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Feeding Team: aid for anyone, no questions asked

By AIDA KARIM
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Not even affluent communities are immune to food insecurity.

The Reporter spoke with Lisa Hall, co-founder of the Feeding Team, about the organization’s mission and impact in the community.

According to Hall, she and her husband Mark were struggling to feed their two daughters during the mid ‘80s. The idea to start the Feeding Team came from their own struggle.

During the years following the organization’s founding, they helped with Shepherd Community Center near inner-city Indianapolis.

Starting in 2019, the Halls brought the Feeding Team to Hamilton County; soon after, they began utilizing outdoor pantries.

Initially Hall thought, “We were going to stop at six [outdoor pantries]. We now have 80 with our 81st going out.”

According to Hall, the pantries have expanded far



Photo provided
(From left) Grady Dobson, Michelle Kirk, Lisa Hall, Kathy Absher, and Sergio stand next to roughly half of a donation from The Reporter. In all, 250 one-pound bags of rice and 250 one-pound bags of dry beans were placed in the little yellow pantries. If your business makes a similar donation, you can be on our front page, too!

beyond Hamilton County, with a branch in Alabama and plans to place multiple in Lafayette, Ind.

Hall said Gaylor Electric is a big partner and had been from day one, helping deploy the pantries.

Hall told The Reporter they have now partnered with Gleaners for two major mobile drive-throughs every month.

“Once a week, we are giving out at least one week or two

Prayer, pajamas and scripture

I had forgotten about the Tweety Bird flannel pajamas.

This week, I am filming my second interview for *Faith Written Forward*. It can be watched on YouTube every Monday at 4:30 p.m. at [youtube.com/@FaithWrittenForwardTV](https://www.youtube.com/@FaithWrittenForwardTV).



Valerie Juillerat interviews Christian authors about their books and why they wrote them. This time we talk about my first book, *When the Hart Speaks*.

Remembering the chapter about my Tweety Bird pajamas hugged my heart.

You see, in the early 2000s, I had some dark days, but even darker nights. I went to bed with anxious thoughts and woke with them. What if the worst that could happen actually happened? It did.

It was a chilly fall night when I woke around 2:00 and heard a voice say, “Hebrews 10.” The night before, I had prayed for God to let me see mercy in my circumstances. Now, before you think I am crazy, you need to understand that I believe my thoughts can have a voice that awakens me, even if I did not hear an audible voice.

I knew there was no going back to sleep until I read Hebrews 10. I couldn’t find my Bible and remembered that I’d left it in my van. It was chilly, and I didn’t take the time

Good comedy is often uncomfortable

By STU CLAMPITT
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Carmel Community Players (CCP) is “sort of” welcoming you to the neighborhood when they stage the comedy *Native Gardens* at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel, from Aug 7 to 16. CCP will be very welcoming to you as a member of the audience, but those poor characters on stage will have a very different experience.

The Reporter spoke with CCP Director Lori Raffel and her cast about what you can expect in a show about new neighbors, property rights, and shaking up the status quo.

“I read the script and I just fell in love with it because it’s very funny, but it’s also touching,” Raffel said. “It’s about two sets of neighbors who start out with all the greatest of intentions and things kind of go badly from there.”

Frank and Virginia are an old white couple who have lived in the same place forever. Now they have new neighbors with different Hispanic heritages – Pablo from Chile and his wife Tanya from New Mexico.

At issue is a plan for a new fence and the discovery that the old fence is 23 inches off the ac-

tual property line. The new fence will have to go in the middle of Frank’s almost award-winning backyard garden.

Adams, whom readers will know from his numerous reviews of plays he does not star in, told The Reporter he has very little in common with his character in *Native Gardens*.

“I’m supposed to be the one who knows all about plants and gardening, and I’ve got all these lines about it, and I know nothing about gardening,” Adams said. “I rattle off all these plants, and I couldn’t even tell you what they are. My character is also supposed to be pretty uptight and OCD. Most people would tell you I am not uptight or OCD. So I think the only connection I have is I’m an old guy like he is.”

Adams said he found the script both entertaining and important for modern audiences.

“It’s a nice balance of humor, but it actually tackles some interesting issues,” Adams said. “I think the gardening piece of this and the property dispute and all that is somewhat peripheral. This is, to me, really a show about divisions. I think in the divisive world that we live in today, it’s kind of a nice thing to point these things out



Photo provided
(From left) Larry Adams, Vickie Cornelis Phipps, Yolanda Valdivia, and Oscar Ortiz star in Native Gardens, on stage Aug. 7 to 16 at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.

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and show that they’re silly and they actually don’t make much difference in the large scheme of things.”

Adams plays opposite Oscar Ortiz, whose character is a Chilean immigrant named Pablo.

“Pablo is a very, very ambitious man,” Ortiz told The Re-

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It’s like the movie *Rock Star* meets the song “Jukebox Hero”

By STU CLAMPITT
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On Friday, Aug. 7, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Foreigner hit the stage with their Double Trouble Double Vision tour at Ruoff Music Center, 12880 E. 146th St., Noblesville. The opening act on this tour is the Pittsburgh-based band Six Gun Sally.

The Reporter spoke with lead singer Aimee Jane Williams and lead guitarist Jeff Yeckel about the tour, Six Gun Sally’s new album, and the probability-defying paths they each took to be on stage together with Skynyrd and Foreigner.

If you are not familiar with Six Gun Sally, The Reporter can fix that for you. The video for their latest single, “Sittin’ Pretty,” is available at

tinyurl.com/SGS-SittinPretty.

The semi-autobiographical lyrics reflect Williams’ own journey to becoming the front woman for this Southern-rock-esque band. She joined the band in 2024 when the original singer left.

“I was a fan before I joined the band,” Williams told The Reporter. “It was kind of like that movie *Rock Star* with Mark Wahlberg was my story. I really wanted to be in the band, but they had a singer. When her time was up and I got to join, it was like a dream come true because I wanted to be a part of something with a good sound that would back me up and would sound that great and polished. I get to write with Dave Barbe and our



Photo by Allen Clark
Six Gun Sally is ready to blow the proverbial roof off Ruoff when open for Lynyrd Skynyrd on Friday, Aug. 7 in Noblesville.

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TEAM

Hall said the Feeding Team sources its inventory from purchases, from Gleaners’ donations, and from what individual community members donate directly to their pantries.

The top of each pantry reads, “Take what you need, give what you can.”

Hall said they encourage community members to always take food if they need it, while simultaneously allowing them to donate whatever possible.

Hall said they once had a couple who were out of work, and they were coming and getting food at the outdoor pantries.

“Then they said, ‘Hey, why can’t we get our food

and then come back and help?’ So they were doing both,” Hall said. “And now they just help because he got a new job and they don’t need that assistance now, but they still help. So that’s kind of cool. We’ve had a few people do that.”

Hall said they’ve unfortunately had some people who try to game the system and return donations to grocery stores for cash. Now they ask individual donors to mark through UPC codes on items they drop off.

Hall told The Reporter the thing that separates the Feeding Team from other pantries is the fact they are “open 24/7, no questions asked.”

Hall said many other

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pantries require legal identification and verification of income, with many individuals only being allotted a certain amount of food per month.

According to Hall, the Feeding Team “does not ask questions. If you say you’re hungry, you get food.”

Hall said they’re always looking for pantry hosts and volunteers in order to continue providing relief for the community.

Hall encourages those curious about opportunities to reach out to her email, lisa@feedingteam.org, or by phone at (317) 832-1123.

You can find locations of pantries and more information about support at feedingteam.org.

COMEDY

States with his wife, who is from New Mexico. He feels a bit like a fish out of water.”

Ortiz told The Reporter he is interested to see how audiences respond to a comedy about heavy issues.

“I’m really excited for everybody to see it,” Ortiz said. “It’s a really thoughtfully written play and it’s very light-hearted. It’s a nice, refreshing change of pace to see a lot of these issues of race and immigration and just different identities being brought in such a light-hearted way.”

Yolanda Valdivia plays Pablo’s wife, Tanya.

