addition in Hamilton County, Indiana recorded January 25, 2002 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana as Instrument No. 200200007485

Commonly known as 13322 Westwood Lane, Fishers, Indiana 46038,

Parcel No. 29-11-28-002-006.000-020

Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No. **29D02-2509-MF-010099** in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton, Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. In accordance with the requirements of IC 32-29-7-3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

Michael A. Trippel, Plaintiffs Attorney
P.O. Box 1210
Mishawaka, IN 46546-1210
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Attorney No. 16537-71
Thorne Grodnik, LLP

Fall Creek
Township

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

R7989 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

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— COURT NOTICES —

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON
)SS: CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29C01-2604-MF-004434
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.)
PLAINTIFF,)
VS.)
ABDUL-MAJED M. JALALI, STATE OF INDIANA DEPARTMENT)
OF REVENUE, SAGAMORE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.)
Defendant(s).)

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above-named, and any other person who may be concerned:

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is: Foreclosure of mortgage and termination of your interest, if any, in the real property located at:

6345 Gleneagles Court, Noblesville, IN 46060

and to the following Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown:

Sagamore Owners Association, Inc., and all other persons claiming any right, title, or interest in the within described real estate by, through or under them or any other person or entity, the names of all whom are unknown to the Plaintiff.

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days commencing the day 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.

ATTEST:
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Circuit Court

Respectfully submitted,
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Attorney for Plaintiff
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NOTICE: MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

R7993 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2604-MI-5330
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF:
KRYSTA MARIE PAQUETTE

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, KRYSTA MARIE PAQUETTE, through counsel, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from KRYSTA MARIE PAQUETTE to KRYSTA MARIE KRAUSE.

The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on September 18, 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: May 7, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County

R7994 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2605-MI-006152
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Elijah Randall Gray
Name of Minor
Emily Renee Abshire
By Next Friend

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that, Emily Renee Abshire, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on April 20, 2026 to change the name of Elijah Randall Gray to Elijah Gray Kovacik.

The Petition is schedule for hearing in the Hamilton County Circuit Court on September 18, 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: May 21, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County

R8017 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

29D03-2605-EU-000214

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR
COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2605-EU-000214
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
MARGARET LANGE, Deceased.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Kenneth Lange was on the 19th of May , 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Margaret Lange, deceased.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this May 19, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court

R8009 *5/25/26, 6/1/25*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 2901-2604-MI-004787
N RE THE MATTER OF:
Kyle Alexander Perkins
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Kyle Alexander Perkins, whose mailing address is: 13841 Black Canyon Ct Fishers, Indiana 46038, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Kyle Alexander Perkins has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Kylie Anne Perkins.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: September 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Kyle Alexander Perkins
Petitioner
Date: May 21, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County

R8018 *5/25/26, 6/1/26, 6/8/26*

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF HAMILTON
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR
COURT I
CAUSE NO. 29D01-2309-EU-000421
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
DANIEL SOOTS, DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of Daniel Soots, deceased.

Cause Number: 29D01-2309-EU-000421

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of January 2024, Jonathan C. Soots was appointed personal representative of the estate of Daniel Soots, deceased, who died on the 1st day of January 2023.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this May 20, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
HOLT LEGAL GROUP
Matthew I. Snyder #34777-29
198 South 9th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
(317) 773-5997

R7995 *5/25/26, 6/1/26*

29D03-2605-EU-000227

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR
COURT 3
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2605-EU-000227
IN RE THE ESTATE OF)
DIAN E. HAGER, Deceased.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on may 19, 2026, Jane B. Freed was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Dian E. Hager, deceased, who died on the 27th day of December, 2025. All persons having claims against the estate whether or not now due, must file a claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which is expected to occur within seven (7) days after the date 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 May 20, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Courts
Probate Division
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R8005 *5/25/26, 6/1/25*

29D03-2605-EU-000223

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In Hamilton Superior Court No. 3
Probate Division
In the Matter of the Estate of
Shanker R. Moily, deceased.
Estate Docket 29D03-2605-EU-000223

Notice is hereby given that Julia Strouse was on May 19th , 2026, appointed personal representative of the estate of Shanker R. Moily, deceased, who died on February 24, 2026.

