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Summer Badge Camp introduces young women to local leaders

Weeklong camp organized & led by Scouts from Carmel High School

The REPORTER

Girl Scout Troop 1887 from Carmel High School welcomed girls from across Hamilton County to its second annual Summer Badge Camp at the Carmel Lions Club, where campers spent a week earning badges, making new friends, and learning from community leaders and professionals.

Throughout the week, campers earned five Girl Scout badges in Animals, First Aid, Arts & Crafts, Healthy Living, and Entrepreneurship through hands-on activities designed and led by members of Troop 1887. The camp was open to all girls, regardless of whether they were enrolled in Girl Scouts.

While the camp serves as a fundraiser for the troop's Gold Award projects - the highest achievement in Girl Scouting - it also fills an important need by providing an affordable, local camp experience for families who may not be able to attend a traditional Girl Scout resident camp outside the immediate area.

"Our older girls gain invaluable leadership experience by planning and running every aspect of the camp," said



(ABOVE) Campers and counselors with Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Tyler Abbitt and his K-9 partner Jaeger. (BELOW) Carmel Firefighter Bruce Frost teaches the girls how to perform CPR.

Troop Leader Tammy Sander. "At the same time, we're able to introduce younger girls to everything that makes Girl Scouting so special. It's rewarding to see friendships form, confidence grow, and campers discover new interests throughout the week."

Campers had the opportunity to learn from several special guests. They met two K-9 teams from the Hamilton



Photos provided

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Summer pondering

Do you ever ponder? You know, think quietly, soberly, and deeply.

Pondering is something my mother taught me to do. She did most of her pondering at the kitchen table with her open Bible and on the front porch in her antique white rocking chair.

Me? I, too, am a kitchen-table and porch ponderer.

This week I am in Tampa, where my daughter's pool is my favorite place to ponder as I float, with my grand dog, Alex, keeping watch over me. Neither Alex nor I like to get our hair wet.

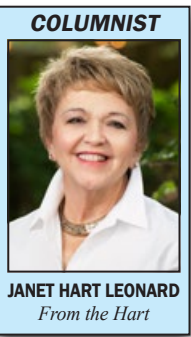
Here are my ponderings from the pool . . .

Looking up at the cloud formations never gets old. Today I saw a mother dog touch her nose to her pup's nose. My heart went . . . aww.

Your age does not disqualify you from learning or doing something new. Well, maybe not rock climbing or skydiving.

Having a difference of opinion does not mean you cannot be friends. There is such a thing as disagreeing agreeably. However, do not let others' loud voices change your mind without prayerful consideration. What's good for the goose isn't always good for the gander, unless it involves equality.

Integrity is something we should never lose. Once we are caught in a lie, our integrity will always be called into question. When in doubt, always be truthful. Here's a caveat. If your friend is wearing something audacious and asks what you think, smile and say, "Girlfriend, you are brave, you are



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Nickel Plate Express bringing rail bikes to downtown Tipton

Submitted by City of Tipton

The City of Tipton and Nickel Plate Express announced Thursday, July 9 that rail bike rides are coming to town, with the first rides planned during the Tipton County Pork Festival from Sept. 10 to 12.

The pedal-powered rail bikes, which seat up to four passengers, ride directly on railroad tracks and are designed for all ages and ability levels. Riders will depart from a station on the east side of downtown Tipton, located along the rail line near The Shack.

City officials have been working with Nickel Plate Express and the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority over the past several months to bring the attraction to town. The Pork Festival rides will serve as an introductory run, with regular

ly scheduled service to launch at a later date. Booking details and a full schedule will be announced as they are finalized.

"Tipton is building for the future, and projects like this show exactly the kind of community we intend to become," Mayor Kegan Schmicker said. "Bringing rail bike rides to downtown Tipton is more than a new attraction; it is validation that the work we have invested in is working. This will make Tipton one of just two places in the state offering rail bikes, demonstrating confidence in the community, our dedication to revitalizing downtown, and our belief that Tipton can attract visitors, investments, and new opportunities. By activating this historic rail corridor, we are turning an existing maintenance liability into a catalyst for growth and creating new momentum that will help position Tipton for



Photo provided by City of Tipton (From left) Drake Lockwood with Nickel Plate Express, Tipton Mayor Kegan Schmicker, and Tipton's Director of Special Projects Collin Huffines.

the next generation."

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, the 501(c)(3) non-profit that operates Nickel Plate Express, has offered rail bike excursions in Noblesville since 2024. In the program's

first two years, approximately 22,000 passengers have ridden the rail bikes, with an additional 4,200 riders so far in 2026.

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Auditor's Office details changes to disabled Veteran property tax benefits

Submitted

The Hamilton County Auditor's Office is informing veterans and homeowners about important changes to Indiana's Disabled Veteran property tax benefits following the passage of House Enrolled Act 1210-2026 (HEA 1210).

HEA 1210 makes three significant changes to Disabled Veteran property tax benefits:

- Two existing Disabled Veteran deductions are being converted into tax credits.
- Veterans currently receiving one of those deductions do not need to take any action. The Hamilton County Auditor's Office will automatically convert eligible deductions to credits and will notify affected property owners by mail.
- A new property tax deduction has been created for totally disabled veterans. Veterans who may qualify for this new deduction must file an application with the Auditor's Office.



Clevenger

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Two dogs die after being left in car on 95-degree day; owner charged with felony

The REPORTER

On Friday, July 3, two dogs died after being left unattended in a car at The Boathouse Restaurant, 409 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

Perina James, 35, has since been arrested and charged with Cruelty to an Animal, a Level 6 Felony, and Cruelty to an Animal, a Class A Misdemeanor. (IC 35-46-3-7)

According to the probable cause affidavit, on July 3, Cicero Police responded to a call about two dogs being left in a hot vehicle. At 4:30 p.m., just before officers arrived on scene, the recorded temperature was 95 degrees with a heat index of 103 degrees.

According to the affidavit, "Perina stated they arrived [at] the Boathouse at approximately

2:30 p.m. and she left the vehicle running with the front windows lowered approximately one-third of the way before entering the restaurant. She stated both dogs were alive at that time."

One of the dogs, a Rottweiler, was deceased when an officer arrived on scene. The other dog, a Goldendoodle, was taken by a Cicero police officer to VCA Veterinary Clinic in Fishers for emergency treatment. According to the affidavit, "Veterinary staff later advised that due to the animal's condition and poor prognosis, humane euthanasia was authorized by Perina James via telephone."

James told officers she was in

The Boathouse for 30 to 45 minutes, after which she walked to Alexander's Ice Cream, 369 W. Jackson St., for another five to 10 minutes.

The manager of The Boathouse told Cicero Police he had reviewed the surveillance footage and estimated James was in the restaurant for one hour and 45 minutes. That does not include the additional time spent at Alexander's Ice Cream.

According to the affidavit, "Perina James stated that while [at] Alexander's Ice Cream, she observed her windshield wipers activating. She walked back over to her vehicle and discovered the dogs in distress. She believed the dogs may have



James

manipulated the vehicle's climate controls, causing the air conditioning settings to change."

Also according to the affidavit, "[James] later stated to veterinary staff over the phone that the dogs may have turned the vehicle off. This is inconsistent with the mechanical operation of the vehicle and observations on scene."

This incident occurred only two days after Indiana's new law providing extra protection for good Samaritans who see animals trapped in a vehicle took effect. Public Law 80, formerly House Bill 1165, both removes the civil liability for damage to a vehicle in cases like this and increases the penalties to the offender for cruelty to an animal. Read the bill at tinyurl.com/HB1165-26.



Thanks to Duke Energy, HCAA’s Youth Art Wellness Week taking place at Noblesville Boys & Girls Club

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Artists’ Association (HCAA) announces its upcoming Youth Art Wellness Week, taking place July 13 to 17 at the Noblesville Boys & Girls Club, 1700 Conner St., Noblesville.

The program will welcome up to 40 kids each day, ages 5 to 12, for hands on creative experiences designed to support mental wellness, artistic confidence, and personal expression.

Throughout the week, students will explore mindful drawing and painting, collage, and sculpture, guided by HCAA’s member artists, who bring professional expertise and a passion for nurturing young creators. Each activity is intentionally crafted to help students build focus, reduce stress, and discover the joy of creative problem solving.

This year’s program is generously sponsored by Duke Energy, whose com-

mitment to community enrichment and youth development makes initiatives like this possible. Duke Energy’s support allows HCAA to offer high quality arts programming that is accessible, uplifting, and deeply impactful for families across Hamilton County. Their investment reflects a shared belief in the power of the arts to strengthen wellbeing, inspire imagination, and build a more connected community.

“HCAA is grateful for Duke Energy’s partnership,” an HCAA spokesman said. “Their dedication to supporting local youth and expanding access to the arts plays a vital role in helping us deliver meaningful, arts centered programming.”

The Youth Art Wellness Week is part of HCAA’s ongoing mission to foster creativity, support emerging artists, and bring the arts to the heart of the community. More informa-

tion about HCAA and its programs can be found at hcaa-in.org.

Cicero gives special recognition to four of its tireless volunteers



Photo provided by Emily Pearson

On Friday, July 3, Cicero Town Council President Joe Cox recognized Jackie Hayden, Amy Wolfe, Lisa Stokes-Bear, and Brian Bear for their volunteer service across several organizations. Cox presented plaques and read a proclamation from the Cicero Town Council proclaiming July 3 as Community Volunteer Recognition Day, acknowledging the sacrifice of personal and family time the four have given to serve others and improve the quality of life for Cicero residents. (ABOVE, from left) Thank you to Brian Bear, Jackie Hayden, Lisa Stokes-Bear, and Amy Wolfe for their ongoing commitment, leadership, and generosity. They have made a lasting and meaningful impact throughout the community.

BADGE

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Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Girl Scout Troop 1887 comprises (standing, from left) Charlotte McCool, Emily Kennedy, Roxy Stock, Rivee Eilenberg, and Troop Leader Tammy Sander; (seated, from left) Maren Sander and Adreena Jabel. (ABOVE RIGHT) Campers, counselors, and Carmel Firefighters at the S.A.F.E. House.

Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

County Sheriff’s Office, visited with Hamilton County 911 dispatchers, toured the Carmel Fire Department’s Safety House, and met both a Paralympian and a professional ballerina.

“One of the best parts of camp is bringing in people from our community who inspire the girls to dream big,” said Senior Girl Scout Emily Kennedy. “Every visitor showed them a different way they can serve others, work hard, and make a difference.”

Plans are already underway for next year’s Summer Badge Camp, which will be held July 12 to 16, 2027, at the Carmel Lions Club. Registration will open in January.

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Father & Son capture the Spirit of ‘76 ... 50 years apart

The REPORTER
These two poems are penned by father and son, Paul Joseph Wise and Jason Wise. Both are U.S. Army Veterans and Noblesville natives. Ja-

son now lives in Tipton County.
In July 1976, the *Noblesville Ledger* published a story and photographs of Paul, as well as his Bicentennial poem titled “One

Nation Under God” that appears below left. He passed away in 1987 when Jason was still a child.
For the country’s semiquincentennial – and in honor of his father –

Jason wrote “One Nation Still Under God,” which appears below right.
Thank you both for your service to this great nation and for sharing your poems with readers.

One Nation Under God Written by Paul Joseph Wise July 4, 1976 — The 200th Year

From time to time we need to pause
In silent contemplation
Of the heritage which brought about
This bright and shining nation

For if we disregard the years
Since our nation had its birth
We may somehow fail to notice
Just how much our freedom's worth

History tells the time and place
Men proudly stood as brothers
Willing then to fight and die
To meet the needs of others

The ruthless hand of tyranny
That sought to beat them down
Met headlong with the tempest which
Lashed out against the crown

Defiantly their souls spoke out
To gain their equal station
With declaration why they were
Impelled to separation

Standing firm with dauntless courage
They resolved forevermore
To free themselves if need be
By the crucible of war

Blind hatred didn't drive them on
But visions crisp and clear
Of a nation brimming over
With freedom everywhere

Against overwhelming odds
They fought against restrictions
With an arsenal of courage
And the strength of their convictions

For they believed as we today
That no man can be greater
Than fellow men whose rights have been
Endowed by their Creator

These men imparted principles
To later generations
Which helped to make America
The greatest of all nations

Truly they have lit our pathway
With a lamp that cannot dim
It's the grand illumination
Wrought by faith alone in Him

And looking back two hundred years
O'er all the roads we've trod
We find success as we remain
One Nation Under God!

One Nation Still Under God Written by Jason Wise July 4, 2026 — The 250th Year

Two hundred fifty years have passed
Since freedom's bell first tolled,
When hopeful hearts in trembling faith
Defied a tyrant's hold.

Upon that parchment, bold and clear,
Their sacred honor signed,
Declaring men were born with rights
That could not be confined.

Through winter's frost at Valley Forge,
Through cannon's smoke and flame,
Through whispered prayers in darkest hours
Their steadfast courage came.

Not perfect men, nor flawless times,
Yet guided from Above,
They strove to build a shining land
Upon liberty and love.

The centuries have tested us
With trial, fire, and scar —
Brother set 'gainst brother once,
And children sent to wars afar

We've walked through shadowed valleys deep,
Through sorrow, loss, and pain,
Yet still the lamp of freedom burns
Across the fruited plain.

For though the storms of doubt arise
And tempests 'round us roar,
May the truths that shaped our founding days
Stand firm forevermore.

That every soul has sacred worth,
No matter creed nor name;
That justice, tempered well with grace,
Exalts a nation's frame.

So let us pause in gratitude
On this historic day,
And guard with prayer the precious gift
They forged in such a way.

May we, like them, with courage rise
When liberty is trod,
Determined still to keep this land
One Nation Under God.

And if our children one day ask
What marked this milestone year,
May we be known as faithful hearts
Who chose hope over fear.

For freedom's flame is ours to tend,
Its stewardship our rod —
That generations yet unborn
May praise our sovereign God.

PONDERING

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Photo provided
Janet always enjoys spending time with her grandkids in Tampa: Aiden (15), Leah (13), and grand dog Alex (7).

not boring, and you are definitely making a statement.” All of that is true. You might add, “I could never wear that.” Hopefully, she will get the hint and not be upset.

Never let a blanket of doubt and fear cover your day. Start your day with a prayer, “God, I know you know what this day holds. Give me the strength and wisdom to face whatever comes my way.” I’ve often held up my pointer finger to remind myself... But God is with me.

Find time to sit and people-watch, perhaps pray for someone at the next table. They don’t have to know. God knows their name; you don’t have to. You both will be blessed.

Sometimes telling the driver in front of you to pedal faster makes you feel better. It happens a lot in Tampa. I’ve been known to remind them that their car has this great invention called a turn signal. Of course, they never hear me, but I feel better.

Patience is a virtue, but it’s one of the hardest. A virtue is a moral quality. Some days I have more patient virtue than others.

Why do mosquitoes exist?

When was the last time you watched lightning bugs? Chuck and I stood on our front porch for a long time a few nights before we flew to Tampa. It brought back so many memories of catching them as a kid and putting them in Ball jars.

Grace needs to be slathered on ourselves, especially. Some things are not

yours to fix. You were not made to bear some burdens. I write an entire chapter on this in *From the Hart*.

Can I add a couple of summer suggestions? I love to share really good stuff.

Indiana sweet corn and tomatoes are in season. Go to your local farmers market or roadside stand. We love local Gatewood’s and Zeller’s. Slather the butter well on your corn on the cob.

I’m a big believer in slathering both Grace and butter.

You need to watch *The Sheep Detectives* on Amazon Prime. Trust me, you will love it. Who doesn’t love Hugh Jackman? Your heart will be warmed by the sweetest sheep! You will thank me.

This column is filled with random ponderings, as my husband would say ... Good Stuff.

I’m going to miss my pool-pondering time with Alex. In a few days, I’ll be back at the kitchen table and on our front porch, with more pondering and writing to do. Remember, I’m writing my first fiction book, a mystery. You’re going to love Audrey Grace.

Happy pondering! I hope you’ve enjoyed my random thoughts this week.

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Thornton named Shepherd’s Center development director

The REPORTER

Lisa F. Thornton has been named the new director of development and communications for Shepherd’s Center of Hamilton County (SCHC).

Thornton is a nonprofit leader with extensive experience in development, marketing, and communications, including service as a CEO in the nonprofit sector. Her career reflects a consistent focus on advancing mission-driven organizations across nonprofit and corporate sectors, including experience in senior services and community impact.

Most recently, she served

as Chief Development and Marketing Officer with Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County.



Thornton

She holds a bachelor’s degree in Communications from the University of Louisville and a Certificate in Fund Raising Management (CFRM) through the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

She brings her extensive experience in development and communications in support of strengthening SCHC’s mission of serving older adults.

To connect with Thornton, email her at lisat@scofhc.org.

RAIL

“We are thrilled to expand our rail bike program north to Tipton and introduce riders to a new section of this historic railroad corridor,” said Emily Reynolds, executive director of the Nickel Plate Express. “The Tipton route will offer guests a fun and memorable way to experience the railroad while bringing them directly into the heart of the community. We are grateful for the City of Tipton’s vision and partnership, and we cannot think of a better way to launch this new experience than during the Tipton County Pork Festival.”

The rail line through Tipton is part of a 37-mile corridor owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority, which stretches from Tipton south through Hamilton County. The corridor has been in use for heritage rail operations since the late 1990s.

“We are very excited to expand our successful partnership with Nickel Plate Express and the rail bike program into the City of Tipton,” said Darren Peterson, president of the board of directors for the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority. “This program will activate our final leg of our underutilized asset, and we look forward to expanding rail opportunities in the City of Tipton.”