“Tanya is a very passionate woman,” Valdivia said. “In the play she is expecting her first child. She is also working on her dissertation, so she is very driven. Because of the way she looks, she would be discriminated against or considered less-than. She brings all of that into the story and how she

approaches the situation with her neighbors.”

Vickie Cornelius Phipps plays the role of Virginia, Frank’s wife. Phipps said she was drawn to this play because of the many “isms” it addresses.

“I think it hits all the isms that we’re dealing with right now,” Phipps said. “And I think it will flare up people when they see it in their face. But it’ll also shine [a light on] what their ‘isms’ are, too.”

One of the uncomfortable moments in this play is when Virginia has a verbal altercation with Tanya and accuses Tanya of classism and racism because Virginia and Frank are rich and white.

“It’s a little uncomfortable at first, to put that out there, so I’ll be curious to see how the audience responds,” Phipps said. “But we hit Democrats and Republicans. And we hit differ-

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ent cultures and education.”

Phipps said she enjoys this play because of the uncomfortable isms.

“I think we live in a climate right now where people are afraid to talk about it,” Phipps said. “And I think the more we can talk about it, the more acceptable and more comfortable we can live with our own isms and the perceptions that we have of other people. And we’re the older couple, so ageism comes into it. So, like I said, there’s just a lot of isms that are touched on in this little 90-minute play.”

You can meet the neighbors, laugh (sometimes uncomfortably) about your own isms, and explore backyard property rights in one of the fastest growing communities in the nation when CCP brings Native Gardens to the stage this month. Go to carmelplayers.org/tickets or call (317) 815-9387 for tickets.

JUKEBOX

other co-writer Ford Thurston, and it’s not just like hired guns. We all contribute to make the sound what it is today.”

Meanwhile, guitarist Jeff Yeckel is also living the dream.

“When I was a youngster, probably third or fourth

grade, I was at my cousin’s house,” Yeckel said. “My cousins, who were a little bit older than me, had all these records from Molly Hatchet, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Foreigner. When I would go over to visit them and I’d listen to these records. One of them was Foreigner’s 4. ‘And that one guitar string way down low.’ That sound of that guitar – I can remember hitting me, and I thought to myself, ‘This is what I’m going to do with my life.’ I can remember vividly it was literally the sound of that guitar on ‘Jukebox Hero’ that pushed me into wanting to get an electric guitar.”

On this tour, Yeckel is the Jukebox Hero and Williams is living her personal version of *Rock Star*.

“It’s a dream come true,” Yeckel said. “It took a bit of time, but we’re living in a dream world right now. We’re so very grateful and thankful and they [Skynyrd and Foreigner] have been so wonderful to us. The band and the crew have treated us just like peers. I think everyone probably realizes how happy and lucky we are to be doing this on this level. Everyone’s happy and friendly.”

Williams told The Reporter she has music in her DNA. Her father is a songwriter who was in a band before she was born.

“When I was born he became a full-time dad, but he still plays with me locally,” Williams said. “We do acoustic shows together. I’ve always been raised with music and started writing songs ever since I can remember about my goldfish and stuff.”

Williams has a long professional history in the music industry, but calls Six Gun Sally the best thing she’s been involved with.

“I’ve been in pop cover bands, corporate cover bands, and I had a country band where we opened for Colt Ford, Cassadee Pope,

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and Pure Prairie League,” Williams said. “I’ve been used to this kind of lifestyle. I was a dancer before. I had an agent that had me on stage with Kid Rock and Mötley Crüe as a cage dancer when I was in my 20s. I’ve been a part of the caravan life forever, but as much as I’ve done, this is by far the best thing I’ve been a part of.”

Williams counts among her musical influences Stevie Nicks, Led Zeppelin, Reba McEntyre, Pink, Joss Stone, Melissa Etheridge, and, of course, Janis Joplin.

That last one is important because the new Six Gun Sally album, which will drop in a few weeks, will contain a cover of Joplin’s “Piece of My Heart.” While The Reporter cannot confirm exactly what you may hear at Ruoff when Six Gun Sally opens for Skynyrd and Foreigner, this newspaper is confident you will hear echoes of Joplin in Williams’ performance.

This tour is taking Six Gun Sally across the country and even into Canada for one show. When asked if they have ever accidentally misidentified the city to an audience on tour, Yeckel gave The Reporter a bit of information this newspaper had never heard before.

“I have a little insider information,” Yeckel said. “So I don’t even know if I should be sharing this piece of information, but I will. On the monitor on stage, for whatever town we’re in there’s a big piece of duct tape with the name of the town. The singer can look at the monitor so they don’t in fact say the wrong name.”

Thus, we can guarantee when they get to Noblesville on Aug. 7, they will get the name right!

You can learn more about Six Gun Sally on [Instagram @SixGunSallyMusic](https://www.instagram.com/SixGunSallyMusic), on [Facebook @SixGunSally](https://www.facebook.com/SixGunSally) and on their website, sixgunsallyband.com.

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Board Highlights

June & July 2026 Meetings

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- The board recognized Noblesville High School students for their top placement in the state in an academic medical health competition.
- 2026 Teachers of the Year were recognized.
- Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) educators across the district were recognized for receiving Noblesville Schools’ ninth consecutive national STEM distinction.
- The board was recognized with highest honors by the Indiana School Boards Association.
- A presentation was made on the Superintendent Student Advisory Council.
- The board heard a strategic plan update on demographics and enrollment.
- Superintendent Hile presented on the referendum. Watch his remarks here.
- Hamilton East Public Library presented its annual update to the school board.
- Noblesville Youth Baseball presented an update on the construction project at Hazel Dell Elementary.

Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

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Indiana Farm Bureau
Insurance welcomes
new agent, Mark Milam

The REPORTER

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance announces that Mark Milam has joined the company as an agent in the Fishers office at 11876 Olio Road. He has completed Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance’s professional insurance training program.

With his background as the owner of Greek’s Pizzeria in Noblesville, Milam knows the value of dedication, teamwork, and looking out for the people who count on you. He brings that same commitment to his clients, and he’s passionate about helping clients find coverage that works for their unique situation.

Milam graduated from Cathedral High School

Milam

and earned a bachelor’s degree in general studies from Indiana University. He lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Kristen, and their three kids, Dever, Jordis, and Hobbes. Together, they are active members of St. Louis De Montfort Church.

Away from the office, he enjoys spending time on the golf course or on the lacrosse field, where he coaches the Indy Rip, a wheelchair lacrosse team, and at Noblesville High School, where he was named the 2024 HCLC Lacrosse Coach of the Year. He also enjoys spending time with his family and staying connected to the people and community around him.

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Sheridan Community Schools
prepares for exciting new year

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

This summer, Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) has been hard at work to prepare for this upcoming school year. From renovations, cleaning, and hiring, SCS administration, teachers, and staff have been putting on the finishing touches before students return Wednesday, Aug. 5.

“This has been one of the busiest summers we’ve had,” SCS Superintendent Dave Mundy said. “Thanks to the dedication of our staff and the continued support of our community, we’re ready to provide incredible opportunities to every student.”

Particularly, there have been major renovations, especially at Sheridan High School (SHS) and Middle School (SMS). These updates will help provide a space for every student to excel. New roofs have been installed on both buildings, an updated Career and Technical Education (CTE) space has been completed, the middle school office spaces have been renovated for better usage, and a new collaborative learning space, titled the “Blackhawk Nest,” has been created directly off of the cafeteria.

“These new facilities are fantastic!” SHS & SMS Principal Rick Davis said. “We can’t wait for students to return and put them to use. It is an exciting time to be a Blackhawk!”

Sheridan Elementary School (SES) has also received its own upgrades: freshly painted hallways, new carpeting, replaced concrete, refreshed landscaping, and a complete deep clean. All these upgrades are due to the maintenance and custodial staff as well as the grounds crews.

“Our facilities have never looked better,” SES Principal Valerie Roberts said. “This summer everyone really worked hard to reflect our commitment to an environment that allows our students to thrive.”