All persons who have claims against the estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of 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 May 20th , 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
No 3, Probate Division

R8006 *5/25/26, 6/1/25*

"The last original idea was E=MC², and there's some evidence to suggest he stole that from the Egyptians."
– Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1988

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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

1000 (101) General Fund	2000 Office Supplies	14,406
	3000 Other Services & Charges	8,842,450
	4000 Capital Outlays	51,518
1025 Airport Authority Capital Fund	3000 Other Services & Charges	403,590
1028 Airport Authority Grant Fund	6000 Interfund Transfer	109,039
1138 Cumulative Capital Development Fund		
	4000 Capital Outlays	100,000
1135 LIT Dedicated to PSAP	3000 Other Services & Charges	77,000
	4000 Capital Outlays	1,400,000
1237 Opioid Restricted Fund	2000 Office Supplies	8,375
4925 FSSA	3000 Other Services & Charges	229,837
8200 Federal Grants	2000 Office Supplies	9,173
9000 State & Local Grants	1000 Personnel Services	40,000
	2000 Office Supplies	11,885
	3000 Other Services & Charges	18,000
	4000 Capital Outlays	16,616

R7969 *5/19/26, 5/25/26*

LEGAL NOTICE
DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, LLC

Public notice is hereby given to affected property owners pursuant to 170 IAC 4-9-4(f) that within two (2) to six (6) weeks of the date of this notice, weather permitting, Duke Energy Indiana, LLC will be performing vegetation management as part of its power line maintenance program in the area described below. As part of this project, one of its contractors that employ qualified utility line clearance tree workers will be trimming and/or removing trees and brush to clear the lines of vegetation to provide safe and reliable electric service. Vegetation management will be performed in/near Noblesville, Carmel, Cicero on or near streets identified below:

- Beginning at the substation located at the intersection of E 216th St & Cammack Rd to include the areas around & near: N of E SR 38, E of Flippins Rd, S of E 249th St, W of Morse Reservoir
- Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of Towne Rd & W 141st St to include the areas around & near: N of W 126th St, E of Hiatt Dr, S & W of the substation
- Beginning at the substation located near the intersection of Cherry Tree Rd & E 160th St to include the areas around & near:
  - N of the substation, E of Mill Creek Rd, S of SR 32, W of Natasha Dr
  - N of Cherry Creek Blvd, E of Hazel Dell Pkwy, S & W of the substation

The date this notice is published initiates the two (2) week period for calculating implied consent by an affected property owner under 170 IAC 4-9. If you have any questions, you may contact the Duke Energy Vegetation Management toll free number, 866-385-3675.

Duke Energy Indiana, LLC
Vegetation Management Department

R8007 *5/25/26*

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday, June 8 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The Executive Session will be for Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7).

/s/ *Todd E. Clevenger*
Hamilton County Auditor

R8008 *5/25/26*

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bowen Engineering Corporation (a General Contractor) An Equal Employment Opportunity Employer is seeking Certified MBE/WBE owned business bids for the Citizens Lebanon Water Supply Program- Project T2 North Main East project. Subcontracting opportunities are available for Trucking, Aggregate Supply, Pipe Supply, Clearing, Landscaping, Asphalt Paving and Fencing. Interested and Certified MBE/WBE business parties should contact Matt Carlin at matthew.carlin@bowensqp.com to discuss subcontracting opportunities. All bids and applicable MBE/WBE documentation must be submitted on or before June 16th at 12:00PM EST. Plans are available upon request via free download by sending a request to Matt Carlin; matthew.carlin@bowensqp.com

R8010 *6/1/26, 6/8/26*

— CICERO —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF
CICERO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Cicero Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission") will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., local time, in Cicero Town Hall, located at 331 East Jackson Street in Cicero, Indiana, to consider proposed amendments to the resolutions previously adopted by the Commission and subsequently amended, that established the Cicero Economic Development Area (the "Economic Development Area") and related allocation areas and adopted an economic development plan for the Economic Development Area (the "Plan"). The proposed amendments, which have been preliminarily approved by resolution of the Commission, would amend the Plan for the Economic Development Area to (a) add certain property to the acquisition list in the Plan, and (b) add certain additional projects to the Plan (collectively, the "Amendments").