The initial rides during the Tipton County Pork Festival will serve as a soft launch for the new attraction. The festival, held annually

on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday following Labor Day, draws tens of thousands of visitors each year.

City officials see the rail bikes as part of a broader strategy to attract visitors to Tipton and connect them with the community’s downtown offerings, including local shops and restaurants.

“One of our goals is to build on the momentum that already exists in Tipton and leverage the assets that have strengthened the local economy over the last several years,” said Collin Huffines, Director of Special Projects for the City of Tipton. “Projects like this connect quality-of-life investments, tourism, downtown development, and economic growth into a single strategy. While traditional business attraction remains important, communities that thrive are the ones that create distinctive experiences and places where people want to spend their time. By activating an existing community asset and bringing new visitors into downtown, we’re supporting local businesses, enhancing recreational opportunities, and continuing to position Tipton as a community that offers both economic opportunity and a high quality of life.”

For more information about Nickel Plate Express and its rail bike programs, visit NickelPlateExpress.com. For more information about the City of Tipton, visit tipton.in.gov.

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Westfield’s special census confirms near 40 percent growth since 2020

Submitted by City of Westfield

The City of Westfield has received official results from the U.S. Census Bureau confirming the city’s special census population at 64,407 residents as of Sept. 15, 2025. The special census also recorded 26,020 housing units within the city.

The U.S. Census Bureau notified Mayor Scott Willis of the results in a June 23, 2026 letter. The updated population count reflects Westfield’s continued growth since the 2020 Census, when the city’s population was 46,410.

Editor’s note: Using the official 2020 Census Day of April 1, that means an average of 9.03 people were added to the city’s population every day during the 1,994 days from April 1, 2020, through Sept. 15,

2025. The city’s population grew by 38.78 percent in just less than five-and-a-half years.

The special census is expected to generate approximately \$1.6 million annually in additional population-based distributions for Westfield. These funds are not the result of new taxes. They represent state-shared revenues that are distributed based on population, meaning more of the tax dollars already being paid by Westfield residents will return directly to the community.

“This is about making sure Westfield receives its fair share,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “Our population has grown significantly, and that growth affects the level



Willis

for residents.”

Special census counts allow fast-growing communities to update their official population totals between the federal decennial census. Because many state and local revenue distributions are tied to population, an accurate count helps ensure communities receive funding that reflects current needs.

For Westfield, the updated count is especially important as the city continues to invest in transpor-

tation improvements, public safety, parks, infrastructure, and services needed to support one of Indiana’s fastest-growing communities.

“Westfield’s growth brings tremendous opportunity, but it also requires thoughtful planning and responsible investment,” Willis said. “This special census gives us a more accurate picture of who we are today and helps position the city to better serve residents now and in the future.”

City officials extend their appreciation to residents who participated in the special census process.

“We are grateful to the residents who took the time to respond and be counted,” Willis said. “Their participation directly benefits the entire community by helping bring Westfield tax dollars back to Westfield.”

Hamilton County CERT opens registration for fall Basic Course

By MONICA PETERSON For The Reporter

Hamilton County Emergency Management is gearing up for its next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Course, and local residents are encouraged to sign up and save their spot.

The fall session begins Sept. 16 and continues Wednesday evenings through Nov. 4, meeting from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

CERT training is designed to equip everyday residents with the knowledge and hands-on skills needed to safely assist during real emergencies. Throughout the eightweek program, participants will practice essential preparedness and response techniques through realistic, scenario-based activities. Instruction covers fire safety, light search and rescue, medical operations, and how to confidently step in when seconds matter, whether responding to a car accident, storm damage, or a major community emergency.

The program emphasizes practical, real-world application. Participants work alongside trained instructors to learn how to assess hazards, provide basic first aid, perform safe rescues, and support professional responders in highstress situations. For many, CERT training not only increases personal readiness at home and work but also strengthens the resilience of neighborhoods, businesses, and places of worship across Hamilton County.

Graduates of the course become official volunteers with Hamilton County Emergency Management, joining a dedicated team of community members committed to preparedness and public safety. As volunteers, CERT members receive ongoing education at monthly meetings and are invited to participate in additional trainings, drills, and exercises offered throughout the year. These opportunities help maintain and expand their skills while fostering collaboration with fellow volunteers.



Photo provided

Cathy Zink, Tom Coors, and Steve Arnold practice CPR with the use of an AED during a recent CERT training.

Residents interested in learning more about the CERT Basic Course or signing up for the September class can visit the program webpage at [hamiltoncoun-](http://hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1279/CERT)

ty.in.gov/1279/CERT.

Monica Peterson is the Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator for Hamilton County Emergency Management.

PROPERTY TAXES

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“Our goal is to ensure every eligible veteran receives the benefits they have earned through their service,” Hamilton County Auditor Todd Clevenger said.

New disabled Veteran tax credits
Veteran with Service-Connected Disability Credit, \$350. This credit replaces the previous deduction of \$24,960.

To qualify, a veteran must:

- Have served in the U.S. military during a war-time period
- Have received an honorable discharge
- Have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10 percent

Required documentation:

- DD-214
- VA Award of Compensation or Certificate of Eligibility

Veteran Age 62 or Older with Disability Credit, \$250. This credit replaces

the previous deduction of \$14,000.

To qualify, a veteran must:

- Have served in the U.S. military for at least 90 days
- Have received an honorable discharge
- Be at least 62 years of age
- Have a disability rating of at least 10 percent

Required documentation:

- DD-214
- VA Award of Compensation or Certificate of Eligibility

New deduction for totally disabled Veterans

HEA 1210 also creates a new property tax deduction for veterans with a total disability rating. Veterans who believe they may qualify must file an application with the County Auditor’s Office no later than Jan. 15, 2027.

To qualify, a veteran must:

- Have served in the U.S.

military for at least 90 days

- Have received an honorable discharge
- Have a total disability rating
- Have been an Indiana resident for at least one year before the assessment date
- Own and occupy the property as their principal place of residence
- Hold title to the property as an individual (properties titled in a trust or LLC are not eligible)

Required documentation:

- DD-214
- VA Award of Compensation or Certificate of Eligibility
- Completed application filed with the County Auditor’s Office

Applications for credits and deductions must be filed by Jan. 15 of the year preceding the tax year in which the benefit will apply. For example, to receive a credit or deduction on taxes payable in 2027, an application must be

filed by Jan. 15, 2027.

Applications may be submitted in person through the Hamilton County Auditor’s Real Property Department, located on the first floor of the Historic Courthouse in Noblesville. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are not required.

For answers to questions regarding eligibility or the application process, call the Real Property Team at (317) 770-4412.

For assistance in understanding how these changes affect tax calculations, call the Adjustments Team at (317) 770-8861.

“We encourage veterans to review the new requirements and contact our office if they have questions about how these changes may affect them,” said Sadie Eldridge, Hamilton County Real Property, Settlement, and Adjustment Department Manager.

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News from Tipton County

Jaworski named superintendent of Tipton Community Schools

Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.

The Tipton Community School Corporation (TCSC) Board of Trustees has named Scott Jaworski as the next superintendent, effective July 1.

Jaworski, who has served as Associate Superintendent since 2025 and previously as Director of Student Achievement, assumed the role following the retirement of Superintendent Dr. Ryan Glaze.

Jaworski brings more 14 years of experience in education, including roles as a math department chair at Hamilton Southeastern Schools, a math instructional coach for Anderson Community Schools, and a School Improvement Specialist at the Indiana Department of Education. While at the IDOE, he also hosted the *Leading and Learning* podcast for school leaders. A native of Fort Wayne, he holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Ball State University and is completing his Education Specialist Degree.

“On behalf of the Tipton Community School Corporation Board of Trustees, I am pleased to congratulate Scott Jaworski on his appointment as our next Superintendent,” Board President Robert Cochrane, II said. “Scott’s selection reflects the Board’s strong confidence in his leadership, character, and unwavering commitment to the students, staff, and families of our district. Throughout his tenure at TCSC, Scott has consistently demonstrated a student-centered approach, a collaborative leadership style, and a deep understanding of the values that make our schools and community special.”

Cochrane continued, “One of the most exciting aspects of Scott’s appointment is that he has grown professionally within our corporation. His advancement through leadership roles at TCSC has allowed him to build meaningful relationships, gain valuable institutional knowledge, and develop a clear vision for the future of our



Jaworski

schools. He understands both the opportunities and challenges facing public education, and he is uniquely positioned to lead our district forward. The Board believes Scott’s leadership will provide continuity, stability, and a continued focus on academic excellence, fiscal responsibility, and positive student outcomes. We are excited to partner with him as we build upon the strong foundation established within our corporation and work together to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed. We look forward to this next chapter for Tipton Community School Corporation and are confident that under Scott’s leadership, our schools will continue to thrive.”

Jaworski will spend the coming months collaborating with district leaders, staff, and community stakeholders to shape priorities for the 2026–27 school year.

“I am honored and humbled to serve as Superintendent of Tipton Community School Corporation,” Jaworski said. “TCSC is a special place – a district filled with talented educators, dedicated staff, and students who inspire us every day. I look forward to building on the strong foundation established under Dr. Glaze’s leadership and working together to ensure every student has the opportunities, support, and encouragement they need to thrive.”

In the year ahead, Jaworski said he plans to focus on strengthening systems that use data to respond quickly and effectively to student learning needs, supporting staff growth through meaningful professional learning connected to classroom practice, building efficient district systems that responsibly steward community resources, and fostering a welcoming school environment that celebrates the students, staff, families, and community members who make TCSC a special place.

Jaworski and his wife, Jessica, reside in Tipton with their two children, Cooper and Lilly.



Positive West Nile Virus mosquito sample found at Founder’s Park in Carmel

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department Vector Control Program has confirmed one mosquito sample has tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) from Founder’s Park in Carmel.

The detection of WNV activity is evidence that the disease is present in Hamilton County, and the public should take proper precautions to stay protected.

For optimum protection the Health Department recommends people:

- Wear long sleeves, pants, socks, and shoes when outdoors.
- Apply EPA-approved insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus to any exposed skin.
- Keep mosquitoes outside by closing doors and windows or making sure screens are in good repair.
- Avoid outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when the mosquitoes that transmit WNV are most active.

In addition, all Hamilton County residents are asked to do the following to eliminate mosquito breeding sites around their home:

- Remove all unneeded containers that hold water (tires, cans, bottles, buckets, jars, drums, and other trash or rubbish).
- Dump and invert wheelbarrows and kiddie

and toddler pools when not in use.

- Change water in bird-baths and pet bowls weekly.
- Inspect water in flowerpots and plant containers weekly.
- Clean rain gutters.
- Drain and fill tire ruts, stagnant pools, and puddles.
- Place tight covers over cisterns, cesspools, septic tanks, tubs, and rain barrels where water is stored.
- Keep the margins of ponds clear of vegetation and stock ornamental ponds with top-feeding minnows.

In response to finding WNV, the Health Department will increase surveillance and control activities in the sample-positive area. Adult mosquito fogging will be conducted to rapidly decrease the number of adult mosquitoes in the sample-positive area.

For current information about Hamilton County surveillance and control activities, please visit hamiltoncounty.in.gov/323/Mosquito-Control. This site will be updated with positive WNV mosquito reports and spray schedules. Use the “Notify Me” link to receive future updates.

State of Indiana Mosquito Borne surveillance activity dashboards and data can be found at tinyurl.com/INDOHmosquitos.

Tipton County Public Library invites you to “Unearth a Story” this summer

The REPORTER

The Tipton County Public Library (TCPL) invites the community to dig into its 2026 Summer Reading Program, “Unearth a Story,” running through July 31 at both the Tipton Main Library and the Windfall Branch.

The program offers reading challenges, prizes, and activities for children, teens, and adults alike.

Children and teens can register at either library location, pick up a Reading Log, track their reading throughout the month, and earn weekly prizes along the way. All formats count toward the log, including graphic novels, audiobooks, and comics. Each

child or teen may redeem one completed reading log for entry into the grand prize drawing.

Log your reading activity in July for a chance to win these grand prizes:

- \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- Squishmallows and a Brontosaurus stuffed animal
- LEGO Jurassic World and Creator 3-in-1 dinosaur sets
- A Colossal Fossil Dig Set and a Magnetic Color & Number Maze
- An 85-piece Deluxe Wooden Art Supply Kit

Adults can join in, too. Every book or audiobook finished earns an entry slip, which readers can put



toward the prize of their choice: a \$100 Amazon gift card, or a Reading Gift Basket filled with a picnic blanket, canvas tote bag, book page holder, reading light, bookworm planter, wooden flower puzzle, book lover candle, and a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Summer Reading Program’s Thursday Main Events:

- Freddy Fossil’s Dino Show: July 9 at 6 p.m.

- Build A Dino: July 16 at 6 p.m.
- Dinosaur Pirates with Roz Puppets: July 23 at 6 p.m.
- Silly Safari: July 30 at 6 p.m.

TCPL invites everyone to join for a summer filled with reading and rewards. Call the library at (765) 675-8761 for more information. Full program details are available at bitly.tiptonpl.org/UnearthStory.

Tipton school board approves district’s first operating referendum for November ballot

Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.

At the June 30 Special Meeting of the Tipton Community School Corporation (TCSC) Board of Trustees, members voted to approve the Operating Referendum Tax Levy Resolution. With this action, an operating referendum question will be placed on the Nov. 3, 2026 ballot, giving Tipton voters the opportunity to decide the future of this funding measure.

This decision follows more than a year of detailed financial review, community conversation, and growing pressure from statewide property-tax reform, particularly Senate Enrolled Act 1 (2025), which significantly reduces local revenue for schools.

Over the past several months, the Board has examined budgets line by line, implemented cost reductions, evaluated every alternative available, and listened closely to community feedback. This vote reflects the

Board’s conclusion that an operating referendum is the most viable path to sustaining essential services for students in a public school system nearly 150 years strong.

TCSC continues to face rising financial pressures, including circuit breaker losses caused by property-tax caps. These losses reduce the dollars available for school operations each year. The referendum would help stabilize funding and protect core student services.

The proposed ballot language asks voters whether TCSC may impose an operating tax rate not to exceed \$0.25 for up to eight years, generating no more than \$2 million annually.

For a median Tipton residence valued at \$180,600 to \$200,000, the estimated impact in 2027 is approximate-

ly \$174 to \$216 per year (about \$14 to \$18 per month). These figures are estimates based on current projections and will read:

Shall the Tipton Community School Corporation increase property taxes paid to the school corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of providing funding to maintain academic programs, class sizes, student support, health and safety services, attract and retain teachers and support staff, maintain student transportation services, and sustain educational and operational funding stability by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed \$0.25 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed \$2,000,000. If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of \$200,000, the property’s annual property tax bill would increase by \$216 per year.

TCSC is not alone in this request. Roughly one in five Indiana school districts already has an operating referendum in place, many at rates higher than what TCSC is proposing.

If approved by voters in November 2026, the operat-

ing referendum would provide revenue to help TCSC:

- Maintain class sizes and preserve academic programs
- Support student services, including counseling, special education, and intervention
- Retain and recruit qualified teachers and staff
- Protect transportation, safety, and operational needs
- Sustain long-term financial stability

Without additional operating revenue, the district will continue to face difficult decisions that could affect staffing, programming, and student opportunities.

Regardless of where community members stand on the issue, the Board’s action underscores the importance of staying informed. Public education belongs to the entire Tipton community, and the referendum decision ultimately rests with voters.

Watch the Board meeting on YouTube at tinyurl.com/99v4n3ds. You can also find more information at tcsc.k12.in.us.

The Board encourages residents to follow upcoming informational sessions, review district materials, and engage in the process leading up to the November 2026 election. A well-informed community is essential to making thoughtful decisions about the future of TCSC.

Aspire Indiana Health announces its new leadership structure

The REPORTER

Aspire Indiana Health, a nonprofit community health system with wide reach across central Indiana, has announced a new leadership structure to guide its continued growth in both geography and scope of impact.

“Over the past several years, Aspire has grown significantly in scale, complexity and impact. We now serve more communities, offer more services and support more people than ever before,” President & CEO Antony Sheehan said. “As we move forward, our leadership structure is guided by two simple principles: Better Connected Care and Better Stewardship.”

Dr. Holly Oh will lead the clinical services across the entire organization as Chief Medical Officer. That care will be divided across four teams led by recently promoted leaders: Senior Vice President of Operations, Mike Keevin; Senior Vice President of Crisis and Addiction Continuum, Vanessa Pataky; and Senior Vice President of Residential and Community Care, Kelly Howe. A leader to be named later will oversee Outpatient Care. Donna Stealy has been promoted to Vice President of Nursing.

As Aspire has grown, it has sought and secured strategic partnerships with local governments and colleague organizations to strengthen its ability to assist Hoosiers facing complex health challenges. As a reflection of this more entrepreneurial approach, Aspire has hired

Nick Snoply into a newly created role as Chief Business & Strategy Officer.

Snoply joins Aspire from the for-profit healthcare sector, with more than 20 years of experience leading organizations across a wide range of environments, from large, complex care delivery systems to smaller, high-growth and turnaround settings.

“What has impressed me most about Nick is his clear desire to contribute to a mission-driven organization where integrated care, prevention and compassionate service genuinely matter,” Sheehan said.

In this capacity, Snoply will oversee Finance, Strategy, and Marketing teams. Ben Vance has been promoted to Senior Vice President of Finance. Kevin Sheward will continue as Vice President of Strategy & Business and Christopher Lloyd as Vice President of Marketing and Communications.

Aspire is certified as both an Indiana Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), with nine health centers across Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Madison, Marion, and Shelby counties. It also operates an addiction recovery continuum, housing and employment assistance programs, a 24/7 crisis continuum, and direct services to homeless populations.

For more information about Aspire leadership, please visit aspireindiana.org/about/leadership.