This summer there have also been several leadership updates. Davis will serve as both SMS and SHS principal this upcoming school year. Jason Marer will continue to serve as SHS Assistant Principal. Kent Davis will take over as SCS Transportation Director. New hire, Jeremy Luna, will serve as Dean of SMS.

Other hiring updates are as follows:

- Jaron Howard – SES STEM/SOAR
- Erica Hills – SES Nurse
- Brooke Topper – 5th Grade
- Taylor Jones (maternity leave) – 4th grade
- Dylan Claypool – SMS Special Education
- Jackie Donathen – 7th Grade Science
- Kathryn Dunphy – SMS STEM
- Abby Huffman – 7th Grade English
- Brett Zachary – NHCA Alternative Program
- Ashlynn Green – High School Social Studies
- Natalie Guest – High School English
- Nick Popejoy – Grounds Manager

On Monday, Aug. 3, students and families can visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers. From 5 to 7 p.m. the community can gather at the SHS Track and Football Field for the annual Back to School Bash. From 5 to 6 p.m. SES families can visit with their students’ teachers, and from 6 to 7 p.m. SMS and SHS families can do the same.

The people of SCS have put in a lot of work to ensure that every Blackhawk will have the opportunity for success when they walk through the doors every day.

Mundy

Davis

Roberts

Carmel wins international
award for sister cities program

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel’s sister cities program has been named the recipient of the prestigious 2026 Sister Cities International (SCI) Innovation in Arts and Culture Award for cities with populations of 100,001 to 300,000.

This international honor recognizes Carmel Sister Cities’ outstanding dedication to advancing the goals and mission of Sister Cities International, with a distinct focus on the power of citizen diplomacy, cultural exchange, and international friendship.

Ethan McAndrews, author of the *Carmel-Kawachinagano Cookbook*, accepted the award on behalf of the city on Friday, July 24, at the 70th Anniversary Gala and Annual Awards Ceremony during the Sister Cities International Homecoming in Washington, D.C. During the ceremony, Carmel’s sister city partnership with Seiffen, Germany, was also named among the first round of recipients for the Goethe-Institut “Sister Cities – Connecting Places” grant that is administered jointly with SCI, to support their proposed “The Kugel Tour” game project.

This year’s recognition carries historic significance as Sister Cities International celebrates its 70th anniversary, coinciding with the United States’ commemoration of its 250th semiquincentennial anniversary. Together, these milestones underscore the critical role that people-to-people connections play in shaping a more harmonious and collaborative global community.

“We are incredibly proud of Carmel Sister Cities for receiving this well-deserved global recognition,” Mayor Sue Finkam said. “This award highlights our community’s commitment to building bridges across borders. Through the arts, music and shared cultural heritage, our sister city partnerships connect us to the world and help to foster genuine understanding.”

Carmel’s sister city relationships – which include active partnerships with Cortona (Italy), Jelgava (Latvia), Kawachinagano (Japan), Rueil-Malmaison (France), Seiffen (Germany), and Visakhapatnam (India) – have long leveraged the arts to unite residents. From youth art exchanges and musical performances to collaborative community exhibits and festivals, Carmel has consistently emphasized creative expression to make international diplomacy accessible to the entire community.

“This award belongs to our dedicated board, volunteers and community partners who work tirelessly to bring the world to Carmel and share Carmel with the world,” said Andris Berzins, Carmel’s Sister Cities consultant. “In a year of such monumental anniversaries for our nation and Sister Cities International, this honor inspires us to deepen our efforts to cultivate global friendships right here at home.”

Highlights

Beyond fostering strong international connections, Carmel’s sister city relationships play a crucial role in enhancing local community engagement, economic development, and educational outreach through innovative arts and cultural programming:

- **Newly Renovated Kawachinagano Japanese Garden and Japanese festival:** Following its complete redesign by world-renowned Japanese Garden designer Hoichi Kurisu, the garden at Carmel City Hall now includes more Japanese design elements, including winding paths, lantern and crane sculptures, benches, boulder groupings and thoughtfully arranged trees surrounding the pond. In 2025, Carmel hosted its inaugural Cherry Blossom Festival – now celebrated as Japan Springfest – welcoming an official delegation from Kawachinagano and offering martial arts demonstrations, traditional tea ceremonies and live performances.
- **Highlighting the arts and student educational outreach:** In partnership with the Carmel Arts Council, Sister Cities hosted a global student virtual art exhibit celebrating young talent, with students from Jelgava and Kawachinagano earning top awards for their work.
- **Festival spotlights and visiting international artists:** The Carmel International Arts Festival showcased visiting artists from both Jelgava, Latvia and Kawachinagano, Japan, alongside vibrant Sister Cities and international booths featuring live cultural dance performances.
- **Year-round cultural and community programming:** Sister Cities’ impact spans every season in Carmel including partnering with the Carmel Clay Public Library on international children’s storytelling, aligning with local Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day observances to highlight unity and shared mission and supporting community favorites like Diwali and the Carmel Christkindlmarkt.

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Ethan McAndrews

received the award on behalf of the City of Carmel.

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Both sides of District 29 election

Democrat Devon Wellington

Republican Alaina Shonkwiler

talks about her priorities

discusses hometown service

By AIDA KARIM
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A new candidate is in town and looking to reform the state’s educational priorities. The Reporter spoke with Devon Wellington, the Democratic candidate running against incumbent Republican Alaina Shonkwiler in the Nov. 3 election for Indiana House of Representatives District 29.

Wellington told The Reporter she has worked in education policy on the district, state, and federal levels.



Wellington

Wellington said she works daily to ensure states around the country guarantee good outcomes for kids, in spite of the “bad policy that they are often handed or unfunded mandates that state legislature gives them.” She works alongside an array of different governmental bodies, which she said emulates the job of a state legislator in many ways.

“I have a personal rule for myself that sort of keeps me in check, and that rule is that I’m not allowed to complain about something unless I’m willing to do something about it,” Wellington said.

Wellington and her family had previously lived in northern Virginia. Years before their move, the family had been visiting the city and attending Saturday Night Crusin’ On the Square regularly.

She said from these experiences she knew Noblesville was the place to raise her kids.

In 2022, Wellington and her family relocated to Noblesville under the Make My Move program.

Education

Wellington said when her son began to attend Noblesville schools, she was naturally curious about how the district approached different issues.

“I got involved in several of the district-level committees and have had a wonderful experience with our schools in that regard,” Wellington said.

Wellington told The Reporter this experience directly led to general community involvement, observing complications surrounding the state legislature and education.

“I don’t feel like we’re headed in a great direction and in a direction that will benefit my children or the community long term,” Wellington said. “And thinking about my background, experience, and knowledge, it became really clear, very quickly, the Statehouse was where I could do the most good.”

Wellington said the state continues to maintain an effort that ignores the needs of the majority of students’ interests in favor of what a few parents and legislators want.

Many school districts have referendums on the ballot for November. Wellington said she believes many people are experiencing strong emotional ties to many of the issues at stake because they impact their communities and utilize their tax dollars.

“I’m never going to begrudge a parent who is trying to get the best education for their child,” Wellington said, “but when we systematically take money away from our public schools and then expect them [the

schools] to be able to do more with less, piled on top of unfunded mandates and expectations that we are throwing at teachers and schools without the support to actually make them effective, and then blaming them when we’re not getting the educational outcomes we want, it’s just – quite frankly – insanity to me.”

Wellington told The Reporter she believes that before the state decides to allocate tax dollars to a private or charter school, the people should get to vote on that decision on a ballot.

Community members are feeling immense pressure because the state is, in her words, “tragically underfunding our schools. I think we are viewing education as an expense as opposed to an investment.”

Wellington said beyond her vote on different bills, something she can do is bring more stakeholders to the table and get them on the same page so that we are moving together towards a shared goal.

Affordability

Aside from educational priorities, Wellington said affordability is another major aspect of her campaign.

“Hamilton County should continue to be a place to invest in, but still be affordable,” Wellington said.