Written remonstrances against the proposed Amendments may be filed by no later than 4:00 p.m. (local time) on June 2, 2026, in the office of the Cicero Redevelopment Commission, located at 331 Jackson Street. in Cicero, Indiana.

At the public hearing, the Commission will hear any person interested in the proceedings and will consider all written remonstrances and objections that have been filed and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed Amendments. Maps and plats for the Consolidated Economic Development Area have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the Cicero Redevelopment Commission at the address listed above.

Emily K Pearson, President
Town of Cicero, Redevelopment Commission

R8001 *5/25/26*

Legal Notice
Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on June 18th,2026 at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-0626-14-R5

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 989 S Pearl Street, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Article 3.12 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance in order to: allow an accessory structure to be twenty (20) feet in height. Whereas Article 3.12 states that an accessory structure shall be a maximum of sixteen (16) feet in height.

Docket No. BZA-0626-15-R5

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 989 S Pearl Street, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Article 7.5 AS-02 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance in order to: allow an accessory structure in the front yard. Whereas Article 7.5 AS-02 states that an accessory structure shall be to the side or rear of the primary structure.

Docket No. BZA-0626-16-R5

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 989 S Pearl Street, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Article 7.15 ED of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance in order to: allow a drive to be thirty-five (35) feet from an intersection. Whereas Article 7.15 ED states that a drive shall be one hundred fifty feet (150) from any intersecting road if along a local road.

Project Address: 989 S Pearl Street, Cicero, IN 46034
Legal Description: Acreage 0.45 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel number: 05-06-01-04-06-014.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments or letters may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission at PO Box 650, Cicero IN, 46034. Comments may also be emailed to publiccomments@townofcicero.in.gov.

Comments must be received by 10:00 am on the Monday prior to a scheduled meeting day.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Petitioner's Name: John & Amy Stanley Date: May 20th, 2026

R8011 *5/25/26*

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF DECLARATORY RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO THE DESIGNATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA IN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA

Notice is hereby given that on May 11, 2026, the Common Council (the "Common Council") of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City"), adopted Resolution No. 26-114, entitled "A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Westfield, Indiana Declaring the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area and Preliminarily Approving the Deduction from Assessed Value of New Real Property Improvements" (the "Declaratory Resolution"). You are further notified that the Common Council will hold a public hearing to consider confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution.

SCG Property Group, LLC, and/or one or more subsidiaries, affiliates or joint ventures thereof (collectively, the "Applicant") is proposing to develop the Schaaf CPA Group, LLC Headquarters Office on one or more parcels in the City consisting of approximately 1.03 acres located at or near 302 N. Union Street (the "Area"), which development will include the construction of a 2-story office building equating to approximately 9,000 square feet with a total estimated cost for the redevelopment of the property as described in the Applicant's statement of benefits (Form SB-1/RP), the construction of which shall commence by July 1, 2026 and be substantially complete by December 31, 2027 (the "Project").

The Declaratory Resolution designates the Area as an "economic revitalization area" pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1, to be known as the "Downtown Economic Revitalization Area." The Declaratory Resolution also finds that the amount of investment in real property and other benefits of the Project justify the granting of real property tax deductions for ten (10) years to the Applicant, pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions with respect to the Project set forth in the Declaratory Resolution. A copy of the Declaratory Resolution, which includes a description of the Area, is available for inspection in the office of the City's Director of Economic Development and at the Hamilton County Assessor's Office.

The public hearing will be held on June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly room of the Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074. At the public hearing, the Common Council will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons with respect to the Declaratory Resolution. After considering the evidence, the Common Council will take final action (1) determining whether the qualifications for an economic revitalization area have been met, and (2) confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution. This determination will be final, subject to certain rights to appeal under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-2.5.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA

R8002 *5/25/26*

— NOBLESVILLE —

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Greenfield District, with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to proceed with an intersection improvement project on State Road (S.R.) 38 and Logan Street (Des 1901880, 2400113, and 2500934) in Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