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Noblesville Lions induct new member & install new officers



Photos provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club
At their June meetings, the Noblesville Lions installed 2026-2027 officers and welcomed a new member. (ABOVE) The 2026-2027 officers include (from left) Secretary Dana Meyer, Treasurer Jeff Kozicki, Director Joe Connerley, District 25 Past Council Chair Rocky Simpson, 1st Vice President Josh Kozicki, President Cheryl Helton, Marketing Chair Lisa Dick, Tail Twister Mark Bachar, Director Lisa Rohe, Director Jeff Dick, and Membership Chair Greg Clouse. (RIGHT) Katrina Washington (center) was inducted as a new member by Lion Julia Kozicki (right), with her sponsor John Terhune (left).



Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission announces free events

The REPORTER
The Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission (NCAC) invites the community to enjoy two outstanding free arts events this month, featuring an evening of live concert music and a classic silent film with live accompaniment.
The month begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12 with a performance by the Indianapolis Municipal Band at Federal Hill Commons, 175 Logan St. One of Indiana's premier concert bands, the Indianapolis Municipal Band has entertained audiences for generations with a repertoire that includes patriotic favorites, Broadway classics, marches, movie music, and popular selections. Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an evening of music in one of Noblesville's premier outdoor venues.
The celebration of the arts continues at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18 with the NCAC's Vintage Film Series at Logan Street Theater, 1274 Logan St. This month's feature is *Spies* (1928), the acclaimed suspense thriller directed by legendary filmmaker Fritz Lang. The silent film will be presented with live piano accompaniment, offering audiences an authentic classic cinema experience.
Both events are free and open to the public as part of the Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's ongoing commitment to providing accessible arts programming for the community.
For more information about these events and the Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's programs, visit noblesvillearts.org.

See Fox Hollow follow-up documentary on Hulu

The REPORTER
Return to Fox Hollow: New Victims, Darker Secrets, a follow-up to the docuseries *The Fox Hollow Murders: Playground of a Serial Killer* that continues the investigation into serial killer Herb Baumeister's crimes, began streaming Wednesday, July 8, on Hulu and Hulu on Disney+ for bundle subscribers.
The documentary features exclusive interviews, new evidence, and fresh developments tied to one of the largest unidentified human remains cases in the United States.
Return to Fox Hollow picks up as investigators continue their efforts to identify additional victims and unravel lingering mysteries surrounding the case. The new documentary special explores emerging questions about potential accomplices, missing evidence and witness accounts that continue to evolve decades after the killings.

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Four Democrats file to run for county-wide offices

Submitted by Hamilton County Democratic Party

The Hamilton County Democratic Party announced Thursday, July 2, that four new candidates have officially filed to run for county office in the 2026 election, expanding the party's slate and ensuring Hamilton County voters will have Democratic choices in several key countywide races this November.

The candidates who filed their paperwork at the Hamilton County Clerk's Office are:

- Charles Hollowell for Sheriff
- Alexandra Wilson for Clerk
- Ti'Gre McNear for Commissioner, District 1
- Doug May for County Council, District 3

These candidates join a growing Democratic ticket focused on strengthening local government through responsible leadership, transparency, and public service.

"Across Hamilton



Photo provided
(From left) Charles Hollowell, Alexandra Wilson, Ti'Gre McNear, and Doug May filed for office on July 2.

County, Democratic candidates are stepping forward because they believe our communities deserve thoughtful, accountable leadership and real choices at the ballot box," Hamilton County Democratic Party Chairman Josh Lowry said. "The enthusiasm we're seeing from candidates, volunteers, and voters reflects the momentum building across our county. Every office

matters, and we're proud to offer strong candidates who are committed to serving their neighbors."

The addition of these four candidates continues the Hamilton County Democratic Party's efforts to compete across the county and ensure voters have meaningful choices in local elections. Over the past several election cycles, Democrats have expanded candi-

date recruitment, increased volunteer engagement, and built a year-round grassroots organization dedicated to serving Hamilton County communities.

The Hamilton County Democratic Party encourages residents interested in volunteering, supporting candidates, or learning more about the 2026 campaign to visit hamcodemsin.org.



Photo provided by City of Westfield
Executive Chief of Economic and Community Development Jenell Fairman leads the Developer Roundtable at FIELD Brewing.

Westfield Economic Development holds roundtable outlining Comprehensive Plan

The REPORTER

The Westfield Economic Development Team recently held a Developer Roundtable called "What is a Complete City?"

Together with developers and industry partners, attendees explored how the city's updated Comprehensive Plan is guiding targeted growth from destination development and mixed-use districts to innovation spaces. The conversation reinforced a shared commitment to creating places that are connected, economically resilient, and designed for long-term success.

City officials value the candid feedback and market insights shared during the session. These perspectives are critical as they continue aligning policy, infrastruc-

ture, and private investment to support high-quality development across the city.

Thank you to FIELD Brewing for serving as host and to Wallack Somers & Haas for serving as the social hour sponsor.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to a productive discussion, and city officials look forward to continuing the dialogue and building on this momentum. Be on the lookout for upcoming Developer Roundtable dates and future opportunities to stay engaged.

Learn more about Westfield's Comprehensive Plan at westfieldin.gov/564/Comprehensive-Plan.

You can contact the Economic Development Team at westfielddecdev.com/about/contact-us.



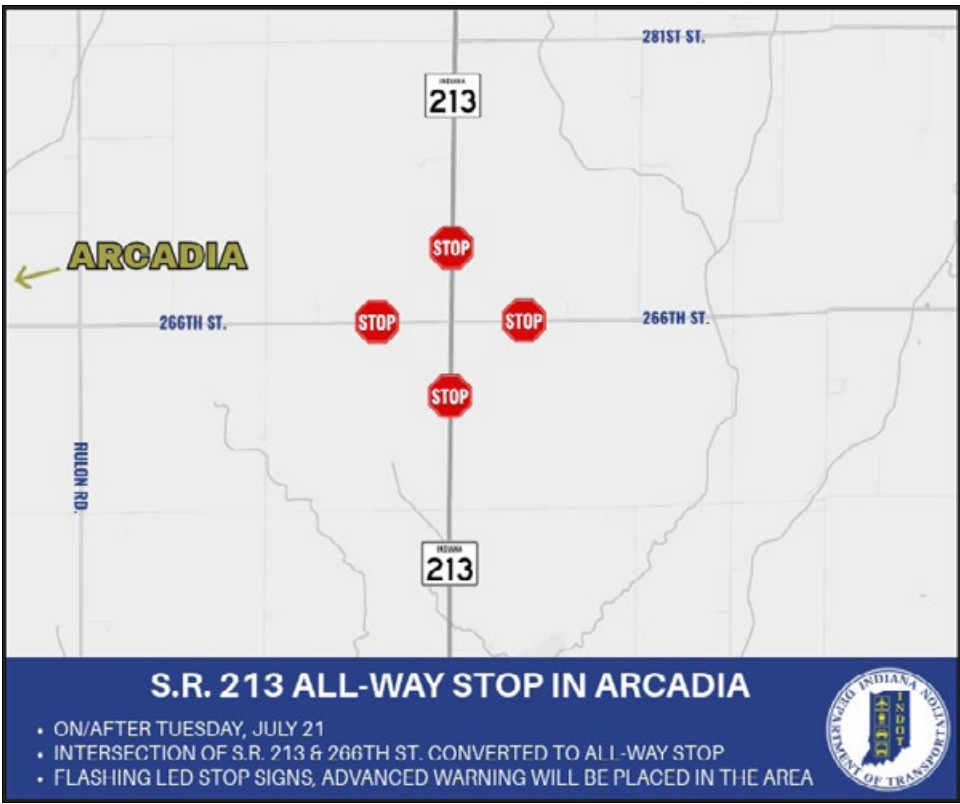
Four-way stop coming to State Road 213 south of Omega

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation has announced that the intersection of State Road 213 and 266th Street south of Omega and east of Arcadia will be converted to a four-way stop on or after Tuesday, July 21.

The new stop condition will replace the existing two-way stop due to a history of severe right-angle crashes at the intersection. All-way stops are a proven and effective tool in reducing right-angle crashes at lower-traffic-volume intersections.

Flashing LED stop signs will be installed on State Road 213, along with "Stop Ahead" signs and portable message boards marking the new traffic pattern. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.



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Sheridan Middle School earns runner-up at FFA state convention

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

In June, Sheridan Middle School FFA students competed at the Indiana State Convention. These students especially proved their exceptional knowledge and understanding in the Discovery Degree Quiz Bowl Leadership Development Event (LDE) where they earned state runner-up honors.

Each year, over 14,000 Indiana FFA members come together for three days of leadership workshops, banquets, and competitions. Specifically, the Discovery Degree Quiz Bowl is a team-based leadership development event. Teams answer agriculture

questions and FFA-related questions that test their knowledge.

Sheridan Middle School's team was represented by June Harle, Cara Watts, Callie Callahan, and Madie Roberts. In March of this year, this team captured the District Championship where they defeated 11 other teams to earn a spot at the State Convention.

Over the past many months these individuals have spent countless hours studying and working together so they could put their best foot forward at competition, which they undoubtedly did.

"This team truly earned every bit of this accomplishment," Sheridan Middle

School FFA Sponsor Brett Beckner said. "Their commitment to learning went far beyond the classroom. They gave up time after school, during summer break, and at home to prepare, and watching that hard work pay off on the state stage was incredibly rewarding."

Last year, Sheridan Middle School FFA captured a championship in the Discovery Animal Science Demonstration. This runner-up finish proves the continued dedication and passion of Sheridan's FFA program. The Sheridan community is proud of the way these students represented their town, their school, and the FFA program.

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Changing course In sync at 250: we move as one

Last weekend, my husband and I went to the Jack Johnson concert at Ruoff Music Center. We did something we do not normally do and bought box seats. We had never sat there before and wanted to see if it would be an accessible experience.

I did an accessibility review at Ruoff a couple of years ago for Hamilton County Tourism, but they have made some recent updates, and we wanted to check things out.

Ruoff still has their accessibility coordinator, Nate, working there. It was great to get to see him again and catch up. He does such a fantastic job assisting concertgoers with disabilities.

When we bought our seats, we had the accessible seat filter on and did our due diligence to make sure the seats were indeed accessible. We thought we had our bases covered, but we never truly know for sure if a place is accessible until we arrive.

When we finally got into the venue, after some long rain delays, we were eager to get to our seats and experience what we had paid for. When we showed the usher our tickets, she said, “You know that has stairs to get into it, right?”

We told her we did not know that, and we even checked that out before buying the tickets.

The staff at Ruoff could not have been more accommodating. They put us in some accessible seats until they could try and find an open and accessible box seat. It turns out, there are some box seats that are wheelchair accessible and do not have stairs.

Sadly, they were all taken, so they found us another spot where we had a good view and provided us with a server to check on us and get us what we needed, which was part of what we had paid for with the seats we originally purchased.

Another benefit were the bathrooms we were able to access with our tickets. It was nice not to have to fight a huge crowd in a wheelchair to use the restroom. There was a

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Mid-year check-in

I learned about a new unofficial holiday recently – National Leon Day, celebrated every year on June 25. Since the date marks the halfway point to Christmas, a lot of people celebrate a mini version of the holiday. It’s called National Leon Day because Leon is “Noel” spelled backwards.

While I love Christmas, National Leon Day is simply not for me. I prefer to enjoy whatever season I’m in. If y’all love it and celebrate, more power to you!

What I do like is the idea of celebrating the middle of the year. It’s a great time to reflect on how I’ve done on my New Year’s resolutions, and to think about the highs and lows I’ve experienced. I especially enjoy reflecting on how much I’ve grown as a human being over the last six months.

The first half of 2026 has stretched me to my limits – in a good way. I started out the year with a program offered through my church called Magnify 90. This is a 90-day journey where women foster a deep relationship with God and others.

Participants meet in small groups at least once a week. They also commit to a daily discipline of prayer and reflection. Through this experience, they find spiritual refreshment and growth in their friendship with Jesus.

While the 90 days involve sacrifices and work, the experience was worth it to me. I made four new friends – or I should say, church family members – and we regularly stay in contact. I still do some of the practices, which has made my life so much better.

Magnify 90 helped me learn to more easily forgive others, which as many readers know, helped me tremendously last spring with my Airbnb woes. In fact, I’m grateful for the trials and struggles now. (Guess what my next book will be about.)

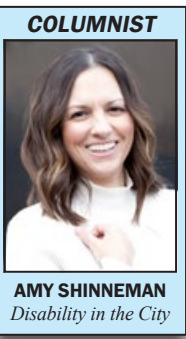
Another cool thing about celebrating the mid-year point is reflecting on my health goals. I’ve taken some baby steps recently with the hope of moving from good to *great* health. It was nice to wake up on July 1 with determination to succeed on this front. I look forward to seeing results by the end of the year.

So, readers, how are you doing so far this year? Have you reached some of the goals you set for yourself in January? If not, what can you do to finish the year better?

Grab a pen and paper, or open your laptop/notes app, and spend an hour or so thinking of your 2026 journey so far. Celebrate what you’ve accomplished, jot down some baby steps you can start on today to reach your goals, and, if it’s your thing . . . say a prayer to get some help.

I may not celebrate National Leon Day, but I’ll embrace “Mid-Year Check In” day with joy every summer!

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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Whether in a swimming pool, a classroom, a workplace, or a neighborhood, we all have opportunities to move in sync with those around us. When we choose collaboration over competition, encouragement over criticism, and belonging over exclusion, we create something far more beautiful than any medal.

That feeling washed over me throughout the 2026 USA Artistic Swimming Junior Olympic Championships in Ypsilanti, Mich., near Ann Arbor. Even after a couple of tongue-twisting moments trying to pronounce the location before heading to the competition, I left with something much greater than memories of routines and rankings.

I left believing, once again, that water never discriminates.

The water doesn’t care where you come from, what language you speak, your abilities, or your background. Once the athletes dive in, they become part of something greater than themselves. Inclusion, diversity, teamwork, and trust all move together beneath the surface.

Artistic swimming is known for its graceful choreography and breathtaking synchronization, but the real magic often happens behind the scenes. It lives in the countless early morning practices, endless conditioning, and the determination to perfect every movement. It lives in coaches who never stop believing, parents making sure their athletes stay fueled through long competition days, and siblings who patiently wait between events while helping with glitter, hair gel, bobby pins, snacks, and endless encouragement.

Everyone has a role. That is what makes a team.

USA Artistic Swimming’s message, “We Are One Team,” echoed throughout the championship weekend.

While sitting in the bleach-



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

ers for hours, I noticed another parent’s T-shirt that instantly made me smile. It read, “Some people wait their whole life to meet their favorite athlete. I’m raising mine.”

That message resonated with me more than they could have imagined.

Here’s a fun fact: this proud swim mom still needs a life jacket in a three-foot pool! Meanwhile, I’m proudly raising an athlete who wears chlorine as her perfume.

I still laugh remembering our Mommy and Me swim class when my daughter was just four months old. She happily splashed, made bubbles, and sang songs while I tried my best to keep a brave poker face. Before every class, I quietly asked the instructor, “Can you please keep an eye on me . . . just in case?”

Thankfully, my daughter inherited the love of water – not my fear of it.

Watching her now perform with complete confidence reminds me that courage isn’t always about being fearless. Sometimes it’s about encouraging someone else to dive into opportunities we never imagined for ourselves.

My daughter’s team performed a combination routine inspired by the jungle. At first, each swimmer represented animals staying alert, separated from predators and uncertainty. As the routine unfolded, they gradually came together, trusting one another completely while remaining perfectly synchronized beneath the water’s surface.

Watching them, I couldn’t help but think about the lesson hidden within their performance. Life often encourages us to focus on our differences. Yet nature reminds us that survival – and flourishing – depends on working together. Imagine what our



communities could become if we spent less energy competing against one another and more energy building trust, respecting differences, and creating spaces where everyone.

What a beautiful metaphor for life that felt familiar . . .

Instead of allowing our differences to divide us, we can choose to come together, work together, and create communities where everyone belongs.

On July 4, 2026 – America’s semiquincentennial celebrating 250 years of independence – my daughter’s team achieved a milestone of their own. Their combo routine earned 10th place in the nation, the club’s highest national finish since 2018.

That accomplishment wasn’t built in one performance.

It was earned through an entire year of commitment, perseverance, teamwork, and believing in one another.

As the evening fireworks illuminated the Michigan sky after catching part of the local Fourth of July parade, I couldn’t help but reflect on the many ways we celebrate greatness.

Sometimes it comes with medals.

Sometimes it comes with memories.

And sometimes, it comes from watching a group of young athletes remind us that when we move together with trust, respect, and purpose, we all make a bigger splash.

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

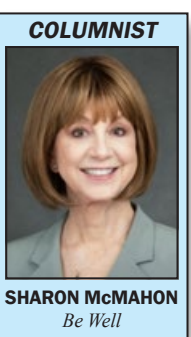
Don’t give up on those New Year goals & you will achieve what you desire

“The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.” – Robert Burns, 1785

Well, we are facing that mid-point in our “New Year’s Resolutions” we made just about six months ago.

Some of you probably were gung-ho about those, noting the goals you have identified in one, or many, categories including career, family, financial, fitness and health, hobbies, etc. Some of you may have been more casual about your 2026 resolutions, with just a mental note and a wait-and-see attitude. I venture to say that we all had some ideas as we completed our holiday to-do lists late last year and focused on the year ahead about what we wished to change, improve, omit, or add to our lives.

What can happen – and often does happen – is that within a few months after we get excited about those resolutions, we be-



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

gin to realize that we have not yet started to make those changes. Or perhaps we did begin to (take your pick) incorporate a better eating plan, start an exercise program, schedule more time with the family, begin a job search, volunteer, enroll in classes, etc., but as often happens, life intervenes and we just run out of steam.