She said every day, as a parent, she is asked to pay more for something today than she paid yesterday. She said she believes the state should pass certain policies to effectively help families and set them and their children up for long-term success.

Supermajority

“My job is not to go to the Statehouse and try to push through every initiative that I think is important to push through,” Wellington said. “My job as a representative is to be the voice for my district and do what, collectively, we believe is important.”

She said even with a Republican supermajority she believes she can go into the Statehouse thoroughly understanding what her constituents want.

Wellington said her job would be far more than making a big show of politics.

“Good politics is more about being focused on being the workhorse than being the show horse, and I do not mind being the workhorse,” Wellington said.

She said many representatives focus on working down the aisle, but she believes the reality of good policy-making starts with good intentions for her district.

If she were to be elected, Wellington said, “I’m never going to complain about something that I won’t be involved in or willing to put work toward. I will continue to show up for my community.”

Wellington encourages any and all community members to reach out to her via email at devon@votedevon.com or info@votedevon.com, or call her directly at (317) 316-8378. You can read more about her campaign online at votedevon.com.

By AIDA KARIM
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Noblesville born and bred, this candidate’s passion for her hometown is deeply ingrained.

The Reporter spoke with Alaina Shonkwiler, the Republican incumbent running against Democrat challenger Devon Wellington in the Nov. 3 election for Indiana House of Representatives District 29.

Shonkwiler said she chose to run the first time because she “wanted to be a voice for Noblesville.”

“As somebody who was raised here by two public servants, a teacher and a nurse, I knew how much the Statehouse really affected our local communities,” Shonkwiler said.



Shonkwiler

Before office

Prior to her election, Shonkwiler said she got her start with the city government and Statehouse through her participation in various committees and work for different officials.

Shonkwiler said she worked with past officials Luke Kenley and Kathy Richardson (Williams) to establish the cultural arts district in Noblesville.

Shownwiler also worked for prior District 29 Rep. Chuck Goodrich and for Noblesville Schools in a workforce development coordinator position. She helped launch high school students into the best careers possible.

“We focused significantly on workforce development,” she said. “Crafting bills that were specifically around graduation pathways and workforce development.”

Shonkwiler said as she worked with Congresswoman Victoria Spartz, staying by her side when the congresswoman attended Statehouse meetings. She said there she began understanding how some federal implications at the congressional level were impacting the Statehouse.

During office

When evaluating her priorities in office, Shonkwiler said she questions legislation, wondering, “Is it going to make life more affordable? Is it going to make the government work better? Is it going to make our communities safe?”

Shonkwiler said an example of legislation she worked on includes giving law enforcement the tools and clarity and resources that they need to protect our communities while supporting transparency and accountability with House Bill 1232 (iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1232/details).

“In this past session, I was proud to lead some meaningful local government reform conversations,” Shonkwiler said. “Having

township modernization legislation that actually took a thoughtful approach, looking at improving efficiency, reducing duplication in local government entities, and ensuring that taxpayer dollars were used wisely.”

Shonkwiler told The Reporter she worked on Senate Bill 270 (iga.in.gov/legislative/2026/bills/senate/270/details) making the statehouse continually evaluate how it can deliver better services at lower cost to the taxpayer.

“It was the first time we had meaningful reform of township government in over 20 years,” Shonkwiler said.

According to Shonkwiler she also focuses on reforming and the regulation of investor-owned electric utilities.

She said, “Indiana is really growing, and in that growth comes energy demand, and that depends on reliability and affordability of electricity.”

Shonkwiler said within her role on the government and regulatory reform committee at the Statehouse, she has continued to push for housing affordability.

According to Shonkwiler, another issue was duplicate efforts, where multiple units of government were involved in the contracting process for different public services. She said she aims to minimize taxing people twice for the same service.

Shonkwiler told The Reporter she stands out as a candidate because of her unique connection to Noblesville.

Noblesville connection

In terms of the Make My Move program opposing candidate Wellington had utilized, Shonkwiler said, as somebody who has consulted in economic development for communities across the state, the program has recruited some incredible people to the community.

“I don’t want to disparage the people who came here through using that program because it was a tool that they were able to use,” Shonkwiler said. “Do I necessarily agree with using tax dollars to do that? No, not really.”

Shonkwiler said there are people who’ve lived here their whole lives and invested in the community who didn’t need the incentive to do so.

“I was raised here. My kids have been raised here,” Shonkwiler said. “I actually bought the house that I grew up in from my parents. And so I’ve been ingrained in the community basically my whole life.”

Shonkwiler goes to the American Legion and VFW and told The Reporter she knows the members by name. She has volunteered at Noblesville Main Street and with Noblesville Schools. She has been on the sidelines at school sporting events alongside her community.

Shonkwiler said she “knows the community backwards and forwards.”

If voters would like to reach out to Shonkwiler, she encourages inquiries at alainafornoblesville@gmail.com or by visiting alainafornoblesville.com.

Thank you for reading The Reporter!

Abrams EyeCare announces founder’s retirement

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Abrams EyeCare, 1320 City Center Drive, Carmel, announces the retirement of founder and ophthalmologist Dr. John Abrams, who concluded his distinguished clinical career last Friday, July 31, after four decades of dedicated service to patients throughout Central Indiana.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Abrams has cared for generations of families while helping establish Abrams EyeCare as one of Central Indiana’s most respected eye care organizations. Known for his commitment to clinical excellence, compassionate patient care, and community service, Dr. Abrams has made a lasting impact far beyond the scope of the practice of ophthalmology.

In addition to his work caring for thousands of patients, Dr. Abrams has maintained a long history of philanthropy and community involvement. He has been an active supporter of numerous charitable organizations

and initiatives throughout Indiana, including his involvement with the Dropping Dimes Foundation, Damar Services, the Pacers Foundation, and other community-focused efforts.

Dr. Abrams has also played a significant role in Indiana’s sports community. Throughout his career, he has served as an ophthalmologist for the Indiana Pacers, Indiana Fever, Butler University Athletics, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, local high schools, and numerous other athletic organizations, providing specialized eye care services to professional, collegiate, scholastic, and recreational athletes. While retiring from clinical practice at Abrams EyeCare, Dr. Abrams plans to continue caring for sports teams for at least 10 more years with a goal of reaching 30 seasons as the eye physician for the Indiana Pacers.

“It has been a tremendous privilege to care for patients and families throughout Central Indiana,” Dr. Abrams said.

“I have been equally fortunate to work with outstanding community organizations, charitable causes, and athletic programs over the year. The relationships I have built with patients, colleagues, coaches, athletes, and community leaders have been among the greatest rewards of my career. I am deeply grateful for the trust our patients have placed in me. I know Abrams EyeCare’s future is in excellent hands.”

As part of a long-planned leadership transition, Dr. Leslie Abrams Tobe and Dr. Michael Hopen will assume expanded ownership and leadership responsibilities while continuing to provide exceptional patient care.

“What Dr. Abrams built extends far beyond a medical practice,” Dr. Tobe said. “He created a culture centered on exceptional patient care, integrity, service, and community involvement.



Abrams

His influence can be seen not only in the patients he cared for, but also in the people he mentored, the organizations he supported, and the countless lives he touched throughout his career. We are grateful for his leadership and committed to carrying his vision forward.”

Today, Abrams EyeCare serves patients across three Central Indiana locations with a comprehensive team that includes three ophthalmologists, four optometrists, and more than 50 dedicated employees. The organization remains committed to providing the same personalized, high-quality care that patients have trusted since Dr. J.J. Abrams began his optometry practice in 1950.

To support continued growth and patient access, Abrams EyeCare is also pleased to announce the addition of ophthalmologist Dr. Chandler Mitchell, who will join the practice

on Aug. 3. Dr. Mitchell grew up on the southside of Indianapolis, attended Butler University, and the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Dr. Mitchell brings advanced ophthalmic training, a patient-centered approach, and a commitment to clinical excellence. His arrival strengthens the organization’s ability to provide comprehensive medical and surgical eye care services throughout Central Indiana and reflects Abrams EyeCare’s commitment to investing in the future of patient care.