This project will replace the existing signalized intersection with a dual-lane roundabout with two 12-foot wide entry and exit lanes in the northbound and southbound directions of travel and one 12-foot-wide entry and exit lane in the eastbound and westbound directions of travel. The lane width within the roundabout will be 16 feet wide, and a 12-foot wide right-turn lane will be included for westbound traffic turning from Logan Street onto S.R. 38. The two lanes traveling north to south in the roundabout will narrow into single lanes on S.R. 38. The travel lanes outside the roundabout limits will be 12 feet wide, bordered by curb and gutter on each side of the roadway. The center median of the roundabout will consist of vegetation surrounded by a truck apron that is 15 feet wide, bordered by curb and gutter. A concrete center curb will be installed on each leg of the roundabout leading up to the intersection and for the right turn lane from Logan Street to S.R. 38 going north. Curb ramps will be installed at each corner and on the eastern, western, and southern center curbs.

The existing drainage pipe (CLV-54743) beneath S.R. 38 will be incorporated into the new storm sewer system. A new storm sewer line will be installed along Logan Street from Lakeview Drive to John Street. A new 10-foot-wide asphalt shared use path will be constructed along the south side of Logan Street and the existing concrete sidewalks will be reconstructed. A new sidewalk will be added along the east side of S.R. 38, south of Logan Street, and new street lighting will be installed within the project vicinity. Four retaining walls with handrails will be installed: one in the southwest corner of the intersection and three along the east side of S.R. 38, south of Logan Street. The project extends 750 feet south and 1,250 feet north on S.R. 38, and 640 feet west, and 1,150 feet east on Logan Street from the center of the intersection.

The need for this project is due to traffic congestion experienced at the approach roadways of the S.R. 38 and Logan Street intersection. Prolonged delays along Logan Street are experienced during the AM and PM peak hours of travel, from the traffic volumes along S.R. 38. The level of service (LOS) reflects the congestion for a roadway or intersection based on 10 and 20-year traffic volume projections. The LOS values range from LOS A, the best operating condition, to LOS F, stop-and-go traffic leading to significant delays. The current LOS for the existing signalized intersection is C for AM and E for PM peak hours of travel. The 2047 LOS for the existing signalized intersection is an F for AM and PM peak hours. The purpose of this project is to reduce congestion on the approach roadways to the S.R. 38 and Logan Street intersection. The goal of the project is to improve the level of service to a LOS of D or better in both the AM and PM peak hours in the design year (2047).

The project requires approximately 0.639 acre of permanent right-of-way from five commercial properties, including approximately 0.307 acre of reacquired right-of-way. The project also requires approximately 0.183 acre of temporary right-of-way. This project will not require the displacement or relocation of any residents or businesses.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for this project will require phased construction and the use of vehicular and pedestrian detours. Vehicular traffic will be detoured utilizing River Road and S.R. 32 while the new pavement, storm sewer, shared-use path, sidewalk, and modular block walls are constructed. The detour will add approximately 0.5 miles for motorists and will be in place for approximately 120 days. Pedestrians will be detoured utilizing Logan Street from Lakeview Drive to John Street, John Street to S.R. 32, and S.R. 32 to River Road.

The FHWA and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion Level 2 (CE-2) environmental document with no significant adverse impacts to the human and natural environment found during the creation of this document.

Preliminary design plans, along with the CE-2 document, are available for review at the following locations:

1. Hamilton East Public Library, Noblesville Branch, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville, IN 46060
2. INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 South Broadway Greenfield, IN 46140
3. Egis Office, 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250
4. Website: https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/greenfield-district-current-projects/s.r.-38-and-logan-st.-intersection-improvement-project-in-noblesville/

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Brian Shaw by email at brian.shaw@egis-group.com or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250 on or before June 10, 2026. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request. Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed, please contact Brian Shaw by email at brian.shaw@egis-group.com by phone at 317-806-3028, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the INDOT Greenfield District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Jennifer Beck at 765-745-8276 or JBeck@indot.IN.gov. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact Brian Shaw at 317- 806-3028 or brian.shaw@egis-group.com.

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DES. NO. 2003053
LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The City of Noblesville with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and oversight by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a proposed intersection improvement project (Des. No. 2003053) in Wayne Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. The project will take place at the 166th Street and Boden Road intersection, approximately 0.3 mile south of State Road (SR) 38. Work along Boden Road would extend approximately 1,040 feet south of the intersection to 850 feet north of the intersection for a total project length of 1,890 feet (0.358 mile). Work along 166th St would extend approximately 500 feet east of the intersection to 500 feet west of the intersection for a total project length of 1,000 feet (0.189 mile).