Don’t give up! Although we are at the half-way point, it is still 2026! Why not revisit those resolutions and goals, re-evaluate, and consider your options? When we are at the beginning of a nice, shiny new year it is very easy to be a bit starry-eyed regarding those changes. In particular those of us “of a certain age” sometimes back off from making, or even considering, changes. I find in working with clients on their health and fitness goals that the wish for speedy results in both the way they look

and feel can possibly undermine the continued quest to reach their goals. Those who stay focused and realize that a “quick fix” (and don’t we get bombarded with those ads!) will never be the answer to obtaining a more fit and healthy body will most likely reach their fitness goals.

I believe that as long as we, regardless of our age, make a commitment to setting the goals and dreaming the dreams we will find that we can achieve much of what we desire.

Here is a suggestion, and something I have done which I find helpful. Find a photo (you know what I mean, one of those “hard copy” photos that you can actually hold in your hand . . .) of yourself at an age when you felt *optimistic, healthy, and excited about the future*. That may be when you were 8, 12, 15, 25, or 50, it doesn’t matter, put that photo in a frame where you will see it *every day*. That person is YOU!

It is *never* too late to take a deep breath, review that “list”

you made six months ago and go forward. We all want to be happy, and we often believe that attaining whatever our goals or resolutions may be will offer that to us. I hope you continue your quest to better your life in whatever categories you believe need the most work.

Another of my favorite quotes is offered by Eleanor Roosevelt: “Happiness is not a goal . . . it’s a by-product of a life well lived.” I hope you live well and healthy, and that the second half of 2026 is a good one for you, keeping your goals in front of you and moving toward them in a realistic, focused, and positive way.

Happy Rest of the New Year!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

Actors Theatre of Indiana names Dan McFeely as next executive director

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) has announced the appointment of Dan McFeely as its next Executive Director.

McFeely, a former ATI Board Member and Past President of the organization, replaces Jim Reilly, who is retiring from day-to-day activities, but is remaining connected as Executive Director Emeritus.

McFeely, a Carmel resident since 2007, has been active in the city’s artistic and cultural scene for many years. After a long career as a professional journalist with the *Indianapolis Star* and smaller newspapers around the state, he joined the City of Carmel as a media relations and communications con-

sultant for 10 years. While in that role, he served as President of the Carmel Christ-kindmarkt, the Carmel Clay Historical Society and ATI. He also briefly served on the Board of the Carmel JazzFest celebration.

McFeely also served as Carmel’s liaison to the Sister Cities organization and co-founded the Carmel Interfaith Alliance, along with many other community organizations. He and his



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wife, Sue, are long time members of the Carmel Catholic Parish community, first at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and then at St. Elizabeth Seton, where he has been a part of several ministries.

“My 10 years working within City government and economic development opened my eyes to the power of Carmel’s arts and culture heart-beat that attracts many to live, work, play and ultimate-

ly retire here,” McFeely said. “My goal in my new role is to explore ways to increase ATI’s presence both in the community and to our many regional and statewide fans and supporters of ‘Broadway in your Backyard.’”

McFeely began his role as Executive Director on July 1.

ATI offers a huge thank you to Jim Reilly for his years of leadership and support to ATI. Reilly initially joined ATI as a consultant in 2011, then transitioned to the role of Executive Director. After retiring for a brief time, Reilly rejoined ATI in 2025. He looks forward to his “official” retirement and to continued support and enjoyment of Actors Theatre of Indiana and their amazing productions.

Monkey see, monkey do Andy’s mom

I was on the phone recently with my sister-in-law in California. Not surprisingly, our conversation eventually turned to our pre-school age grandsons and our children. She related this time that her grandson is now apparently “into” the animated children’s show *Peppa Pig*. The characters speak in a British accent, and the mother is called “Mummy.”

So one day my sister-in-law’s grandson approached his mother, who was raised speaking Spanish, and asked in a British accent, “Mummy, can I please have...?”

This episode brought to mind the time our daughter was about three years old and saw her father doing sit-ups. She plopped herself down on the floor next to him, tucked her feet under the couch as her daddy had done, and started doing her own sit-ups!

Children and youth are listening, watching, and imitat-

ing what they hear and see. Earlier during the phone call with my sister-in-law, I had shared that I had recently written a column for The Hamilton County Reporter on good manners. My sister-in-law emphasized that the way children really learn how to behave is by watching how the adults in their lives behave. Certainly true!

Unfortunately, some adults, perhaps especially at sporting events, choose incivility rather than civil behavior. A neighbor recently shared that while she was at her grandson’s youth baseball game, a couple of men were yelling at the umpire so consistently that eventually they had to be expelled from the game. Also, a coach of a youth baseball team shared with me that coaches can be competitive but “don’t go over the line.” However, there was a game five years ago when the coaches got physical and the police had to be called!

Young people were watching at both events. What were they learning? Are we heading in a more civil direction in youth sports now? Or are there other factors at play in these sports that are increasing the possibility of incivility?

One experience I have had with youth sports was when my four-year-old grandson played in a basketball “game” with other four-year-olds in a church athletic facility. I was sitting in the bleachers, and my son-in-law was on the sidelines as buzzer keeper. During the game, I saw my little grandson leave the court and go to his daddy and climb up on his lap, staying with him for the rest of the game. I was wondering what had happened, and learned after the game that another four-year-old player had told my grandson that he can’t play basketball! (For the record, I have seen my grandson make many baskets!) My grandson’s feelings were deeply hurt by the other player’s unkind words.

My son-in-law, to his credit, did not confront the coach

during the game about the incident (and inform him what had been said to my grandson if the coach had been unaware), nor did he then insist the coach talk with the “offender” immediately. Instead, my son-in-law calmly approached the coach after the game and civilly explained the situation to be sure the coach was aware of the other player’s inappropriate behavior, so the coach could address it in the future if it were to occur again.

Adults can choose to be good role models giving children and youth lessons on how to behave by modelling civility – treating other human beings with respect and staying calm and reasonable even in tense or frustrating situations.

My sister-in-law was right. Children, and youth, are listening, watching, and imitating.

Monkey see, monkey do. *Nancy Kelly Smith is a retired English professor and published author. She is also an Ambassador for the national civility organization Civic Renaissance. Learn more at civic-renaissance.com.*



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When Nature Speaks

Time has a way of sometimes taking forever, and other times it’s almost cruel how quickly it passes. I think it’s normal to mark points in our lives, memories, and moments we wish would last longer to various things like songs, TV shows, historical moments, and movies.

Personally, it feels like the *Toy Story* franchise grew up with me. The first movie came out when I was seven years old. I am now 38 years old with a five- and seven-year-old of my own.

I saw something the other day that said, “Somewhere along the way, the story changed. I used to be Andy and now I’m Andy’s mom.” I went from the kid myself with a little sister who dressed up as Jessie in a red hat with a Bullseye stuffed animal to a mom who was bribing my own kid with a Buzz Lightyear and Woody toy if he could get himself potty trained.

I don’t know where the last 31 years of life went, but I think part of what makes these movies special to me is the continuity of the beloved characters and the familiarity of their voices, personalities, and stories. There’s something comforting about seeing your own children laugh at the same voices and jokes that made me laugh as a kid. No matter how many times I’ve seen the movies, I still laugh and can hear Woody’s voice saying, “*If you don’t have a moving buddy, get one!*”

So much in life is different. I remember being the kid in Disney World with my parents. I remember walking down Main Street and wishing it lasted a little bit longer. I remember sitting on the ride in Magic Kingdom and trying to defeat the evil Emperor Zurg. I remember the simplicity of the time period that these stories were in my life and my family at the time.

Like everyone else, a great deal of my life is different than it was in 1995, but there’s something about hearing the voices of Buzz and Woody and knowing that there’s another adventure in store for the gang that gives me comfort.

These movies and voices are an escape from all that has happened these last 31 years. I know my dad would have loved taking his grandkids to the new movie, but I suppose he has the best seat in the house from Heaven.

Life is constantly changing. That’s the way it’s supposed to be, I guess. For now, I cling to the simplicity of these movies and cherish the memories. I sit next to my children as they, too, enjoy the same characters and share a love for the gang’s next adventure. At some point we all have to grow up. I sit knowing that I was once Andy when these stories began and am now Andy’s mom. My mom is now Andy’s grandmother.

A lot changes, but not everything. To infinity and beyond.

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

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nice accessible stall that I was able to easily get into and out of in my wheelchair.

When the concert was over and the crowd thinned out quite a bit, we decided to go and look closer at some of the different seating options to make note of where some good spots would be for next time.

As we were heading out my husband said, “there’s Jack Johnson.” Sure enough, he was crouched down at the back of the pavilion watching the firework display. He smiled and said hello when he saw we noticed him. He graciously took a picture with us.

He was a kind soul, just as he portrays himself on stage. We were thrilled at the chance meeting.

While our evening did not go as planned, and an obstacle or two was thrown in our way, we made the most of it. When people are kind and help to make different arrangements when things are not accessible, that helps ease the frustration and disappointment.

Changing course and holding loose expectations is something that I have learned will be helpful as a person with a disability. Often, that is our experience when we go to public events like a concert.

Every time I have been to Ruoff in recent years, I have been met with kindness from people who want to help make it an enjoyable experience.

I could not help but look up at the lawn as we were scoping out seating options. I had a moment of deep sadness remembering times when I was younger and used to climb that incline with my friends. It was not easy, but I did it.

I released that sadness and lived in gratitude that I was still able to go and experience a great summer concert, just in a different way now. Meeting Jack Johnson was the cherry on top!

Until next time ...

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The blessing of giving

We all have our own windows to the world. Our perspectives and opinions vary regarding what we see.

Take, for example, witness reports at a fender bender. Five different witnesses can all see the same accident and yet report on it differently. This happened recently at an intersection near our office. Eyewitness reports varied as to what happened, how it happened, and how a car ended up perpendicular to the ground. Perspective and opinions generally vary, except when they don’t.

Last week, my window to the world – the east-facing window in my office – allowed me to witness one of the most interesting encounters to ever grace my field of vision. This includes the day when a fully dressed cowboy wearing a floor-length leather coat rode his bike to the pantry and walked up directly to my window to tell me how grateful he was for the food in the pantry. This day was different; I was blessed to just sit back and watch this story unfold.

The perspective is simple: it’s amazing to see the Feeding Team model work right in front of me.

A young woman pulled up in the driveway in an older black Saturn. As she got out of her car, no less than 15 feet outside my window, I could easily see her distressed demeanor. She did

not make eye contact; she was head down and took 10 steps to get to the pantry. Not 30 seconds later, into the drive a late-model maroon SUV pulls in and parks next to the Saturn. A middle-aged lady exits the SUV carrying three plastic grocery bags full of items to donate to the pantry at our office.

The divine appointment that occurred was obviously not a coincidence.

Logically, this can’t be the first or only time when a neighbor was shopping at a Feeding Team pantry and a supporter arrived to donate to that same pantry at that same moment. However, it’s the first time I saw it happen right through my window to the world. Two complete strangers, one in need and one willing to help a neighbor.

As they stood there briefly chatting, I couldn’t do justice to the looks on the ladies’ faces. The recipient’s face was a blended combination of relief, gratitude, happiness, and thanksgiving. The donor’s smiling face reflected what can only be described as the blessing of giving. It’s that warm feeling of satisfaction that you get in your spirit when you do the right thing for someone else. Neither had any idea that I saw their interaction.

I didn’t see what the young lady took from the donor. But that’s not the point of the story.

A family’s need was met by a willing donor. Both people felt the blessing of giving in a very real way. This day it happened in real time and in my window to the world.

What’s the point? It’s rare to witness an actual donor and shopper meet; however, Feeding Team pantries are open all the time. Those in need stop by a pantry that has been stocked by a neighbor, volunteer, or host. When you donate you are the Blessing of Giving to a neighbor in need.

From the front lines of fighting hunger, life is changing in real time. We see increases in gap families looking to get through a tough time. The numbers are changing as the economy ebbs and flows. People who have never experienced food insecurity are searching for a solution. Many find Feeding Team through our social media and through word of mouth.

But many don’t know that these resources are available.

If you find your family in need, please contact us, find a pantry at FeedingTeam.org, and follow us on social media to learn about upcoming food distribution events. Please share our message with those who are in need, too. We rely on neighbors to help neighbors connect with those who are in need. Thank you.

About FeedingTeam.org
More than 44,000 people in Hamilton County struggle with food needs. FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) non-

FeedingTeam.org Facts

- 80 outdoor pantries
- Two drive-thru food pick-ups monthly and two in-office food pick-ups monthly
- 20,000 meals per month
- Over 30 volunteer families

profit that offers outdoor, no-questions-asked food pantries that are open 24/7, all year long. These pantries help families who may not qualify for other programs but still need a few meals to get by.

We are so thankful for all the volunteers, hosts, donors, and sponsors who help us every day. We love serving our neighbors and seeing how your generosity changes lives. Hunger doesn’t always look the way people think it does, and every meal makes a big difference.

A simple can of food can mean everything to a parent who has nothing left to feed their kids. A few meals can change someone’s life.

If you’d like to help, there are many volunteer opportunities. We are also looking for new spots for future pantries. If you know a good location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

A clean audit is earned by working hard every day

When I took office as Hamilton County Auditor, I inherited an organization with a long-standing reputation for sound financial management and accountability. That reputation was built by those who came before us, and my responsibility has always been to continue that tradition while ensuring the public’s trust remains well placed.

I am proud to share that Hamilton County has once again received a clean audit with no findings. This marks the second consecutive clean audit under my administration and the dedicated team I have the privilege of leading.

While I am incredibly proud of this accomplishment, I never want it to be viewed as routine.

A clean audit is not automatic. It is not something that happens because Hamilton County has experienced success in

the past. Every audit begins with a clean slate, and every year we must demonstrate, through documentation, internal controls, accuracy, and accountability, that we are worthy of the public’s trust.

The work that leads to a clean audit doesn’t begin when the auditors arrive. It begins on the first day of the year and continues every day thereafter. Every claim processed, every payroll completed, every account reconciled, every grant administered, and every financial report prepared contributes to the final result.

Although the Auditor’s Office is responsible for maintaining the County’s financial records and coordinating the audit process, this achievement belongs to much more than our office alone. Every county department that manages public funds plays an important role

by following established financial procedures, maintaining accurate records, and treating taxpayer dollars with the care they deserve. This accomplishment reflects a countywide commitment to fiscal responsibility.

This year’s results are especially meaningful because they extend beyond the County’s financial statements. Hamilton County also successfully completed its Single Audit, which examines compliance with federal grant requirements, as well as a separate audit of the Title IV-D Child Support Program. Together, these audits represent a comprehensive review of how the County manages public resources, and I am proud that all were completed with no findings.

For most residents, an audit report may not make headlines. But it should provide confidence. An independent review confirmed that Hamilton County’s financial records are accu-



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Seeing our need for grace: sin

Why did the multitudes of poor, sick, and sin-sick people flock to Jesus? Why do we see poor people in other countries lining up to be baptized into Christ, but not here? Why do evangelists have better success with people in prisons (or jails) than with people on the outside? Ever wonder why that is?

My answer is in question form: Why is it easier to sell parkas to people in Alaska than in Florida? ANSWER: Because folks in Alaska recognize their need and Floridians do not see a need.

Why does anybody buy anything? Because we are convinced we need it. Any good salesman knows his best customer is someone in need of what he is selling. Sadly, I do not need many things I think I need, while many things I need go by the wayside because I do not realize my need. Why will a man who refuses to exercise and eat good food suddenly start doing so after a heart attack? Does he suddenly need

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exercise and good food? No, but the medical emergency made him aware of the need. The same can be true of spiritual needs.

We need God's grace because of sin. Sadly, far too few people realize they need God's grace. Why is that? ANSWER: Because they do not realize their own sinfulness. Or they do not understand just how awful their sins are before God. Those who do not will simply sit in their sins.

Our story begins in Genesis, which means "beginning." It is appropriate for the book because Genesis tells of many beginnings, like the beginning of the world, mankind, the family, God's promises, His nation, and His plan.

But it also tells us of another beginning – the beginning of sin.

Can you imagine what it must have been like to live in the Garden of Eden? Think of the beauty, the leisure, the peace, the joy, the happiness, etc. Adam and Eve walked

and talked directly with God. Work was easy. Relationships were happy. Even the law was pretty limited: Tend the garden. Be fruitful and multiply. Do not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. There was no hurt, pain, sickness, sadness, or loneliness. The world was good. Life was good.

Why do we not live in that world? What changed?

Sin changed everything (Genesis 3:1-6). The serpent convinced Eve that God's laws were holding her back from the greatest blessings. He pointed her to the forbidden tree and convinced her to take a bite. Eve turned to her husband and convinced him.

In that moment, everything changed. Sin entered our world. Death reigned, through sin (Romans 5:12).

Genesis goes on to show the consequences of sin. Pain in childbearing and hardship in marriage entered the world because of sin (Genesis 3:16). Struggle with work entered because of sin (Genesis 3:17-19). Sin destroys relationships like those of siblings and murder happened among brothers (Genesis 4). The world was destroyed by a flood because of sin (Genesis 6-8). But even in the new world, sin reared its ugly head which impacted not nations (Genesis 9:20-27). And so on.

Sin has been passed from father to son and mother to daughter since the beginning, not by birth or inheritance, but by example and pattern.

All have sinned (Romans 3:23). You have sinned. I have sinned. We all have

sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Genesis wants us to understand the nature of sin. Over and over again sin caused every problem mankind faced throughout the book. Do you think it is different today?