“We are excited to welcome Dr. Mitchell to Abrams EyeCare,” Dr. Michael Hopen said. “His clinical expertise, committed to providing exceptional patient care make him an excellent addition to our physician team. As we honor Dr. Abrams’ remarkable legacy, we are equally excited about the future of our organization and our continued commitment to serving patients throughout Central Indiana.”

While Dr. Abrams’ retirement marks the end of an extraordinary chapter, practice leaders emphasize that it also represents the beginning of the next generation of leadership for Abrams EyeCare.

“Our patients can feel confident knowing that Abrams EyeCare remains strong, stable, and committed to the future,” Dr. Tobe said. “With experienced physician leadership, experienced optometrists, a dedicated support team, and now the addition of Dr. Mitchell, we are well-positioned to continue providing exceptional care for generations to come.”

Patients of all ages will continue to have access to comprehensive ophthalmology and optometry services across all Abrams EyeCare locations. Existing medical records, appointments, and continuity of care will remain seamless throughout the transition.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit abramseyecare.com.

‘Golf for Inclusion’ with Special Olympics Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Community members are invited to tee off for inclusion on Wednesday, Aug. 26, as Special Olympics Hamilton County (SOHC) holds its annual Golf Outing at Fox Prairie Golf Course, 8465 E. 196th St., Noblesville.

Registration and the driving range open at 10 a.m., with the shotgun start slated for 11 a.m. Dinner, silent auction, and awards will follow play.

The fundraiser benefits more than 500 local athletes with intellectual disabilities, helping provide year-round sports training, athletic competition, leadership opportunities, and health initiatives at no cost to athletes or their families.

As the largest Special Olympics county program in Indiana, SOHC offers more than 15 sports for athletes ages 8 to 80 and beyond. Every uniform, piece of equipment, tournament entry, and athletic opportunity is funded through local sponsors, donors, grants, and community support. Every dollar raised through the Golf Outing stays in Hamilton County to support local athletes and their families.

“Special Olympics is one of the few places where differences aren’t just accepted, they’re celebrated,” SOHC Coordinator Danyeale Easterhaus said. “It’s where athletes find teammates who become lifelong friends, families find community, and people discover what they’re capable of. As both the mother of a Special Olympics athlete and the sister of



two brothers with disabilities, I’ve seen firsthand that these opportunities change lives. Every dollar raised helps ensure our athletes continue to have a place where they belong.”



Easterhaus

Community members are encouraged to register a foursome, become a sponsor, volunteer, or make a donation. Proceeds from the outing directly support sports training, competition, uniforms, equipment, coach and volunteer development, and athlete leadership opportunities throughout the year.

Register today at bird-ease.com/sohcgolfouting.

About Special Olympics Hamilton County

Special Olympics Hamilton County provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for more than 500 children and adults with intellectual disabilities throughout Hamilton County. Athletes never pay to participate in any Special Olympics program. Through the support of sponsors, donors, volunteers, and community partners, Special Olympics Hamilton County creates opportunities for athletes to build confidence, develop friendships, discover their abilities, and experience the joy of belonging.

New ‘Strategic Grants’ provide close to \$1.7M for major community initiatives

The REPORTER

Every day, Hamilton County’s nonprofit leaders are tasked with stretching limited resources to match our county’s rapid growth. Hamilton County Community Foundation’s (HCCF) 2024 Community Needs Assessment found that the most pressing of those needs include childcare, social services, accessible housing, and workforce and education opportunities.

For many of the nonprofit organizations tackling those challenges, growth is limited not by demand, but by access to the capital needed to navigate pivotal moments.

To address this gap, HCCF created Strategic Grants as a new funding pathway designed to provide larger investments in organizations pursuing significant opportunities or navigating critical challenges.

Through its inaugural Strategic Grants cycle, HCCF awarded a combined total of \$1.675 million to eight organizations across Hamilton County. Each investment reflects a clear opportunity to strengthen services, expand capacity, or advance a significant initiative.

“Our Strategic Grants are very different from our

traditional funding,” HCCF President Danielle Stiles-Polk said. “They are designed to meet organizations at key moments when a larger investment can help them take the next step. These resources allow nonprofits to pursue opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach.”

2026 Strategic Grant Recipients

- **Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville** – \$250,000 to advance facility improvements and renovation planning focused on safety, accessibility, and expanded capacity, allowing the Club to enhance programming for more than 2,200 youth each year.
- **Child Care Answers** – \$150,000 to establish a dedicated Child Care Resource Specialist position to support families, childcare providers, employers, and community partners by connecting them to much needed resources.
- **Grace Care Center Foundation** – \$125,000 to support volunteer leadership development, staff ca-

- **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis, Inc.** – \$250,000 to aid in the purchase of more than six acres in Hamilton County for a future 46-home affordable housing development, expanding affordable homeownership opportunities for Hamilton County residents.
- **Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program** – \$250,000 to support the expansion of services across all six local Youth Assistance branches, including case coordination, tutoring, pro-social activities, and operational support to help youth and families access resources at no cost.
- **Prevail, Inc.** – \$200,000 to strengthen Prevail’s fundraising capacity and long-term sustainability by expanding fundraising staff, contracted development support, professional development for staff and

Board, and upgrading its client database to better track and communicate outcomes.

- **Shepherd’s Center of Hamilton County** – \$200,000 to expand core programs that provide case management, counseling, and volunteer services for older adults and caregivers, strengthening resources that promote independence and help residents age safely in their homes.
- **Teter Organic Farm** – \$250,000 to support construction of a new Produce Production Barn with cold storage, wash-and-pack space, volunteer work areas, and educational spaces, increasing year-round food production and expanding hands-on opportunities for community groups and volunteers.

Strategic Grants are part of HCCF’s broader approach to aligning resources with key community priorities and investing in organizations as they grow, adapt, and pursue opportunities to help all of Hamilton County’s residents thrive.

For more information about Hamilton County Community Foundation’s grantmaking cycles, please visit hamiltoncountycf.org/grants-resources.

Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville invites public to two signature summer fundraising events

The REPORTER

The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) invites the community to celebrate, compete, and give back through two exciting fundraising events this August: the 11th annual BGCN Cornhole Tournament on Friday, Aug. 7, and the inaugural Adult Recess on Saturday, Aug. 15.

As BGCN celebrates its 75th anniversary through-

out 2026, both events offer unique opportunities for Club alumni, community members, businesses, and supporters to come together in support of programs that provide thousands of local youth with safe, affordable after-school and summer experiences.

The 11th annual BGCN Cornhole Tournament returns to Forest Park in Noblesville, where teams of all skill levels will enjoy an afternoon of friendly competition, food, beverages, prizes, raffles, and camaraderie. Registration begins at noon on Aug. 7, with tournament play to follow. Proceeds will directly support BGCN programs that empower young people to reach their full potential.

Just one week later, the Club will debut Adult Recess, a brand-new adults only fundraising event

designed to let adults relive the best parts of childhood while supporting today’s generation of Club Kids. Taking place from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Adult Recess will feature BGCN staples throughout the entire facility, friendly competitions, interactive activities, complimentary food and drinks, a live DJ, and plenty of opportunities to reconnect with friends while giving back to the community.

“These events are all about bringing people together,” BGCN Director of Development Nathan Helm said. “Whether you’re tossing cornhole bags with friends and co-workers or reliving childhood favorites Adult Recess, every dollar raised helps ensure local kids have access to life-changing opportunities at the

Club. We hope the community joins us for one – or even both – of these great events.”

Funds raised from both events will support the BGCN’s mission of enabling all young people, especially those who need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. Each year, the Club serves more than 2,200 youth through after-school and out-of-school programs, academic support, transportation services, youth sports, character development, and more.

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to participate through sponsorships, team registrations, and event attendance.

For event information, sponsorship opportunities, or to register, visit bgcni.org or contact Nathan Helm at the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville at nhelm@bgcni.org or (317) 773-4372.