The need for this project stems from a high frequency of collisions, including a substantial number of injury crashes, and increasing traffic volumes at the intersection of Boden Road and 166th Street, where according to the 2021 Road Safety Audit Report, 19 crashes occurred between 2016 and 2020, including 15 injury crashes. The intersection currently operates at a level of service (LOS) of B/B). The majority of crashes are right-angle collisions, indicating a safety concern for both vehicles and pedestrians. Implementation of a roundabout is expected to reduce the number and severity of right-angle crashes and improve intersection operations, providing a measurable enhancement in safety and traffic flow. Traffic volumes and pedestrian activity are increasing due to recent and ongoing development, including residential subdivisions along Boden Road and 166th Street, Finch Creek Park (opened 2020), and Deer Creek Elementary School (opened 2022), which contribute to congestion and the potential for crashes.

The primary purpose is to improve safety at the intersection by reducing vehicle speeds, and decreasing the frequency and severity of collisions, while maintaining a LOS of C/C or better while accommodating anticipated increases in traffic volume at the intersection of Boden Rd and 166th St.

The proposed work includes the replacement of the existing stop controlled intersection with a multi-lane roundabout intersection and widening the roadways approaching the roundabout. Boden Road will widen from one 10-foot travel lane to two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, and 166th Street from one 10-foot travel lane to one 18-foot travel lane in each direction. Specifically, Boden Road will include two lanes in each direction (northbound and southbound) entering and exiting the roundabout, while 166th Street will have one lane in each direction (eastbound and westbound) entering and exiting the roundabout. The project also includes the installation of curb and gutter. In addition, the project includes the construction of 8-foot-wide sidewalks, medians ranging from 16 feet to 4 feet wide, and 2-foot-wide shoulders. Furthermore, the construction of a stormwater detention area, enclosed stormwater system with drainage structures, and riprap for outlet protection are anticipated as permanent stormwater quality best management practices.

The proposed construction of this project will acquire 3.13 acres of new permanent right-of-way and will not require any new temporary right-of-way. 3.09 acres of easements will be required. No relocations will occur as a part of this project.

The project is expected to take 12 months to complete. The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for the project proposes a full road closure of Boden Road and 166th Street within the project limits for up to 12 months and detour routes for both Boden Road and 166th Street. The detour route for Boden Road will utilize 156th Street, Olio Road, and State Road 38, and will result in approximately 3.2 miles (5 minutes) of additional travel. The detour route for 166th Street will utilize Summer Road, 156th Street and Olio Road, and will result in approximately 4.0 miles (6 minutes) of additional travel. Other local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. As there are no existing sidewalks or non-vehicular facilities within the project area, no disruptions to pedestrian or other non-vehicular traffic are anticipated either. The proposed start of construction is Fall 2027.

The cost associated with this project is approximately $4,652,000 which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction with both federal and local funds anticipated to be used. The FHWA and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

- City of Noblesville Engineering Department (16 S 10th Street, City Hall, Noblesville, IN 46060)
- USI Consultants, Inc. Website (https://www.usiconsultants.com/2003053)

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Chase DeBruyn, 317-522-2463, 8415 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46216, cdebruyn@usiconsultants.com on or before Tuesday June 9th, 2026. Project documents can be mailed upon request.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the City of Noblesville's Engineering Department for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Jim Hellmann, 317-776-6330, jhellmann@noblesville.in.gov. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact the City of Noblesville's Engineering Department.

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Boys Golf

Shamrocks start winning streak

Westfield finishes first in three big tournaments over four days

By RICHIE HALL
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CICERO – A good way to describe the Westfield boys golf team after Monday, May 18 is "tired, but happy."

And a little wet, since that day's Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet at Bear Slide Golf Club was thrown off schedule due to afternoon thunderstorms. But the Shamrocks got through it and were rewarded with the HCC team championship.

Westfield scored 294 to claim the trophy.

Hudson Kutchma finished as the medalist with a score of 69. Kutchma was one of four Westfield players that earned a place on the All-HCC team. The others were Ryan Cesare (73), Mitchell Keene (74) and Jude Kaufman (78).