What are we to grasp from this? Sin is what causes our problems. Foremost, sin has separated us from our Creator (Isaiah 59:2) (and it may do so eternally without God's grace) and, as a result, sin created every struggle we face. Sin does nothing but cause pain and problems.

Certainly, there is some pleasure, otherwise, there would be no temptation, but is it worth it? How sweet and juicy was the fruit that Adam and Eve ate? Was it worth the consequences and all we see in the world today? How sweet were the sins you have committed in your life? Were they worth all the pain, broken relationships, wounded friends, estranged family, loneliness, and isolation?

Would you like to overcome that? Would you like to be set free from that? Then do something about your sin. You need God's grace. Turn to Him. Repent of your sins and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38). Then live in His grace (Romans 6:1-4).

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Red Cross urges you to donate blood or platelets

The REPORTER

Every day, volunteer blood and platelet donors are needed to help those in need of lifesaving transfusions, including accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, newborn babies, and patients receiving treatment for cancer, or sickle cell disease.

As the American Red Cross continues to experience an urgent need for blood donors, members of the community are encouraged to give now at the new Blood and Platelet Donation Centers in Noblesville.

As a thank-you to donors, anyone who donates blood or platelets at new Red Cross Blood and Platelet Donation Centers will receive a \$20 Kroger Gift Card while supplies last. This card can be used toward groceries or gas.

To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and under "Find a Blood Drive" enter 46202 for Indianapolis or 46062 for Noblesville. You can also call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App.

How to donate blood & platelets

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Sunday: Closed

donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

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Judith “Judy” Snapp

November 17, 1947 – July 6, 2026



Judith “Judy” Ellyne Snapp, 78, Sheridan, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, July 6, 2026. She was born on November 17, 1947, in Madison, Ind., to Gunn and Ellyne (Vinje) Smith. After graduating from North Central High School in 1965, Judy began her career with Blue Cross Blue Shield, where she worked for 40 years. She advanced to the position of IT Manager before retiring after four decades of dedicated service. Judy and her husband, Larry, shared a love of travel, especially the many cruises and adventures they enjoyed with friends over the years. Above all, Judy treasured time spent with her family and close friends. Her faith in Jesus Christ was the foundation of her life, and she never hesitated to share His grace and mercy with those around her. In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 47 years, Larry Snapp, and daughter, Tiffany Kirby. Survivors include her daughter, Kristy (John) Sebring; son, Troy (Suzie) Snapp; grandchildren, Ben Sebring, Madison Sebring, Michael Snapp, Zachary Snapp, and Mia-Koda Winger; great-grandsons, Leo Sebring and Leland Sebring; sister, Maren Knowles; and her beloved dog, Ellie. Family and friends will gather at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at Trinity Baptist Church, 1415 E. 191st St., Westfield, where the Funeral Service will begin at 7 p.m. Russell Family Funerals is honored to assist the Snapp family with arrangements. Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Merrill Dean Bracken

September 22, 1943 – July 3, 2026



Merrill Dean Bracken, 82, Ladoga, Ind., passed away peacefully on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis with his family by his side. He was born on September 22, 1943, in Noblesville to Clarence and Audrey (McClintick) Bracken. Merrill was a man whose life was defined by resourcefulness, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to provide both financially and emotionally for his family. Whether raising and showing cattle, operating Bracken’s Steak America, or working at Allison Gas Turbine, he approached every endeavor with grit, perseverance, and pride. He was not afraid to take risks, was willing to work harder than most and never shied away from a challenge. Merrill always had a smile on his face and took time to talk and build relationships with all who he met. He went to great lengths to use 4-H and showing livestock to teach his children and grandchildren to create a mindset of success. He was often ahead of his time, treating the girls in the family the same as the boys. While he was known for working tirelessly, those who loved him also knew he appreciated the value of a good “power nap.” It became one of the many endearing traits that family and friends will always remember with a smile. His greatest legacy was the example he set. He instilled in his children and grandchildren the values of resilience, a strong work ethic, and the belief that dedication and integrity can overcome life’s obstacles. Those lessons will continue to live on through the generations that follow him. Merrill is survived by his children, Jill (J.R.) Emerson, Joy (Joel) Johnston, and Jerry (Laura) Bracken; his brother, Eddie (Trudy) Bracken; and his beloved grandchildren, Jamie Emerson, Evija Johnston, Jeremiah Johnston, Joles Emerson, Jackson Emerson, Josephine Johnston, and Kenzie Bracken, all of whom brought him great pride and joy. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Maxine (Harvey) Bracken; his infant daughter, Cheryl Marie Bracken; his parents, Clarence and Audrey Bracken; and his sister Wilma Jean (Victor) Wilson. Visitation and funeral services were held Saturday, July 11, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Ron Brown officiating. Burial followed at Carey Cemetery in Noblesville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Merrill may be made to the Montgomery, Boone, or Hamilton County 4-H programs; or to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Donation Processing Center, PO Box 5041, Boone, IA 50950-0041. Memorial condolences may be shared with the family at randall-roberts.com.

Janet L. Randall

December 23, 1942 – July 4, 2026



Janet Lynne (Wilson) Randall, 83, Carmel, passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2026. She was born on December 23, 1942, in Lebanon, Ind., to Charles and Sarah (Baker) Wilson. Following graduation from Carmel High School in 1961, Janet worked for Indianapolis Life Insurance as an office assistant. Later, she was employed with Orchard Park Presbyterian Church and Forrest Dale Elementary School as a secretary. After several years with Carmel Clay Schools, Janet retired as Administrative Assistant. Janet and Neal were married on June 16, 1962. Janet was a charter and active member of Carmel Christian Church, having served in the various roles as Sunday School teacher, Board member, Deacon, Elder, and a member of the Christian Women’s Fellowship during her more than 60 years. She enjoyed serving on many church committees such as Outreach, Hospitality, and Care Ministry. She especially appreciated the Crafting Group where they crocheted beautiful baby blankets, scarves, and hats which were donated to hospitals, schools, and shelters. Also, Janet was a former board member of the Friends of Carmel Clay Public Library and volunteered in the library bookstore. Janet was a docent with the Carmel Clay Historical Society. She also spent many hours as a volunteer at St. Vincent Hospice, where her faith grew by working alongside the many dedicated people. Janet commented that above all else, she learned God watches over each one during the good times and the difficult times. Her stated desire was everyone who had been a part of her life would carry God personally and lean on His ever-present love. Janet was an avid reader, with her favorite genre being historical fiction. Her dad, also a voracious reader, would take her and sister, Sue, to the library every week, which was a very good example to follow. Serving as presidents of Carmel Band Boosters during the 1980s and volunteering in PTO, Janet and Neal were always involved in their children’s school activities. In addition to her parents, Janet was preceded in death by her sister, Sue Wilson Page. Survivors include her loving husband of 64 years, Neal Randall; son, Scott (Kim) Randall; daughter, Jodi Randall; grandson, Devin Goedeker; granddaughters, Holly (Chris) Trowbridge, Stacy Randall, and Alyssa Randall; step-granddaughter, Kaleigh Bowers; and step-grandson, Jesse Bowers. Family and friends gathered Thursday, July 9, 2026, at Carmel Christian Church, 463 E. Main St., Carmel, where the Funeral Service followed. A Committal Service took place at Carmel Cemetery. In memory of Janet, donations may be made to Carmel Christian Church, 463 E. Main St., Carmel, IN 46032. Envelopes will be available at the church. Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family with arrangements. Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

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Darren James Holcomb

January 22, 1960 – May 12, 2026



Darren James Holcomb, 66, Westfield, passed away on May 12, 2026, leaving his family in shock and deep mourning. Darren was born in New Castle, Ind., to parents Edward and Betty Jean Holcomb. He and his older brother, Dale, grew up in Cambridge City, Ind. After the death of their father, their mother married USAF CMSgt. Ron Kerrigan, and they eventually moved to Maryland, where Darren lived for 23 years. Darren recognized quality at age 7 while helping his grandmother with sales in her gift shop. That eye for craftsmanship would shape the rest of his life. Darren earned a degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland and went on to manage landscaping crews for one of the East Coast’s largest landscaping companies, maintaining the grounds of Capitol Hill, embassies, the Watergate complex, and other notable Washington sites. It was there he discovered his lifelong passion for landscaping. When Darren’s parents retired to Indiana, he relocated to Westfield to be close to family and founded his own landscaping business, which thrived for years. Darren completed all state requirements for landscaping, including Purdue’s Pesticides Program, and earned credentials as an Indiana Accredited Horticulturist. He was known for his skills in tree care, trimming, and shaping, and was well regarded by clients and colleagues for his craftsmanship and dedication. He trained in advanced techniques such as root collar excavation and continued to seek knowledge of “natural” ways to keep the environment safe. Darren received many accolades over the years for his superb work, his creativity, and his ability to listen to customers’ wishes – and customers were always pleased with the results of each job. In recent years, staffing shortages made the work increasingly difficult, but he persevered until his health no longer allowed it. Darren cherished his family and found joy in his relationships with customers, neighbors, and friends. He would have wanted to thank all of you for being a part of his life ... so I’m doing that for him. Darren will rest in peace among family in Crown Hill Cemetery’s Field of Valor in Indianapolis. No public memorial services are planned. Prayers for Darren and his family would be appreciated.

Dale Ann Costlow

March 14, 1949 – July 6, 2026



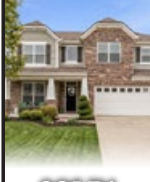
Dale Ann Costlow, 77, formerly of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2026, at a family home in Westfield. She was born on March 14, 1949, to Harley and Ruth (Fisher) Hudson in Anderson, Ind. Dale was a graduate of Lapel High School. For over 40 years, she worked in banking as a teller and as the president’s secretary. Dale was a member of Refuge Christian Church. She is survived by her son, Mark (Heather) Costlow; daughter, Jody Costlow; siblings, Linda Turner, Henry Hudson, and Susie Smalley; grandchildren, Bella Ott, Carlie Ott, Catey Costlow, Holden Costlow, and Claire Brown. She was a wonderful mom and grandmother. In addition to her parents, Dale was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Stephen James Costlow; and her grandchildren, Logan Alynn Costlow and Tatem Benjamin Costlow. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at Refuge Christian Church, 11772 E. 196th St., Noblesville. Dale will be laid to rest next to Steve at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. Memorial contributions may be made to Refuge Christian Church, 11772 E. 196th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (refugeccnoblesville.com). Condolences: randallroberts.com

James “Jim” Everett Thompson, Sr.

November 20, 1940 – June 29, 2026



James “Jim” Everett Thompson, Sr., 85, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 29, 2026, at Homewood Health in Lebanon, Ind., surrounded by the love of his family. The fifth of six children, he and his twin sister, Betty Lou, were born at home on their farmstead in Monticello, Ind., on November 20, 1940, to the late Fred A. and Nellie (Willhelm) Thompson. He often lovingly joked that Betty’s sweet nature made her take so long to be born that they nearly had to celebrate their birthday for two days in a row, yes-siree Bob! Growing up a farm boy, Jim developed a deep love of animals, often finding injured creatures and nursing them back to health. One such story he was especially proud of telling involved an endangered Red-tailed Hawk that refused to leave his side even after its wing healed, following him all over the farm. He said his dad warned him that it was illegal to keep a hawk as a pet, so he took it out to the back pasture with the intention to set it free. But nothing he did to drive it away worked! Instead, it calmly waited and then followed him all the way back to the house. He would always shrug at this point in the story and ask, “What could I do if the little guy picked me?” Jim was often “picked” during his lifetime by helpless animals such as squirrels, baby raccoons, and once even a skunk! Working from dawn to dusk cultivated strong work ethics, stubborn perseverance, and his MacGyver-like ability to fix anything he set his mind on. He would often say, “If I can’t fix it, it ain’t broke!” He met his future wife, Jean, at Indiana Academy where he spent four years getting into mischief like hauling the boy’s dean’s car all the way to the top of the Chapel steps with his friends as a Senior prank. After graduation, he attended Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., studying Animal Science until he and Jean were married on August 27, 1961. God blessed them with 63 years of marriage before laying her to rest. During his lifetime, Jim built custom homes and furniture with his exemplary carpentry skills; trained and showed German Shepherds and Dobermans; drove long-haul trucks for Little Debbie; accompanied his wife on the harmonica while she played and sang in churches all over the United States; served as a foster then adoptive parent; mentored youth and was active for many decades as both Director of the Cicero Pathfinder Club and Area Coordinator of the Indiana Conference of SDA. He loved to roller skate, play volleyball, and was the reigning Ping Pong Champion of the family! He was a member of the Cicero Seventh-Day Adventist Church where he also served as a Deacon. He was the Maintenance Superintendent for the Indiana Conference and Indiana Academy Campus, spending many years prepping the grounds for Camp Meeting and Alumni functions. He would often refer to himself as a Jack-of-all-Trades because there was literally nothing he couldn’t do. He co-owned J&J Construction with his wife until illness forced him into early retirement. However, he did not view his failing health as a setback. Instead, he and Jean became “snowbirds” traveling the countryside in a Four Seasons motor home until settling down as volunteers at Timber Ridge Camp in Spencer, Ind. There he assisted in building the camp’s Nature Center where he and Jean were affectionately referred to as Father and Mother Nature by campers and staff alike. During his time there, he could be found teaching classes on fishing, canoeing, horsemanship, animal track and bird identification, flowers, rocks, and fossils. He even built a terrarium and hosted petting zoos where he told Nature Nugget stories to the children! He had a stubborn resolve which served him well throughout his life as he fiercely stood strong in his faith, even when faced with the decline in his wife’s health. He lovingly cared for her until God called her home, continuing to loyally yearn for the day they would be reunited in Heaven. He had a wealth of knowledge that only a lifetime of lived experiences could truly give, and he was always willing to share his advice, leaving no room for doubt by ending it with “that’s just common sense!” He is survived by son, Jim (Lori) Thompson, Jr. of Kirklint; daughter, Sherri (William) Young of Glenwood, Ark.; adopted daughter, Sonja (Vincent) Lewis of Lawton, Okla.; granddaughter, Cindi (Douglas) McCaslin of Arcadia; granddaughter, Sandi (Damon) Hardy of Anderson; grandson, Bernie (Alicia) Brandt of Tallahassee, Fla.; grandson, Bradley (Melissa) Thompson of Mesa, Ariz.; grandson, Jordan Wells of Indianapolis; and grandson, Jacob Young of Glenwood, Ark. God blessed him with nine great-grandchildren: Sylvanna Thompson, Gighi Thompson, Isaiah Hardy, Gage McCaslin, Mason McCaslin, Sophia McCaslin, Braleigh Thompson, Jr., and Ezra Brandt. He was preceded in death by his father, Fred A. Thompson; mother, Nellie (Willhelm) Thompson; brother, Robert Thompson; brother, Clarence Thompson; sister, Katherine (Thompson) Macklin; sister, Margaret (Thompson) Miles; sister, Betty (Thompson) Feig; wife, Jean (Reutebuch) Thompson, and great-grandson, James Nicholas Andrew Thompson Harrison. Although life was not always perfect for Jim and had many challenges, he never lost his love for his family or his Lord. We will mourn his loss and long for just one more opportunity with him ... to cast a line in the lake on a perfect sunny day or get his expertise on which tool to use for a home repair. But we will also smile as we remember his blue eyes holding our attention as his voice reminds us that this wait is only temporary since we will meet again when that trumpet sounds. “Okie doke?” 2 Timothy 4:7: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” [1, 2, 3] Isaiah 41:10 (NIV): “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at the Cicero Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 24445 State Road 19, Cicero, with Charlie Thompson officiating. Visitation will start at 3 p.m. with Funeral Service following at 4 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Conference with TRC Lilly Grant noted in the Memo section for checks or online at adventistgiving.org/donate. Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.



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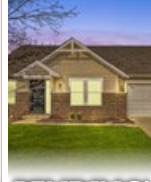
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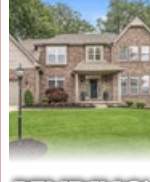
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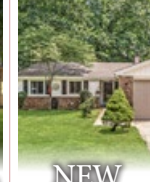
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Wrestling

Hard work pays off for Camden Hook

Incoming HSE freshman adds AAU Scholastic Duals victory to resume

By RICHIE HALL
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Camden Hook has been wrestling for two-thirds of his life, and it has certainly taken him places.

The incoming Hamilton Southeastern freshman has won numerous championships and honors over the years and added to that list with his performance at the AAU Scholastic Duals, which took place June 24 to 29 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Representing both himself and two teams, Hook finished 21-0 at the Duals. He wrestled on the middle school Team Indiana AAU and the high school Indiana Smack-down team, where he was named All-American gold.

If that wasn't enough, Hook competed as an individual in the middle school bracket and won the national championship at 126 pounds.

Hook and his coach, Tomas Gutierrez, spoke with The Reporter at the Contenders Academy location in Noblesville just a few days after Hook returned home from Florida. The success he had there was a far cry from his first-ever tournament: the Nuway Mayhem Tour-

nament. Hook said he went 0-4 and "scored two points that entire tournament."

"I learned that I needed to get a whole lot better," said Hook.

Hook began wrestling at age 5 and joined Contenders when he was 10. He began to notice improvement "probably four years ago when I was at Contenders for a little bit and I started getting better."

"Work ethic and just understanding that it's not going to happen overnight," said Gutierrez. "Sometimes people expect results the first or second day that they come into practice, but as coaches here at Contenders, we try and not focus so much on the results all the time and talk about the journey and growing as a wrestler and as a person. That's when they start to see those results. It's not always right away."