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Westfield International Passport invites residents to explore a world of local flavors

Submitted by City of Westfield

The City of Westfield is launching the Westfield International Passport, a free digital experience that encourages residents and visitors to explore more than 30 locally owned restaurants, markets, and businesses offering international cuisine and experiences.

From Korean barbecue and Japanese ramen to Venezuelan dishes, Mediterranean favorites, Mexican cuisine, Italian meals and French-inspired pastries, the passport showcases a side of Westfield’s dining scene that people may not expect.

“Westfield has developed an exciting and increasingly diverse food scene,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “The International Passport gives residents and visitors a fun reason to try somewhere new while

supporting the local entrepreneurs and businesses that help make our community unique.”

Participants can sign up for the passport at DiscoverWestfieldIN.com/wip. No app download is required. After registering, participants can use their phones to check in when they visit participating locations. Each check-in earns 100 points that can be redeemed for prizes while supplies last.

Participating locations include restaurants and markets serving food inspired by countries and cultures across Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. Featured businesses include Chiba, Jawdi Grill, Kizuki Ramen & Izakaya, Korean BBQ & Chicken, Pasto Italiano, Thai Isaan, Tous Les Jours, Venezuelan Cheat Meal,

and many more.

The passport will also offer special check-in opportunities at the Westfield Farmers Market and Westfield International Festival, where visitors can experience additional international food vendors and cultural activities.

The Westfield International Passport is available year-round. The list of participating businesses and prize information may change as new locations join and supplies are available.

How the passport works

- Visit DiscoverWestfieldIN.com/wip.
- Register for the free digital passport.
- Visit a participating restaurant, market, or event.
- Check in using your phone to earn 100 points.
- Redeem accumulated points for available prizes.

CITIES

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- **International Winter Festival:** Bringing global holiday traditions to life, the annual festival features Christmas trees uniquely decorated by representatives of each sister city alongside community caroling events that bring neighbors together.

Together, these initiatives ensure that international diplomacy is a vibrant, everyday experience for all residents and visitors of Carmel.

To learn more about Carmel’s sister cities program, upcoming cultural events or how to get involved, please visit carmel.in.gov/424/Sister-Cities.

Westfield Library Foundation introduces ‘Teen Library of Things’

New collection focused on the interests of teens & tweens

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) is expanding its popular Library of Things with the launch of a new Teen Library of Things, a collection of hands-on kits designed to spark creativity, exploration, and lifelong learning for teens.

Building on the success of the WWPL’s Library of Things collections for children and adults, the Teen Library of Things offers teens the opportunity to discover new hobbies, develop practical skills and explore their interests through hands-on experiences. The new collection includes a variety of kits for those interested in drawing, SAT prep, board games, escape rooms, and photography kit.

“When selecting the kits for the Teen Library of Things, we wanted to create a collection that reflects the interests of today’s teens while encouraging creativity, curiosity, and lifelong learning,” WWPL Teen Room Supervisor Mindi Glenn said. “Our hope is that every teen can find something that inspires them to try something new without having to purchase the materials themselves.”

Located in the Teen Department on the second floor, patrons may browse the Teen Library of Things in person or online. Teen library cardholders may check out one Teen Library of Things kit at a time for one week.

The Westfield Library Foundation provided the



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Public Library

funding for the new collection. Executive Director Erin Downey says it’s important to make learning accessible beyond traditional books.

“We’re excited to help bring the Teen Library of Things to life and make

these hands-on learning opportunities available to teens in our community,” she said.

For more information about the Teen Library of Things, including available kits and checkout guidelines, visit wwpl.lib.in.us.

Noblesville Creates & Heartland Film to transform downtown into outdoor cinema

Enjoy free Indy Shorts Film Festival screenings films under the stars

Submitted by Noblesville Creates

Downtown Noblesville is taking center stage on Friday, Aug. 7.

As the community continues to embrace the transformation of downtown through the Embrace Downtown construction project, Noblesville Creates is inviting residents and visitors to rediscover the heart of the city during a special First Friday celebration that brings award-winning films, local businesses, and the community together on the Courthouse Square.

In partnership with Heartland Film, Noblesville Creates will transform 9th Street into an open-air cinema featuring two free screening programs from the ninth annual Indy Shorts International Film Festival. The event highlights the power of the arts to create memorable community experiences while encouraging guests to explore the shops, restaurants, and galleries that make downtown Noblesville a destination.

Each month, Noblesville Creates’ First Friday highlights a different artistic discipline – from visual art and theatre to music, storytelling, and now independent film – inviting the community to experience creativity in new ways while celebrating downtown Noblesville.

“Downtown has always been a place where our community gathers,” Noblesville Creates Executive Director Ailithir McGill said. “Even as exciting improvements continue through the Embrace Downtown project, we want people to know our local businesses are open, thriving, and ready to welcome visitors. This First



Friday is an opportunity to experience great films while enjoying everything that makes downtown Noblesville special.”

Guests are encouraged to make an evening of it by arriving early to browse local boutiques, explore downtown galleries, and enjoy dinner or refreshments from one of the Square’s many restaurants – including favorites like Matteo’s Ristorante Italiano – before settling in for an evening of exceptional short films beneath the summer sky. Visitors can also discover creative experiences at downtown partners including Kiln Creations and Moonshot Games, making First Friday the perfect opportunity to explore everything downtown Noblesville has to offer. Alcoholic beverages purchased from participating downtown establishments may be enjoyed during the screenings in approved to-go cups.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a Family Short Film Program, featuring imaginative stories from around the world that audiences of all ages can enjoy. The lineup includes:

- *Eggspedition*
- *Dodgeball*
- *Singularity*
- *Trophy Son*
- *Lost Track*
- *ChikaBOOM!*
- *Saba*

At 7:45 p.m., the celebration continues with a Comedy Short Film Program, showcasing a collection of witty and entertaining inde-

pendent films:

- *Easy Sell*
- *The Method*
- *My Dog: The Paradox*
- *Scratch*
- *CANDY BAR*

More than movies

In addition to the evening’s film screenings, First Friday will feature live music and a curated selection of local artisan vendors, creating a lively community atmosphere throughout the Courthouse Square.

Featured artists include:

- Kristen Gruber of Melly’s Distractions, showcasing handcrafted resin artwork including decorative bowls, sun catchers, jewelry, and other unique artisan creations.
- Mandelyn Beatley of Mandelyn Studios, featuring original artwork, hand-gilded prints, original comics, stationery, and other illustrated works celebrating creativity and storytelling.

To complete the outdoor cinema experience, The Spice & Tea Exchange of Noblesville will offer guests the opportunity to discover its signature gourmet popcorn seasonings – perfect for customizing movie-night snacks while supporting another of downtown’s unique local businesses. Together with downtown businesses, restaurants, and community partners, the event transforms the Square into an evening-long celebration of the arts, encouraging visitors to shop, dine, explore, and connect while experiencing award-winning independent films.

Fishers awards nearly \$340K to 23 neighborhoods

Submitted by City of Fishers

Mayor Scott Fadness awarded nearly \$340,000 to 23 neighborhoods through the city’s Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program, supporting resident-led projects designed to enhance common areas and improve quality of life throughout the community.



Fadness

This year’s grants funded projects include new entrance monuments, native landscaping, and rain gardens, upgraded lighting and signage, safety bollards and sidewalk repairs, a public bike repair station, benches and a Little Free Library, trail-area improvements, and more.

“Neighborhoods are where residents experience Fishers every day, and these grants give residents a direct role in shaping and improving the places they call home,” Mayor Fadness said. “These projects reflect the pride residents have in their neighborhoods and their commitment to investing in the broader Fishers community.”

Since 2018, the Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant has funded projects ranging from deferred maintenance to beautification efforts with the 80/20 matching grant available to homeowners’ associations and neighborhood groups within Fishers. The program provides an 80 percent match of eligible project costs, up to \$25,000, with recipients contributing the remaining project costs.