"Our seniors really stepped up today," said Rocks coach Josh Bryant. The coach credited his team with handling the weather delay, which kept them on the course until after 7 p.m. after Westfield started its round at 11:45 a.m.

"Hudson had a great day and then he came back out after a rain delay and made a couple birdies," said Bryant. "Pretty proud of those guys."

Noblesville placed second as a team, scoring 301. Tyler Marucci was the individual runner-up, carding a score of 70 for All-HCC honors. Three more Millers made the all-conference team: Jackson Mahan (75), Dustin Turpin (78) and Zane Corley (78).

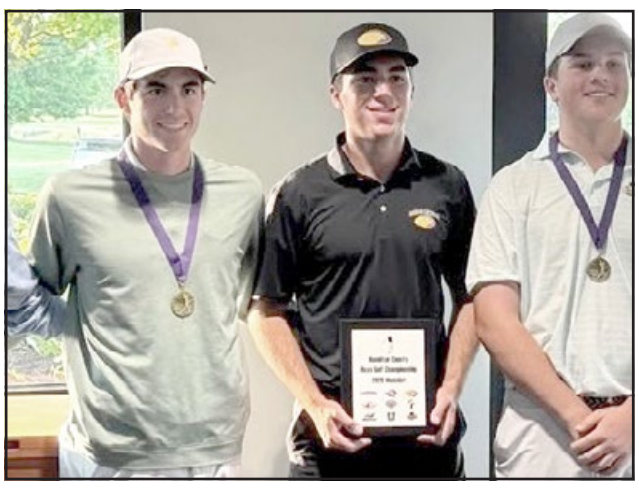

Photo provided

Guerin Catholic's Eli Wessel (center) won medalist honors at the Hamilton County meet Friday, May 15 at Pebble Brook.

Hamilton Southeastern finished third, totaling 304. Mattingly Upchurch paced the Royals with his score of 73 and was joined on the All-HCC team by Dane Starnes (76), Ben Miller (77) and Zach Kinzer (78).

Fishers scored 311. Evan Back scored 74 and Cam Young carded 78; both were named to the All-HCC team.

The Shamrocks' victory was their third major championship for the Rocks in four days. Westfield claimed the Hamilton County meet Friday, May 15 at Pebble Brook Golf Course to start its streak.

The Rocks sent a team to the Franklin Invitational at The Legends in Franklin on Saturday, May 16 and won first place there. Westfield held off Carmel 295-296 to claim the Franklin Invitational. Cesare and Kutchma both scored 73s. Ben Wilson led the Greyhounds with 72.

Six under 300

The Rocks put together an incredible round at Pebble Brook, where the top six teams all scored under 300. Westfield finished the day with a one under par 279. Ryan Cesare scored 68 (two under par), while Keaton Knott carded a one under 69, making an eagle on the 18th hole.

Cesare tied with Guerin Catholic's Eli Wessel for first place, as Wessel also totaled 68. That led to a playoff for individual medalist, which Wessel won.

Knott tied for third place individually, while Brayden Worthington's even par 70 tied him for fifth.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Westfield boys golf team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship Monday, May 18 at Bear Slide. The Shamrocks scored 294 and had four players make the All-HCC team.

The Golden Eagles finished second as a team with 284. Brady Wagner was part of the fifth-place tie with his score of 70.

Carmel placed third with 291, followed by Hamilton Southeastern (292) and Noblesville (294). The Greyhounds' Noah Johnson scored 69 to tie for third and Preston Roberts' 70 placed him in the fifth-place tie.

Noblesville's Tyler Marucci also joined the fifth-place tie with his 70. The Royals' Mattingly Upchurch scored 71 to tie for ninth. Fishers' Tommy Klinker also totaled 71 and is part of the ninth-place tie. The Tigers scored 305 as a team.

Hamilton Heights scored 322. Kole Kirtley led the Huskies with 76.

Heights traveled to Dykeman Park Golf Course on Saturday, May 16 for the Hoosier Conference meet.

The Huskies scored 335 as a team. Kirtley carded a 74 and was named to the All-Conference team. Drew Woodruff totaled 84 and Bruce Hutcherson scored 85.

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