This year alone, Hook has won several tournaments, including the Indiana State Wrestling Association's Greco-Roman championship and the Central Regional championship, which took place in Louisville. He was also the runner-up at the Freestyle and Folkstyle



Photos provided / Pure Impact Studios

Camden Hook has built a long resume of victories over the years as a high-level youth wrestler. Hook's latest wins came at the AAU Scholastic Duals in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he went 21-0 and won a middle school national championship.

tournaments.

Wrestling has already been Hook's passport to see the world. During his career, Hook got the chance to visit several European cities on a wrestling trip.

"This guy on Facebook reached out to my dad and wanted to take a team," said Hook. "We ended up signing up and getting on the plane and going over there."

The trip included stops at Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden; Tallinn, Estonia; Helsinki, Finland, Riga, Latvia and Frankfurt, Germany. Hook called the trip "pretty eye-opening."

"A lot of people there wrestle completely different than we do her," said Hook. "It's more like a lifestyle for them and they're just all about it and dedicated. They don't really do much except for train, and when they train, they don't train like forever, they just train hard shorter."

In addition to wrestling, Hook has dipped into the world of kickboxing. His father, John Hook, fought professionally in MMA and taught his son boxing at age 6.

"For the longest time, he stopped teaching me because I started getting in trouble at school," said

Camden Hook. "He told me that wasn't okay. First week at school, somebody took my crayons, I started punching them."

Camden eventually settled down and began entering fights when he was older; his first fight was set up with Iron Horse Productions from Greenfield.

"I was 12 and I started off fighting a kid from Tennessee," said Hook. "I don't know how the fight got set up. I think the promoter used to help promote fights for my dad when he started off."

Hook won that fight and a few others. He currently holds a 5-0 record in kick-

boxing matches.

"Maybe wrestling was a little bit better because we don't fight people," said Gutierrez. "More controlled chaos."

In addition, Hook is a straight-A student and a member of the National Honor Society. He already has built quite a resume as he enters high school, both academically and in wrestling.

"I'm looking forward to different training opportunities and wrestling higher-level kids more often, making the next jump, because after that's college," said Hook.

Football

Carmel returns to the MIC in time for football

By RICHIE HALL
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The 2026 football schedule for Carmel will be just like not-so-old times.

The Greyhounds return to the Metropolitan Conference once the 2026-27 school year begins, which means they will be seeing some of their old football rivals in August. Carmel's MIC comeback is one of the highlights of the Hamilton County 2026 football schedules.

The Hounds and Center Grove were dropped from the MIC in December 2021 but were added back into the conference in September 2025. Carmel had been playing a rotating list of opponents for the past few years, although the Greyhounds still scheduled some of their old MIC rivals.

Carmel played Ben Davis, North Central, Warren Central and Lawrence Central in all four of its independent years. The Hounds will face those schools during the same weeks as last season, from Weeks 6 to 9.

As for the other MIC teams, Carmel hosts Center Grove for Week 3 and Pike for Week 4, then travels to Lawrence North on Week 5. The Hounds keep their same early-season schedule, playing Fishers for their opener and Westfield for Week 2.

Big changes for Huskies

Hamilton Heights has the most changes of any county school. The Huskies dropped Triton Central, Tippecanoe Valley and Danville from their schedule, replacing them with London (Ohio), Benton Central and Lafayette Central Catholic, the latter two being Hoosier Conference teams.

There was also some shuffling among the Huskies' current opponents. Logansport was moved from Week 6 to Week 3, while Tipton was moved from Week 8 to Week 4. Twin Lakes was pushed back a week, from Week 7 to Week 8.

Guerin Catholic made two changes: Andrean re-



Bob Cross / File photo

The Hamilton Heights football team's annual "Hammer game" with Tipton was moved from Week 8 to Week 4 this season, one of several changes to the Huskies' schedule.

placed Pike for Week 7, while Mt. Vernon replaced Culver Academies for Week 8. The Golden Eagles' other games are the same from last season.

Noblesville's only schedule change is for opening week. The Millers replaced Mt. Vernon with Arsenal Tech for Week 1, but everything else is the same. Fishers, Hamilton

Southeastern, Sheridan and Westfield had no changes to their schedules. The Blackhawks are slated to play Tri-Central on Week 3; that game was canceled last season after the Trojans switched to a junior varsity schedule.

Here is a complete list of football schedules. All games start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Fall 2026 High School Football Schedule	
Carmel Aug. 21 – Fishers Aug. 28 – at Westfield Sept. 4 – Center Grove Sept. 11 – Pike Sept. 18 – at Lawrence North Sept. 25 – at North Central Oct. 2 – Ben Davis Oct. 9 – at Warren Central Oct. 16 – at Lawrence Central	Hamilton Southeastern Aug. 2 – at Fort Wayne Carroll, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 – North Central Sept. 4 – at Avon Sept. 11 – Fishers Sept. 18 – at Westfield Sept. 25 – Zionsville Oct. 2 – at Noblesville Oct. 9 – at Franklin Central Oct. 16 – Brownsburg
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Hamilton Heights Aug. 21 – at Lapel Aug. 28 – London (Ohio) Sept. 4 – at Logansport Sept. 11 – at Tipton Sept. 18 – Western Sept. 25 – at Laf. Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 – Benton Central, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9 – Twin Lakes, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16 – West Lafayette	Westfield Aug. 21 – at Homestead Aug. 28 – Carmel Sept. 4 – Zionsville Sept. 11 – at Noblesville Sept. 18 – Hamilton Southeastern Sept. 25 – at Brownsburg Oct. 2 – Avon Oct. 9 – at Fishers Oct. 16 – Franklin Central

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Golf

Michael Davan fights to the end at PGA Indiana Open

Plum Creek teaching pro finishes as runner-up

By **RICHIE HALL**
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SPEEDWAY – The action got hectic on Wednesday, July 8 as the final round of the PGA Indiana Open took place at Brickyard Crossing Golf Club in Speedway.

The competition at times resembled a mad dash to the checkered flag. At one point, six players were tied for first place. By the end of the round, three players were on top of the leaderboard, including Michael Davan.

The Zionsville resident has a Hamilton County connection: he is a teaching professional at Plum Creek Golf Club in Carmel. Davan finished his third round with an even par 72 but was seven under for the tournament (209). He shared that score with two amateurs: Goshen’s Brayden Miller and Brownstown’s Micah Sheffer.

The three men competed in a two-hole playoff to de-

termine the champion. The playoff started at the 18th hole, then moved to the 17th hole where Miller made a birdie to win the PGA Indiana Open title. Davan and Sheffer shared runner-up honors.

Davan admitted that his third round started a “little rusty at the beginning,” with four bogeys in the first seven holes, although he did birdie the sixth hole. Davan said he calmed down as he approached the back nine, and made three birdies during that time.

“I fought until the end and gave myself an opportunity and it just didn’t work out today,” said Davan.

Davan, 37, grew up in Illinois then played golf at IUPUI. He played professionally for 10 years, including the PGA LatinoAmerica Tour, where he earned multiple top-10 finishes, and competed in the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay.

“I traveled and played, then started having kids and

didn’t really want to travel anymore,” said Davan. So, he began teaching and “I absolutely love doing that,” he said.

But Davan still enjoys competing in tournaments, saying that it’s “still fun to compete.

“That’s why you play the game,” he said. “To get those opportunities down the stretch and feel the nerves the way that you do. I just am thankful for the opportunity.”

Three Noblesville golfers in top 10

Noblesville golfers represented themselves, with three of them finishing in the top 10.

Eric Steger finished tied for fifth with a three-day score of 211. Steger blasted a five-under par 67 in the final round, making five birdies along the way (see related story).

Connor McNeely, a Guerin Catholic graduate and University of Cincinnati player, carded a 212, put-

ting him four under par for the tournament. He scored 69 (three under) for the third round, making five birdies.

Tyler Marucci, a recent Noblesville graduate, finished with a two under 214 and tied for 10th place. He made three birdies during his third round.

A complete list of Hamilton County scores now follows.

T5. Eric Steger, Noblesville 74-70-67=211, 7. Connor McNeely, Noblesville 73-70-69=212, T10. Tyler Marucci, Noblesville 69-72-73=214, T15. Dane Stames, Fishers 73-71-72=216; Garrett James, Arcadia 77-68-71=216, T20. Andy Winings, Fishers 71-72-74=217, T24. Jake Cesare, Westfield 71-71-76=218, T31. Joseph Armfield, Carmel 75-70-76=221, T51. Vince Drahman, Fortville 70-79-75=224, T57. Lane Zedrick, Fishers 72-77-76=225; Lucas Beck, Carmel 77-71-78=226, T62. Chase Berry, McCordsville 71-75-81=227, T64. Ronnie Russell, Noblesville 75-75-78=228.



Reporter photo by **Richie Hall**
Michael Davan tied for runner-up at the PGA Indiana Open, which finished Wednesday, July 8 at Brickyard Crossing Golf Club in Speedway. Davan was part of a three-man playoff for the championship.

Eric Steger among best in playing & teaching

Pebble Brook pro ties for fifth, mentors young Noblesville golfers

By **RICHIE HALL**
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SPEEDWAY – Even after Eric Steger had finished his third round Wednesday, July 8 at the PGA Indiana Open, he was on the putting green at Brickyard Crossing Golf Club, just in case.

It was a wise decision, since the tournament results were still up in the air. At one point, six men were on top of the leaderboard, tied for first place. Steger was one of those players on top before he eventually finished in fifth place, with a three-day score of 211, five under par.

It was a remarkable comeback for the 37-year-old, who was a star golfer for Noblesville and Ball State. He started the final round with an even-par score (74-70) before taking care of business during the final 18 holes. Steger went five under par for a 67 on Wednesday.

“I was seven back going into today,” said Steger. “I was in 21st place. So, today was good, yesterday was good.”

Steger admitted the first round was a struggle, after he “played in the afternoon with some wind and just didn’t handle the firm greens.” But he held on and said that finishing the tour-

nament with a five-under par round was “certainly not bad.”

Steger graduated from Noblesville in 2007 and Ball State in 2011, winning the Indiana State Amateur in 2010. He played professionally on the PGA LatinoAmerica tour for several years and picked up other local wins, including the Indiana Open in 2020.

Steger has been an instructor at Pebble Brook Golf Club in Noblesville for six years. An article on the *Golf Digest* website said that Steger received votes in the magazine’s “The Best Teachers in Every State” survey.

“In 2020 when the pandemic hit, I started there part time, splitting my time between there and Wildcat Creek, and then full time starting in 2021,” said Steger.

“I love it. It’s very busy,” said Steger. The club has “ample practice space and I’m as busy as I ever have been, which is great. [There’s an] awesome group of students who trust me with their games and I enjoy it.”

Noblesville has finished in the top 10 at the state meet for the past five years, which of course Steger enjoys seeing. He said watching the Millers’ success has



Reporter photo by **Richie Hall**
Noblesville’s Eric Steger practices his putting during the PGA Indiana Open Wednesday, July 8. Steger finished tied for fifth place, elevating himself into the top five with a five-under par third round.

led to a full-circle moment for him.

“The last couple years, I’ve taken on a few of the

Noblesville High School players as my own students, and to be able to see them go to state and compete and move on to the college level is awesome,” said Steger.

When asked about the difference between high school golf from his playing days to today, Steger said that the young players “hit it longer” and technology is way different. But there are similarities, such as kids learning about course management, which Steger thinks makes a big difference.

“That’s my job and what I work on a lot with my students,” said Steger. “Once course management hits, that’s when they figure out how to ‘miss it’ around the golf course, have good misses around the golf course, miss it in the right and appropriate spot.”

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Three Hamilton County golfers were among the winners in their division at the Buffy & Alice Mayerstein Age Group Championship, which took place July 1 and 2, at Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth.

Fishers’ Gavin Davis was the winner of the Boys 14 group, scoring a seven under par 137. Davis made an eagle on the second day along with 10 birdies. Carmel’s Max Huffman tied for second with 145, draining seven birdies.

Austin Carter led a 1-2 Carmel finish in the Boys 13 group. Carter totaled 153 with three birdies for the tournament. Luke Moore was second with 156 and one birdie.

Fishers’ Carsen Fegan was the Boys 12 champion, totaling 145. Fegan made six birdies in his round.

There were several third-place finishers from the county. Westfield’s Jude Kaufman and Bubba Chapman tied for third in the Boys 17 group, while Noblesville’s Luke Decker tied for third in the Boys 16 division. Another Noblesville golfer, MacKenzie DeMarco, placed third in Boys 12.

Carmel’s Allie Thompson placed second in the Girls 17 group, scoring 156 and making one birdie. Noblesville’s Lauren Turpin took second in Girls 16, collecting nine birdies along the way.

Fishers’ Mallory Jaske was the Girls 15 runner-up, scoring 156 with two birdies. Westfield’s Addison Simpson finished second in Girls 12 with 188.

Westfield’s Sophie Raines placed third in the Girls 17 group with 150.

A complete list of area finishers now follows.

Boys 18: 11. Kaiden Sullivan, Fishers 81-82=163.

Boys 17: T3. Jude Kaufman, Westfield 71-77=148; Bubba Chapman, Westfield 74-74=148, 16. Brady McIlvenna, Carmel 78-79=157, T17. Brody Motz, Noblesville 83-75=158; Keaton Chapman, Westfield 81-77=158; Jack Armstrong, Carmel 76-82=158, T23. Ben Wilson, Carmel 81-79=160; Carson McCulloch, Carmel 80-80=160, T25. Colby Crandall, Westfield 81-80=161; Sean Hess, Westfield 80-81=161; Blake Huffman, Carmel 80-81=161, T30. Mason Umthum, Noblesville 86-83=169; Blake Weimer, Noblesville 86-83=169, 33. Hudson McKamie, Noblesville 87-84=171.



Photo provided
Noblesville’s Luke Decker finished third in the Boys 16 division at the Buffy & Alice Mayerstein Age Group Championship July 1 and 2.

Boys 16: T3. Luke Decker, Noblesville 73-73=146, 14. Dalen Rippey, Noblesville 76-78=154, 21. Nolan Knight, McCordsville 77-83=160, 23. Grayson Cole, Fishers 83-84=167, 24. Paul Zadny, Carmel 85-83=168, 26. Jack Burton, Carmel 90-84=174, 27. J.C. Hart, Westfield 87-88=175.

Boys 15: T4. Vaughn Twilla, Noblesville 77-76=153, T8. Cooper Howard, Carmel 80-77=157, T14. Aleksander Nowacki, Fishers 81-78=159, T16. Malachi Cole, Carmel 83-80=163, 23. Henry Pasko, Carmel 89-98=187.

Boys 14: 1. Gavin Davis, Fishers 67-70=137, T2. Max Huffman, Carmel 70-75=145, 4. Graham DeMarco, Noblesville 73-74=147, 5. Lucas Graessle, Fishers 74-74=148, 5. Sawyer Houser, Westfield 78-74=152, 13. Gabriel Brown, Fishers 86-91=177.

Boys 13: 1. Austin Carter, Carmel 75-78=153, 2. Luke Moore, Carmel 76-80=156, 6. Vidyut Anand, Carmel 82-83=165, 8. Reid Lassiter, Noblesville 89-80=169.

Boys 12: 1. Carsen Fegan, Fishers 73-72=145, 3. MacKenzie DeMarco, Noblesville 77-81=158, 6. Carson Umthum, Noblesville 84-92=176.

Girls 18: 5. Ali Scott, Carmel 72-81=153.

Girls 17: 2. Allie Thompson, Carmel 78-78=156, 4. Taylor Morrison, Atlanta 80-80=160, T7. Maddie Headlee, Carmel 84-82=166.

Girls 16: 2. Lauren Turpin, Noblesville 77-72=149, 3. Sophie Raines, Westfield 77-77=150, T6. Mallorie Monico, Carmel 82-77=159; Kendall Manion, Fishers 75-84=159, 10. Keelin Wexley, Noblesville 84-83=167.

Girls 15: T2. Mallory Jaske, Fishers 75-81=156, 6. Madison Yeoman, McCordsville 81-84=165, 10. Chloe Paul, Westfield 93-87=180.

Girls 14: T3. Qianyu Liu, Carmel 90-90=180, 6. Elizabeth Ashburn, Carmel 101-98=199.

Girls 13: 5. Kennedy Howard, Carmel 105-95=200.

Girls 12: 2. Addison Simpson, Westfield 98-90=188.