The following neighborhoods received 2026 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grants:

- Anderson Hall, \$5,520: Entrance landscaping and native plantings
- Berkley Grove, \$15,785: Safety bollards, seating, and landscaping
- Brookston Place, \$16,212: Common-area landscaping and screening
- Cumberland Place Village, \$25,000: Common-area fence replacement
- Delaware Crossing, \$19,848: Entrance landscaping and lighting
- Fox Run, \$19,904: Entrance and trail-area improvements

- Graystone at Fishers, \$18,604: Sustainable landscaping and rain gardens
- Hawks Landing, \$2,452: Entrance landscaping improvements
- Hillsborough, \$5,680: Entryway landscaping and lighting
- Intracoastal at Geist, \$12,210: Entrance landscaping and electrical repairs
- Lake Stonebridge, \$25,000: Retention pond restoration and landscaping
- Limestone Springs Condominiums, \$16,580: Entrance and clubhouse landscaping
- Northfield Estates, \$6,780: New brick entrance monument
- Parkshore, \$15,075: Landscaping at four neighborhood entrances
- Pleasantview, \$18,492: Entrance landscaping restoration
- Rolling Knoll, \$19,883: Entrance and common-area improvements
- Royalwood, \$21,235: Entrance, landscaping, and trail amenities
- Sunblest Farms, \$9,558: Signage, lighting, landscaping, and sidewalk repairs
- Sutton Crossing, \$6,432: Entrance landscaping improvements
- Tremont, \$23,732: New entrance landscaping
- Vermillion, \$25,000: Northern gateway landscaping
- Waterford Gardens, \$8,067: Entrance and common-area landscaping
- Whelchel Springs, \$2,680: Public bike repair station

Grant funding may be used for eligible design, construction, and installation costs. Priority is given to visible projects that provide a positive community impact, address an existing neighborhood need and incorporate sustainable or innovative solutions. Projects must be completed within one year of the application window.

Applications for the 2027 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant program are expected to open in November. Learn more at Fishers-IN.gov/NVG.

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The Marching Huskies take the field at the Muncie Central Invitational, launching their 2026 season with energy, pride, and a strong performance under the lights.

Marching Huskies kick off 2026 competitive season

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Congratulations to the Hamilton Heights Marching Huskies on launching their 2026 competitive season at the Muncie Central Invitational. After a full day of rehearsal, travel, and an exciting performance under the lights, the Huskies earned a 15th place finish in a highly competitive field.

The band continued its season last weekend with two more appearances: the Anderson Invitational last Friday, July 31, and the Winchester Invitational last Saturday, Aug. 1.

“We are proud of our Marching Huskies for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to this year’s production, ‘Like a Moth to a Flame,’” Hamilton Heights Band Director Mark Snelson said. “We look forward to watching this talented group grow throughout the season.”

Carmel announces plans for seventh fire station

The REPORTER

At the Carmel City Council meeting on Monday, July 20, Mayor Sue Finkam shared news on a top public safety priority: bringing a seventh fire station to the city’s northwest side.

While the need for a new station has been recognized for years, the challenge was always finding a fiscally responsible way to build it.

Instead of building from scratch, the proposal would transform underutilized space within the city’s existing westside water distribution facility. According to city officials, repurposing this asset will cut construction costs, accelerate the timeline, and

This is the site for the new fire station is at the water distribution facility on Carmel’s west side.

get firefighters and lifesaving equipment to northwest residents much faster.

As a bonus, this plan also allows the city to relocate fleet maintenance operations and create extra training space for the Carmel Fire Department.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

AfterShock Events brings East Alley Summer Market to Downtown Noblesville

Submitted

AfterShock Events will bring another curated community market to Downtown Noblesville with the East Alley Summer Market, taking place from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

Following the strong community response to the recent South Alley Night Market, the East Alley Summer Market continues AfterShock Events’ work of activating underused downtown spaces through creative, walkable, locally focused events.

The market will feature a curated mix of local makers, artists, handmade goods, vintage finds, boutique items, sweet treats, plants, creative services, nonprofits, and community-centered small businesses. Guests are invited to stroll the alley, shop local vendors, enjoy grab-and-go food, visit nearby downtown businesses, and experience a summer market atmosphere tucked into one of Noblesville’s alley spaces.

The first 100 shoppers will receive an exclusive “I Got Lost in East Alley” collectible sticker, designed specifically for the event. Every AfterShock Events market features its own event sticker, giving guests a small keepsake from each market experience.

The East Alley Summer Market will also include interactive elements from The PlayLab Co., along with food options from Capabilities Café, a Janus Developmental Services-sponsored work program located on the lower level of the Hamilton County Judicial Center. Capabilities Café will be on-site with grab-and-go summer favorites.

“We saw with South Alley that people are excited to gather in downtown’s tucked-away spaces and support local vendors,” AfterShock Events Founder Jessica Vandergraff said. “East Alley gives us another opportunity to create something vibrant, welcoming, and community-centered while helping bring more visibility and foot traffic to local businesses.”

Vendor announcements and additional event details will be shared leading up to the market through AfterShock Events’ social media channels.

The following weekend, AfterShock Events will keep the community energy going with Romp the Commons on Saturday, Aug. 15 at Federal Hill Commons. The ‘70s-inspired community gathering invites attendees to wear caftans, bold prints, oversized sunglasses, and their best Mrs. Roper-style looks while enjoying an evening of music, photo opportunities, and playful downtown fun during the Rod Tuffcurls & The Bench Press concert.

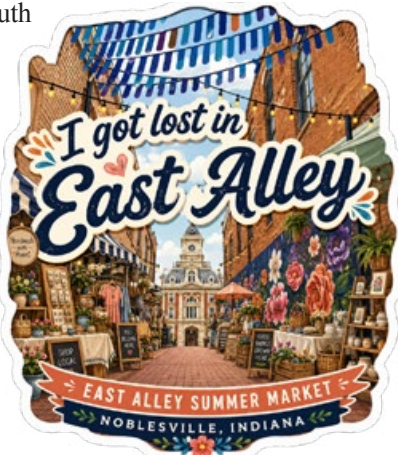


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The January 2026 Artist of the Month was Chris Winberg of Westfield.

Westfield Library Foundation accepting submissions for Art Wall

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF), in partnership with the Westfield Washington Public Library, is now accepting submissions for the 2027 Mike & Karen Heaton Art Wall. The gallery wall showcases rotating artwork throughout the library, providing local artists with the opportunity to display their work while enhancing the experience of library visitors.

“The Art Wall is a meaningful way to showcase the creativity of local artists while enriching the library experience for our patrons,” WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. “We’re excited to welcome a new group of artists in 2027 and continue celebrating the talent that makes our community so unique.”

Artists must be at least 18 years old to apply and must submit a completed application and portfolio by Oct. 1, 2026, for consideration in the 2027 exhibit rotation. Artwork must be display-ready, framed, matted, or otherwise equipped to hang using the library’s hanging system. Artists are also responsible for the installation and removal of their work during their assigned exhibit month. AI-created or AI-enhanced artwork will not be considered.

The Art Gallery Committee will review all submissions and select artists based on quality, originality, and appropriateness for the venue. The committee aims to showcase a variety of media throughout the year, including photography, painting, and mixed media.

To apply, download the application at westfield-libraryfoundation.com.

Completed applications and portfolios should be emailed to edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us. Artists will be notified of the committee’s decision shortly after Nov. 1, 2026.

About Westfield Library Foundation

The Westfield Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting innovative programs and services for the Westfield Washington Public Library and its patrons through major gifts, bequests, corporate sponsorships, naming rights and private donations.



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(From left) Sydney Thomas, Spring Mill Road Branch Manager; Amy Willner, teller; Bethany Farmer, Teller Supervisor; and Ty Jones, Universal Member Service Representative II.

IMCU expands in Westfield with new Spring Mill Road branch

The REPORTER

Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) continues its growth in Westfield with the opening of the new Spring Mill Road Branch, located at 17475 Spring Mill Road.

This new location marks IMCU’s second branch in Westfield.

Westfield has experienced significant growth in recent years, and IMCU is ready to meet that momentum by expanding access to convenient, relationship-focused financial services. The Spring Mill Road Branch offers a welcoming space where members can connect with knowledgeable staff and receive personalized financial guidance close to home or work.