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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA)
) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 5
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) JSS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D05-2603-MF-002863
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JEFFREY M. BLAIR, ELEMENTS FINANCIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, CJAAM, LLC and BONNI
H.KAWASAKI,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is:
Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate
Against the property commonly known as 5297 Charles Ct, Carmel, IN 46033-9157 and described as follows:
Lot Number 98 in the Replat of Woodfield, Section Four, a Subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 15, pages 15-16, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s):
Jeffrey M. Blair, Elements Financial Federal Credit Union, The Huntington National Bank and Bonni H. Kawasaki
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown:
CJAAM, LLC
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 or response. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
By /s/ BARRY T BARNES BARRY T. BARNES
Attorney No. 19657-49 Attorney for Plaintiff
BARRY T. BARNES FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
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(317) 237-2727
NOTICE
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STATE OF INDIANA)
) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NUMBER: 29D04-2605-MF-005968
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP
MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-RP1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, EXECUTORS,
ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS, IF ANY, OF SPENCER KLINE
UNKNOWN OCCUPANT
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT INT ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF NRZ RECOVERY TRUST
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY,
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WATERSTONE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as:
Lot Numbered 49 in Brookfield, Section 2, an addition in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded as Instrument Number 9540553 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
This property is commonly known as 12443 Springbrooke Run, Carmel, IN 46033.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Defendants whose addresses are known:
Unknown Occupant 12443 Springbrooke Run
Carmel, IN 46033
United States of America, Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service
Serve U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Indiana
10 West Market Street, Suite 2100
Indianapolis, IN 46204
United States of America, Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service
Serve U.S. Attorney's Office
575 North Pennsylvania Street, Suite 655
Indianapolis, IN 46204
United States of America, Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service
Serve 2 Copies U.S. Attorney's Office 451 7th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024
U.S. Bank National Association, not int its individual capacity but solely as trustee of NRZ Recovery Trust
Serve Highest Officer Available 425 Walnut St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
WATERSTONE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Serve KIRKPATRICK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC., registered agent
5702 KIRKPATRICK WAY
Indianapolis, IN 46220
And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown:
Unknown Heirs, Legatees, Devisees, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, if any, of Spencer Kline
Unknown Address
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 your attorney, on or before the 12th day of August, 2026 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.
/s/ Matthew C. Gladwell
Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49) Christopher J. Arlinghaus (31680-15) Aaron Rodgers (28418-84) Attorney's for Plaintiff
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC 3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227
Voice: (513) 322-7000
Facsimile: (513) 322-7099
ATTEST:
Clerk of the Hamilton County Circuit/Superior Court
R8183 6/29/26, 7/6/26, 7/13/26

29D04-2604-SC-004234
IN THE CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY
STATE OF INDIANA
Logan Newark
Petitioner
vs
Mark Battles & Big Kids Don't Cry LLC
Respondent
NOTICE
To: Respondent and any other person concerned.
You are notified that you have been sued in the above captioned Court by the person named above as Petitioner. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Respondent, whose address is unknown.
The named petitioner is represented pro se and resides at 275 South Front Street Unit 614, Columbus OH, 43215
The nature of this suit against you is Small Claims
No answer or other responsive pleading is required. However, if a hearing is scheduled, and if you fail to appear at the hearing, the matter may be heard and determined in your absence. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.
Hearing is scheduled August 20, 2026, at 2:00 PM
Dated: JUN 05 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8184 6/29/26, 7/6/26, 7/13/26

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA)
) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 5
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) JSS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D05-2603-MF-003880
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE
FOR FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION
TRUST, SERIES 2021-1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DAWN DILLINGER,
DECEASED AND THE UNKNOWN OCCUPANT,
Defendants
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is:
Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate
Against the property commonly known as 411 Amberleaf Trl, Westfield, IN 46074-9500 and described as follows:
Lot 32 in Timberbrook Run, Section II, an addition to the Town of Westfield in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 182, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant: The Unknown Occupant
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendants whose whereabouts are unknown:
The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Dawn Dillinger, Deceased
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 or response. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
By /s/ Matthew S. Love MATTHEW S. LOVE
Attorney No. 18762-39 Attorney for Plaintiff
MATTHEW S. LOVE FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
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29D03-2606-EU-000264
Hamilton Superior Court 3
Joseph M. Dietz
DAVIS SUMERFORD DIETZ
8122 S. Meridian St
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217
317-637-1383
#4664-49
Attorney for Executor Gary Douglas Seidman
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the HAMILTON Superior Court,
In the Matter of the Estate of ALAN MICHAEL NORRIS, deceased.
Estate Docket 29D03-2606-EU-000264
Notice is hereby given that Gary Douglas Seidman was on the 24th day of June 2026, appointed personal representative of the estate of ALAN MICHAEL NORRIS, deceased, who died on the 26th day of May 2026.
All persons who have 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, said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 24th day of June, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
R8192 7/6/26, 7/13/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2606-MI-007705
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
RUMAYSAH ANWAR SHARIEF
Name of Minor
SYEDA JUVERIA FATIMA
Petitioner
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, SYEDA JUVERIA
FATIMA, as a self-represented
litigant, filed a Verified Petition for
Change of Name to change the name of
RUMAYSAH ANWAR SHARIEF
to RUMAYSAH FATIMA SHARIEF.
The Petition is schedule for hearing in
the Hamilton County Circuit Court
on October 23, 2026 at 10:00 am,
which is more than thirty (30) days
after the third notice of publication.
Any person has the right to appear
at the hearing and to file written
objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: June 26, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8206 7/6/25, 7/13/25, 7/20/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2606-MI-007700
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
HAFA SAH ANWAR SHARIEF
Name of Minor
SYEDA JUVERIA FATIMA
Petitioner
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, SYEDA JUVERIA
FATIMA, as a self-represented
litigant, filed a Verified Petition for
Change of Name to change the name of
HAFA SAH ANWAR SHARIEF
to HAFA SAH FATIMA SHARIEF.
The Petition is schedule for hearing in
the Hamilton County Circuit Court
on October 23, 2026 at 10:00 am,
which is more than thirty (30) days
after the third notice of publication.
Any person has the right to appear
at the hearing and to file written
objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: June 26, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8207 7/6/25, 7/13/25, 7/20/25

**NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION**
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF HAMILTON
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR
COURT PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF: NASSER ALSMADI, Deceased
Cause No.: 29D03-2602-EU-53
**NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION**
Notice is hereby given that:
1. A Petition for Probate of Will and
for Unsupervised Administration has
been filed in the Hamilton Superior
Court, Probate Division, regarding the
Estate of Nasser Alsmadi, Deceased.
2. The Decedent died on October 4,
2025, and was domiciled in Hamilton
County, Indiana.
3. The Estate is being administered as
an Unsupervised Estate pursuant to
Indiana law.
4. Ahmad Alsmadi was appointed as
Personal Representative of the Estate.
All persons having claims against
the Estate are required to file their
claims with the Court in accordance
with Indiana law.
Respectfully submitted,
Ahmad Alsmadi, Petitioner
8594 E 116TH ST, Apt 485
Fishers, IN 46038
3177944186
ahmadsmadi88@gmail.com
Date: 02/04/2026
R8191 7/13/26, 7/20/26

**IN THE CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR
COURT 3 OF HAMILTON
COUNTY STATE OF INDIANA**
Kayla Walker
Petitioner
vs
Shannon Walker
Respondent
NOTICE
To: Respondent and any other
person concerned.
You are notified that you have been
sued in the above captioned Court
by the person named above as Petitioner.
This summons by publication is
specifically directed to Respondent,
whose address is unknown.
The named petitioner is represented
pro se and resides at
The nature of this suit against you is
dissolution of marriage.
No answer or other responsive
pleading is required. However, if a
hearing is scheduled, and if you fail
to appear at the hearing, the matter
may be heard and determined in your
absence. If you have a claim for relief
against the Petitioner arising from the
same transaction or occurrence, you
must assert it in your written answer
or response.
Dated: June 4, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8224 7/6/25, 7/13/25, 7/20/25

06D01-2606-EU-000105
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF BOONE)
IN THE BOONE SUPERIOR)
COURT I)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2606-EU-000263
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
DAVID S. LYTLE, Deceased.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is given that Lesly M. Lytle
was, on June 24, 2026
appointed Personal Representative of
the Estate of David S. Little, deceased,
who died on the 29th day of April
2026. The Personal Representative
is authorized to administer the estate
without Court supervision.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated: 6/29/2026.
Lisa Bruder
Clerk, Boone Superior Court No. 1
Chris L. Shelby, #123-06 Shelby Law,
PC 116 N. West Street
P.O. Box 743
Lebanon, IN 46052
Telephone: (765) 482-1370
Facsimile: (765) 482-9065
R8198 7/6/26, 7/13/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2606-MI-007700
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
HAFA SAH ANWAR SHARIEF
Name of Minor
SYEDA JUVERIA FATIMA
Petitioner
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, SYEDA JUVERIA
FATIMA, as a self-represented
litigant, filed a Verified Petition for
Change of Name to change the name of
HAFA SAH ANWAR SHARIEF
to HAFA SAH FATIMA SHARIEF.
The Petition is schedule for hearing in
the Hamilton County Circuit Court
on October 23, 2026 at 10:00 am,
which is more than thirty (30) days
after the third notice of publication.
Any person has the right to appear
at the hearing and to file written
objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: June 26, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8207 7/6/25, 7/13/25, 7/20/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2606-MI-6670
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Marion Judith Ryan
Petitioner
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**
Marion Judith Ryan, whose mailing
address is: 7242 Zanesville Road,
Carmel, IN 46033, in the Hamilton
County, Indiana, hereby gives notice
that Marion Judith Ryan has filed a
petition in the Hamilton County
Circuit Court requesting that name be
changed to Molly Ryan Sprigler.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: October 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Marion Judith Ryan
Petitioner
Date: June 12, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8164 6/29/26, 7/6/26, 7/13/26

29D02-2606-EU-000261
Krieg DeVault LLP, Attorneys
111 Congressional Boulevard, Suite 400
Carmel, IN 46032
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court,
Probate Division
In Re: the Estate of Harry K.
Hontos, deceased
Estate Docket # 29D02-2606-
EU-000261
Notice is hereby given that Maria P.
Hontos and Kosta H. Hontos were, on
the 29thday of June 2026, appointed
as Co-Personal Representatives of the
Estate of Harry K. Hontos, deceased,
who died on the 7th day of November,
2025.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this
30thday of June, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court,
Probate Division
R8209 7/6/26, 7/13/26

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Unsupervised Estate of
Tracey Bailey
Adler Attorneys – Noblesville
136 South 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
Phone: 317-773-1974
Seth R. Wilson, #26647-49 seth@
noblesvilleattorney.com
In the Hamilton Superior Court
3, Hamilton, Indiana (Case No.
29D03-2606-EU-000268)
Notice is given that Tamika
Clemons and Iazetta Bailey, on July
1, 2026 were appointed Co-Personal
Representatives of the Estate of the
above-named Decedent, who died on
05/13/2026. All persons who have
claims against this Estate, whether
now due, must file the claim in the
office of the clerk of this court within
three (3) months from the date of
the first publication of this notice or
within nine (9) months of Decedent's
death whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated: July 1, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk for Hamilton County, Indiana
R8222 7/6/26, 7/13/26

29D02-2606-EU-000267
ATTORNEY:
Dustin L. Plummer
Mallor Grodner Plummer LLP
511 S. Woodcrest Drive
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 332-5000
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
n the Hamilton County Superior
Court.
In the Matter of the Estate of Dennis
J. Reinbold, deceased.
Cause Number 29D02-2606-
EU-000267
Notice is hereby given that Jennifer
A. Reinbold was on June 29, 2026
appointed Personal Representative of
the Estate of Dennis J. Reinbold,
deceased.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice or within
nine (9) months after the Decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or said
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on
June 30, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Probate Division
R8220 7/6/26, 7/13/26

29D02-2606-EU-000267
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
n the Hamilton County Superior
Court.
In the Matter of the Estate of Dennis
J. Reinbold, deceased.
Cause Number 29D02-2606-
EU-000267
Notice is hereby given that Jennifer
A. Reinbold was on June 29, 2026
appointed Personal Representative of
the Estate of Dennis J. Reinbold,
deceased.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice or within
nine (9) months after the Decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or said
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on
June 30, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Probate Division
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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT 3)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
CAUSE NUMBER:)
29D03-2603-GU-000071)
IN THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:)
ELIANA M. HOUSTON-DEFIORE)
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF
GUARDIANSHIP HEARING
THE STATE OF INDIANA TO:
Margarita Maria Botero
unknown
TO: Shawn Defiore, whereabouts
unknown; and
Shalize Houston, whereabouts
unknown.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
to the above noted parent whose
whereabouts are unknown, that
Jennifer Defiore has filed her
Verified Petition for Appointment of
Temporary Guardian Over the Person
of Eliana M. Houston-Defiore, Minor.
A hearing on guardianship has been
scheduled with the Court.
YOU ARE HEREBY
COMMANDED to appear before the
Judge of Hamilton County Superior
Court Three, One Hamilton County
Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060,
(317) 776-9709 for a Final Hearing
on Petition to Establish Guardianship
on August 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. At
said hearing, the Court will consider
the Petition and evidence thereon
and will render its decision as to
whether Jennifer Defiore is granted
Guardianship of the above-named
minor child. Your failure to appear
after lawful notice will be deemed as
your default and waiver to be present
at said hearing.
YOU MUST RESPOND by
appearing in person or by an
attorney within thirty (30) days after
the last publication of this notice,
and in the event you fail to do so,
an adjudication on said petition,
judgement by default may be entered
against you, or the Court may proceed
in your absence, without further
notice.
Date: June 22, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Court
R8210 7/6/25, 7/13/25, 7/20/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2606-MI-007704
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
NUSAYBAH ANWAR SHARIEF
Name of Minor
SYEDA JUVERIA FATIMA
Petitioner
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, SYEDA JUVERIA
FATIMA, as a self-represented
litigant, filed a Verified Petition for
Change of Name to change the name of
NUSAYBAH ANWAR SHARIEF
to NUSAYBAH FATIMA SHARIEF.
The Petition is schedule for hearing in
the Hamilton County Circuit Court
on October 23, 2026 at 10:00 am,
which is more than thirty (30) days
after the third notice of publication.
Any person has the right to appear
at the hearing and to file written
objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: June 26, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8205 7/6/25, 7/13/25, 7/20/25

**SUMMONS- SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION**
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
CAUSE NO. 29C01-2602-JP-000213
IN RE THE PATERNITY OF:)
ALEIGHA MARIE ANCIL)
Minor,)
EVELYN FOUTTY,)
Petitioner,)
and)
AMARIAN MYKEL ANCIL,)
Respondent.)
NOTICE TO FATHER
Respondent, Amarian Mykel Ancil,
is hereby notified that on the 11th
day of February 2026, the Petitioner,
Evelyn Foutty, filed a Verified Petition
to Establish Paternity, for Change
of Name, and for Order Permitting
Mother to Apply for a Passport for the
Minor Child against Amarian Mykel
Ancil in the office of the Clerk of
Hamilton County Circuit Court, One
Hamilton County Square, Noblesville,
Indiana, under Cause No. 29C01-
2602-JP-000213.
Respondent, Amarian Mykel
Ancil, is further notified that unless
he responds within thirty (30) days
after the last publication of notice of
this action, said Petition to Establish
Paternity will be heard and determined
by the Court in his absence.
DATED: 6/29/2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court
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R8203 7/6/25, 7/13/25, 7/20/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2606-MI-6560
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Nancy Lynn Leininger
Petitioner
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**
Nancy Lynn Leininger, whose
mailing address is: 3930 Elkhorn
Way Westfield, Indiana 46074,
in the Hamilton County, Indiana,
hereby gives notice that Nancy Lynn
Leininger has filed a petition in the
Hamilton County Circuit Court
requesting that name be changed to
Nancy Lynn Grover.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: October 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Nancy Lynn Leininger
Petitioner
Date: June 1, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8072 7/6/26, 7/13/26, 7/20/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2605-MI-005596
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Gerald Taji Lamont Glover
Petitioner
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**
Gerald Taji Lamont Glover, whose
mailing address is: 13309 Minden
Dr. Fishers Indiana 46037, in the
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby
gives notice that Nancy Lynn
Leininger has filed a petition in the
Hamilton County Circuit Court
requesting that name be changed to
Taji LaMont Gerald Glover.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: August 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Gerald Taji Lamont Glover
Petitioner
Date: June 16, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8211 7/6/26, 7/13/26, 7/20/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
CAUSE NO 29C01-2605-JP-000751
IN THE MATTER OF THE
PATERNITY OF
Diego Zaid Rebolalar Ortiz
By Next Friend
Karina Xochitl Ortiz Mejia
Petitioner
v
Enrique Rebolalar Lopez
SUMMONS
AND NOTICE OF INITIAL
HEARING IN A PATERNITY
CASE
The State of Indiana to Enrique
Rebolalar Lopez
A paternity case has been filed in
the Court stated above. A copy of the
Petition (and any other forms required
by the court) is served with this
Summons and has important details
about this paternity case.
You or your attorney must file a
written answer or other appropriate
response to the Petition within twenty
(20) days, starting the day after you
have received this Summons (or
twenty-three (23) days if you received
this Summons by mail). If you do not
file an answer or appropriate response
to the Petition, the court may make
a decision against you by default,
and a final order may be entered
determining paternity, custody,
parenting time, and child support.
If you have a claim for relief against
the plaintiff that is strictly related to
this paternity case, you must state
the claim in your written answer or
appropriate response.
You have rights in this case,
including the right to a jury trial.
If an Order Setting Hearing is
attached to this form, you must go to
Court on the date and time written
on the Order Setting Hearing. If you
do not go to Court, evidence may
be heard, and the court may make a
decision without you. If you wish to
hire an attorney to represent you in
this case, you should do so before
your Court date.
If you do not file an Appearance
form with the Clerk and give a copy
to the other party or the other party's
lawyer (if they have one), you may
not receive any further notices about
this case.
Date: June 30, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of Courts
R8212 7/6/26, 7/13/26, 7/20/26

29D02-2606-EU-000276
ATTORNEY: Gavin S. O' Gara,
Attorney at Law
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior
Court, Probate Division
In the Matter of the Estate of Arthur
C. Merriweather, deceased.
Estate Cause No. 29D02-2606-
EU-000276
Notice is hereby given that Lesly
Duncan was on June 30, 2026
appointed personal representative of
the estate of Arthur C. Merriweather,
deceased, who died on March 8, 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 Hamilton County, Indiana,
on 7/1/2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Court
Probate Division
Gavin S. O' Gara, Attorney
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80C01-2606-EU-000044
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Estate of Beulah Mai Cook
ADLER ATTORNEYS
Raymond M. Adler, P.C., #2336-29
136 South 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
(317) 773-1974
ray@noblesvilleattorney.com
In the Circuit Court of Tipton
County, Indiana
Notice is given that Beverly Lynn
Hewitt Foley, on June 24, 2026, was
appointed Personal Representative
of the Estate of the above-named
Decedent, who died on June 2, 2026.
All persons who have claims against
this Estate, whether now due, must
file the claim in the office of the
clerk of this court within three (3)
months from the date of the first
publication of this notice or within
nine (9) months of Decedent's death
whichever is earlier, or the claims will
be forever barred.
Dated: June 24, 2026
Christy Crawford
Clerk for Tipton County, Indiana
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29D01-2607-EU-000280
STEPHEN W. COOK
Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court No. 1 of
Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Michael
Sean Cade and Tina Gauck were on
the 2nd day of July, 2026, appointed
Personal Representatives of the Estate
of Jack L. Cade, deceased, who died
on the 29th day of June, 2026.
All persons having claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the same in said Court within
three (3) months from the date of
the first publication of this notice,
or within nine (9) months after the
decedent's death, whichever is earlier,
or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this
2nd day of July, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
Stephen W. Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
R8227 7/13/26, 7/20/26

29D01-2607-EU-000279
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Estate of Rebecca Sue Upp
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In the Superior Court 1 of Hamilton
County, Indiana
Notice is given that Michael Upp,
on June 2026, was appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate of the
above-named Decedent, who died on
June 6, 2026. All persons who have
claims against this Estate, whether
now due, must file the claim in the
office of the clerk of this court within
three (3) months from the date of
the first publication of this notice or
within nine (9) months of Decedent's
death whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated: July 1, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk for Hamilton County, Indiana
R8221 7/6/26, 7/13/26

Public Notice Deadline: 4 p.m. Friday
PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF PUBLIC WAYS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana of a public hearing at City Hall in the Assembly Room (130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2026. At that time, the Common Council will consider a proposed ordinance authorizing the vacation of public ways under the provisions of Indiana Code §§ 36-7-3-12 and 5-14-1.5 ("Ordinance"). Old Town Companies, LLC has filed a Petition to Vacate Public Ways or Public Places Located Entirely Within the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Westfield, Indiana. The existing public way is located generally adjacent to Park Street and Westfield Boulevard, and is more particularly described below:

THIS RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION DESCRIPTION IS WRITTEN BY KEVIN J. LEE, LS 22400006, WITH CROSSROAD ENGINEERS, P.C., BASED ON ABEL DOAN'S ADDITION TO WESTFIELD AS RECORDED IN DEED RECORD 49, PAGE 516 THRU 518. SAID DESCRIPTION IS A PART OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 37 IN SAID ABEL DOAN'S ADDITION; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID ADDITION, A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET, TO THE APPARENT SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PARK STREET AS SHOWN ON AND WITHIN THE PLAT OF IB ANDERSON'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 94, PAGES 215 & 216, AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 27.00 FEET, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE PLATTED RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID ABEL DOAN'S ADDITION; THENCE WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 99.12 FEET, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 30 IN SAID ABEL DOAN'S ADDITION; THENCE NORTH, ALONG THE PROLONGATION OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF, A DISTANCE OF 27.11 FEET, TO THE PROLONGATION OF THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PARK STREET, AS SHOWN ON AND WITHIN SAID PLAT OF IB ANDERSON'S ADDITION; THENCE EAST, ALONG SAID PROLONGATION OF THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PARK STREET, A DISTANCE OF 98.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

CONTAINING .062 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

THIS RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION DESCRIPTION IS WRITTEN BY KEVIN J. LEE, LS 22400006, WITH CROSSROAD ENGINEERS, P.C., BASED ON A WARRANTY DEED & DEED OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AS RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2019034364 IN THE OFFICE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY RECORDER, PERFORMED BY JEFF S. BISCHOFF, LS98000003, SAID DESCRIPTION IS A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND BEING THAT PART OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY LINES DEPICTED ON THE RIGHT OF WAY EXHIBIT, PLAT, MARKED EXHIBIT "B", IN THE MENTIONED WARRANTY DEED RECORDED 2019034364, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID HALF-QUARTER SECTION SOUTH 8 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST 990.30 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID HALF-QUARTER SECTION, SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER BEING DESIGNATED AS POINT "1113" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND; THENCE FOLLOWING SAID CALLS IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2019034364 SOUTH 87 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST 981.10 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST 15.00 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF S.R. 32 (NOW STATE ROAD 32) AND THE BOUNDARY OF SAID S.R. 32 TO POINT "300" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 719.47 FEET TO POINT "301" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 40 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST 78.05 FEET TO POINT "302" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 242.95 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 821.50 FEET AND SUBTENDED BY A LONG CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 05 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST AND A LENGTH OF 242.06 FEET TO POINT "303" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 10.46 FEET TO POINT "304" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 223.42 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 740.50 FEET AND SUBTENDED BY A LONG CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 05 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST AND A LENGTH OF 222.58 FEET TO POINT "305" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST 23.46 FEET TO POINT "306" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 36.80 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 748.50 FEET AND SUBTENDED BY A LONG CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 04 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST AND A LENGTH OF 36.29 FEET TO POINT "307" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 155.35 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 753.65 FEET AND SUBTENDED BY A LONG CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 05 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST AND A LENGTH OF 154.26 FEET TO POINT "308" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 42.57 FEET TO POINT "309" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 52 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 71.14 FEET TO POINT "310" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 45.00 FEET TO POINT "311" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 42.57 FEET TO POINT "312" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 48.68 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 186.00 FEET TO POINT "313" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 12.19 FEET TO POINT "314" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST 160.61 FEET TO POINT "315" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST 394.22 FEET TO POINT "316" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 283.31 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 851.48 FEET AND SUBTENDED BY A LONG CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 09 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST AND A LENGTH OF 282.01 FEET TO POINT "317" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST 42.20 FEET TO POINT "318" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 67.88 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 851.48 FEET TO POINT "319" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST 34.54 FEET TO POINT "320" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 136.83 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 851.50 FEET AND SUBTENDED BY A LONG CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 06 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST AND A LENGTH OF 136.47 FEET TO POINT "321" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST 37.25 FEET TO POINT "322" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 179.07 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 945.00 FEET AND SUBTENDED BY A LONG CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 06 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST AND A LENGTH OF 176.71 FEET TO POINT "323" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 36.24 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE FORMER CENTRAL INDIANA RAILROAD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST 93.02 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 22.63 FEET TO POINT "368" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 32 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 37.68 FEET TO POINT "367"

DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 30.00 FEET TO POINT "366"

DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 42.02 FEET TO POINT "365"

DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 93.82 FEET TO POINT "364"

DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 51.74 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,051.50 FEET AND SUBTENDED BY A LONG CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 01 DEGREE 15 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST AND A LENGTH OF 51.74 FEET TO POINT "363"

DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 28.52 FEET TO POINT "362"

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The public is invited to provide commentary on the Ordinance and proposed vacation and shall be heard at the public hearing. Documents related to this Ordinance and proposed vacation can be obtained from the Clerk Treasurer's office located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, during regular business hours.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2026.

Clerk Treasurer's Office
City of Westfield, Indiana
7/13/26

R8238

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the **3rd day of August, 2026**. This hearing to discuss application **BZNA-000118-2026** will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville. The application, submitted by Caleb Peters (Applicant), requests approval of Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO Table 8.B. to allow for a reduction in the minimum rear yard setback (20 feet) in an R-2 zoning district at **9615 Crescent Oaks Drive, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060**.

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

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite 150 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on www.noblesville.in.gov/applications by clicking on the public records search and entering the case number or address listed above.

Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary

R8228

7/13/26

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 3rd day of August, 2026. This hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville. The applications submitted by Greater Indianapolis Habitat for Humanity, Inc. request approval be granted to variance of development standards applications as listed below within the R4/Flood Hazard zoning districts at **property located at 719 and 731 South 5th Street, Noblesville, 46060**.

BZNA-000124-2026: Pursuant to UDO §6.C.2.B.2. to allow for a corner lot without the minimum lot area (corner lots shall be a minimum 50 percent larger than the minimum lot area indicated for the zoning district).

BZNA-000125-2026: Pursuant to UDO Table 8.B. to allow for the creation of two lots with lot width of 49.28 feet (60-foot lot width required).

BZNA-000126-2026: Pursuant to UDO Table 8.B. to allow for a reduced front yard setback along Walnut Street for 719 South 5th Street (17-foot front yard setback required).

BZNA-000127-2026: Pursuant to UDO §10.C.2.d. to allow for a residential driveway with a reduced setback from the property line (7.5-foot driveway setback required).

BZNA-000128-2026: Pursuant to UDO §6.D.1.G. to allow for no curb and gutter installation on South 5th Street frontage.

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

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Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary

R8229

7/13/26

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF
**Hinshaw and Keys Drain, Aberdeen Section 3 Vacation
Station 0+00 to Station 3+65**
NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition to vacate has been received by the Hamilton County Surveyor for the **Hinshaw and Keys Drain, Aberdeen Section 3 Vacation portion of the drain to be vacated (Station 0+00 to Station 3+6)** and that a hearing is scheduled for July 27, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. on that request in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Objections to the VACATION of the drain must be filed in writing not less than five (5) days before the date of the hearing.

The Board will consider whether the drain performs the function for which it was designed and constructed; whether the expense of maintenance outweighs the benefits to be derived therefrom, and whether the abandonment thereof will not be detrimental to the public welfare.

Hamilton County Drainage Board

ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
R8237

7/13/26

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:

By: Meyer Najem Construction LLC, Construction Manager as Constructor for City of Westfield Redevelopment Commission

For: 18160 Market Court Redevelopment Project

**Deliver to: Meyer Najem Construction
11787 Lantern Rd Unit 100, Fishers, IN 46038**

Date & Time: July 17th, 2026 at 10:00am (local time)

Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All work for the complete construction of the project shall be performed under the form of contract set forth in the Bidding Documents. One copy of the bid forms shall be submitted on forms provided in the project manual and shall be executed in accordance with the current edition of the Indiana Board of Accounts Form 96 – “Contractor’s Bid for Public Works,” with a financial statement complying with Section III of Form 96, and a satisfactory Bid Bond or certified check pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-4.5, payable to Meyer Najem Construction, LLC. Bid Security shall be in the amount of not less than 5% of the total base bid price. Should a successful Bidder withdraw their Bid, fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds, or execute the contract, Meyer Najem may then declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages. Reference the Bidders Check List for all other items required at the time of bid.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope plainly labeled to indicate the following:

Addressed to:
**Meyer Najem Construction
11787 Lantern Rd Unit 100, Fishers, IN 46038
Attn. 18160 Market Court Redevelopment Project**
Bid Package Number & Name
Name and return address of the Bidder

All bid proposals shall be in full compliance with the bid documents. To obtain access to the bid documents please reach out to the below contact. Invitations inclusive of the Bid Documents will be sent out via Meyer Najem Construction, LLC’s SmartBid – Document Management Software.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for **July 9th, 2026, at 9:00am** local time at 18160 Market Court Westfield, IN 46074. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting will be considered in determining bidder responsiveness.

For all questions, please contact Wes Williams, wwilliams@meyer-najem.com, at Meyer Najem, the Construction Manager as Constructor.

Meyer Najem Construction, LLC, as Construction Manager as Constructor for City of Westfield Redevelopment Commission

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7/2/26, 7/6/26, 7/10/26, 7/13/26

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION
BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A
PUBLIC HEARING THEREON
(LANTERN COMMONS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA)

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the “Commission”), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the “City”), on April 20, 2026, adopted its Resolution No. 10-2026 (the “Declaratory Resolution”) making certain proposed amendments to the declaratory resolution and the economic development plan (the “Plan”) for the Lantern Commons Economic Development Area (the “Area”), each as previously amended (the “2026 Amendments”). The 2026 Amendments (i) remove certain parcels within the Area from the existing Front Street Allocation Area, (ii) designate all of the parcels so removed from the Front Street Allocation Area as an “allocation area” (the “Gateway Allocation Area”), and (iii) adopt a supplement to the Plan (the “2026 Plan Supplement”), all as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolution.

A detailed description of the proposed 2026 Amendments, together with maps and plats of the Area and the Gateway Allocation Area, the 2026 Plan Supplement and copies of the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.

Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the 2026 Amendments and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Written remonstrances to the 2026 Amendments may be filed with the Commission prior to the public hearing at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and via email to Jenell Fairman at: jfairman@westfield.in.gov. After considering the evidence presented at the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed 2026 Amendments and whether the proposed 2026 Amendments are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Plan, and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution.

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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7/10/26, 7/13/26

**Public Notice Deadline:
4 p.m. Friday
PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com**

— SHERIFF SALES —

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D02-2405-PL-005987, wherein Woodberry Homeowners' Association, Inc., was Plaintiff, and David Taylor was the Defendant*, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose a public sale to the highest bidder, on the **20th day of August, 2026** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot Numbered Three Hundred Eleven (311) in Woodberry, Section Two (2), Secondary Plat, a Subdivision in Fishers Fall Creek Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded September 4, 1999, in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 324 as Instrument No. 9956091, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana

NOTE: This sale is subject to the lien and indebtedness due on the Mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee, its successors and assigns, dated July 26, 2017, and filed with the Hamilton County Recorder's Office on August 8, 2017, as Instrument No. 2017038367. Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

Nicole E. Jones, #36611-41

Plaintiffs Attorney
EADS MURRAY & PUGH P.C.

9515 E 59th St Ste B, Indianapolis IN 46216

Township: **Fall Creek**
Street Address: **10059 Sapphire Berry Lane**
Fishers, IN 46038

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address herein.

This is a communication from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

R8213

7/6/26, 7/13/26, 7/20/26

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: *29D02-2509-MF-009885 wherein U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS BM-SC SERIES I TRST, was Plaintiff, and JOHN COREY MORGAN, et al was the Defendant*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **20th day of August, 2026** at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

LOT NUMBER 24 IN FOREST KNOLL, SECTION THREE, AN ADDITION IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 81 -83 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

More commonly known as: 201 Forest Knoll Court, Fishers, IN 46037

Parcel No. 29-15-02-004-007.000-020

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

Fall Creek
Township
201 Forest Knoll Court, Fishers, IN 46037
Street Address

Phillip A. Norman #13734-64
Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45

PHILLIP A. NORMAN P.C.

May 7, 2026

Date

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

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7/6/26, 7/13/26, 7/20/26

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. *29D04-2602-MF-002105 wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation was Plaintiff, and Solomon Ennin, Rachel Blessed-Ennin, Frysa Holdings Inc, Benjamin Freeze, State of Indiana and Gray Eagle Homeowners' Association Inc. were Defendants*, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **20th day of August, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot Number 4 in Cottonwood Creek at Gray Eagle, Section 2, a Subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument Number 200200098703, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

More commonly known as 12546 Elgin Ct, Fishers, IN 46037-7544

Parcel No. 29-11-34-022-004.000-020

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

/s/ MATTHEW S. LOVE

MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 18762-29

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Tennis

MID-TAC tradition continues at Carmel Racquet Club

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – A nearly 40-year tradition continued during the Fourth of July weekend at the Carmel Racquet Club.

The annual MID-TAC tennis tournament took place from July 2 to July 5. Close to 200 players competed in the tournament, with CRC hosting the senior division, for those players 55 and over.

The MID-TAC tournament celebrated its 103rd year in 2026 and has been hosted by the Capitol City Tennis Club in Indianapolis since 1979. MID-TAC is the Midwestern section of the American Tennis Association, a historically African American tennis organization.

Many of MID-TAC's senior players have been participating in the tournament for decades. Rita Patterson, who serves as the MID-TAC treasurer, said she's been coming to the event since 1984.

"And I've always been playing," she said. "This is my first year not playing."

While the seniors played at Carmel, the junior and adult players were competing at Riverside Park's Marion I. Rice Tennis Courts. Juniors play up to age 18, while the senior categories begin at age 50.

The matches are competitive – Patterson said players don't come to the tournament unless they are competitive – there is a social aspect to the tournament that Patterson said is "very important. That's how you



(ABOVE LEFT) The annual MID-TAC tournament took place during the Fourth of July weekend, with Carmel Racquet Club hosting the seniors division of the tournament, as it has for nearly 40 years. Pictured: Rita Patterson (Louisville, Ky.), Ruth Grissom (Indianapolis) and Shirley Roach (Chicago, Ill.). (ABOVE RIGHT) Riley Washington warms up before a match.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

meet people."

Players come from across the Midwest, such as Chicago, Louisville, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio. Many of those players have been attending the tournament for decades.

Laurice Smith of Memphis, Tenn., took a minute to speak to The Reporter in between matches on Friday, July 3. Smith said she has been playing in the tournament "for at least 20 years" and enjoys the camaraderie and friendships that develop over the years, as well as the chance to "come to a different part of the country, other than where you live."

"You meet a lot of nice people that I've known for 10, 15, 20 years," said Smith. "And I love tennis, so it's just good to come and play different people from other states."

In addition to tennis and friendships, MID-TAC helps provide for its junior players with scholarships. Patterson said the scholarships are in a "donation type of setup."

"A lot of times people will send in donations from member clubs," said Patterson. "We have 19 member clubs, and those member clubs play dues. The amount of dues is \$100, and that

dues money is split up between the administration of the junior scholarships. We have a form we send out so that they can choose how they want their donations used. And we stay close to that, and I create reports that show exactly what we use, what amounts we use for what portion."

There's only one simple requirement for receiving the money.

"If you're one of the scholarship winners, the only requirement is you come back the following year to get your money," said Patterson.

"I belong to Newburgh

Tennis Association in Louisville," said Patterson. "We have a clinic for adults and children and we push them to learn the game, and we also let them know there's scholarship money out there."

The advice to young players is also simple. "Stay

focused and we will help you."

"We give them the racquets, we train them and just push them out there and push them to be the best they can be, and it gives them a lot of confidence," said Patterson. "A lot of them have really succeeded."

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