Community involvement remains a cornerstone of IMCU’s philosophy. Beyond providing financial services, the credit union believes in building relationships and supporting the communities it serves through local partnerships and involvement. As a proud member of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, IMCU values the role that collaboration among local businesses and organizations plays in strengthening the city’s economic vitality.

The new Spring Mill Road Branch further enhances IMCU’s ability to engage locally and support the continued success of the Westfield community.

Community members are invited to visit the new branch, meet the team, and experience the IMCU difference firsthand. Learn more about IMCU’s services and locations at imcu.com.

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Clay Terrace invites families to free ‘Back 2 School Bash’ on Aug. 8

The REPORTER

School is almost back in session, and Clay Terrace in Carmel will transform its Village Green (near Dick’s Sporting Goods) into a family-friendly entertainment and “end of summer” Back 2 School Bash from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8.

During this free, annual event, families are invited to enjoy features like Touch-a-Truck displays, a live ‘Jump and Hop’ performance, opportunities to meet Indiana Pacers mascot Boomer, Silly Safaris Animal shows, a Passport Trail with school supply giveaways, exclusive store discounts, and additional family activities.

For the Passport Trail, students and their families are encouraged to pick up a passport from the Clay Terrace table and head to the nearly 20 participating retailers to collect school supplies like rulers, glue sticks, pencils, and erasers. The first 35 children to complete the Passport Trail and turn in their completed passport will receive a free backpack



Free family fun is ready for you at Clay Terrace’s upcoming Back 2 School Bash. Photos provided

filled with school supplies, while supplies last. The event typically attracts approximately 2,000 attendees, and Clay Terrace is looking forward to another great year of celebrating the start of a school year.

Carmel Fire warns of lithium-ion battery and charger fire risks

By HANNA MORDOH & JUSTIN RAZAVI
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Carmel Fire Department is warning people to watch out for lithium-ion batteries and charging equipment.

Early last week, firefighters said their crews responded to a garage filled with smoke. The cause was batteries that had been left charging.

“If you walked into your garage right now, would you find a drill, weed trimmer, leaf blower, e-bike, scooter, or other battery-powered tool plugged in? Most of us would,” Carmel FD post-

ed on Facebook. “Unfortunately, we’re responding more than ever to house fires and close calls caused by lithium-ion batteries and charging equipment.”

The department’s public information officer, Tim Griffin, said in an interview, “Over the last year, we’ve seen such an uptick in fires in garages and areas where chargers are.”

Griffin estimated that at least half of the garage fires the agency has seen in the last year were related to charging instruments and battery-powered devices. He said his best advice to prevent this type of fire is to avoid buying replace-

ment batteries for devices that are made by third-party manufacturers.

“So you have a brand name tool and then you get on Amazon when the battery goes bad, or you damage it, and you buy an off-market brand,” he said. “[Instead] you really want to make sure that you’re buying the same brand.”

According to the fire department, charging batteries is not inherently dan-



Photo provided by Carmel Fire Department

gerous, but leaving them plugged in indefinitely, using damaged batteries or chargers, or charging them in areas with combustible

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Folds of Honor Indiana brings in \$129K at expanded fundraising event

The REPORTER
On Saturday, July 25, Folds of Honor Indiana and The Bridgewater Club held their second annual charity golf and sports outing for members of the Club.

The purpose of the outing is to raise awareness and funds to further Folds of Honor’s mission to provide scholarships for Hoosier spouses and children of fallen and disabled service members and first responders.

This year’s outing raised over \$129,000 for Folds of Honor Indiana scholarship recipients.

New this year, the fund-raising outing expanded to a two-day event, with a cocktail reception on Friday, July 24, giving attendees the opportunity to meet and mingle with



service members, veterans, and Folds of Honor Indiana scholarship recipients.

The fundraising tournament also grew to include court sports, giving members the option to play pickleball or tennis. Patriotic festivities took place throughout the day, including a static helicopter display from the Columbus Indiana Huey and a Civil War Cannon Firing for every \$5,000 donation.



Photos provided

Willis elected vice president of Indiana Conference of Mayors

The REPORTER
Westfield Mayor Scott Willis has been elected as vice president for the Indiana Conference of Mayors (ICOM).

ICOM is a non-partisan affiliate group designed exclusively for mayors to network, participate in learning opportunities, and share ideas.

“I look forward to partnering with Mayor Deutch [ICOM President; Mayor of Michigan City] and leaders across our state to advocate for strong infrastructure, economic vitality, and solutions that move all Hoosiers forward,” Willis said.



Willis

Range Line Road construction begins in Carmel

Submitted by City of Carmel
As was announced earlier this year, starting Monday, Aug. 3, northbound Range Line Road between Executive Drive and City Center Drive will be under construction to build a new multi-use path, on-street parking, and environmental features designed to improve safety and accessibility.

The new asphalt multi-use path will provide a smoother ride by continuing through driveways instead of dipping and rising at each crossing. By carrying the asphalt path material through driveways instead of breaking it up at every crossing, this



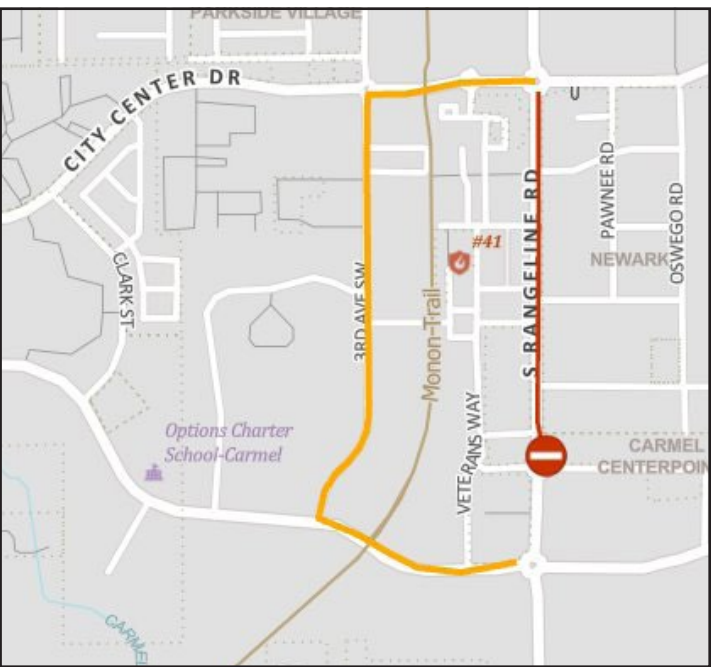
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project creates a more comfortable ride and communicates a message of priority for pedestrians and cyclists.

The posted detour route, as indicated in the map, uses 3rd Avenue SW. Southbound Range Line Road will remain open to traffic.

Mayor Sue Finkam said the current pathway along this portion of Range Line Road is under-utilized, prompting the city to make the adjustments.

“Feedback from residents and riders over the years has guided this design, balancing the needs of cyclists with overall safety and accessibility,” Mayor Finkam said.



Graphic provided by City of Carmel

Project completion is estimated before the opening of the Christkindlmarkt in November.

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materials can increase the risk of fire.

Crews are urging people to unplug tools and devices once they are charged.

Carmel Fire crews offer these simple reminders:

- Charge batteries according to the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Unplug electronics once fully charged.
- Charge them in a well-ventilated area away from anything that can burn.
- Never use damaged batteries or chargers.

The Facebook post read, “Take a minute tonight to walk through your garage. Unplug anything that’s finished charging; it only takes a few seconds and could help prevent a fire.”

The Carmel Fire Department said, thankfully, in this most recent case, the smoke was noticed early, and a quick response by firefighters prevented what could have become a much more serious fire.

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Megan Elizabeth Huff

December 27, 1983 – July 25, 2026



Megan Elizabeth Huff, 42, Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on December 27, 1983, in Indianapolis.

Megan enjoyed gymnastics, starting with a Club team from second to eighth grade, then joining the Noblesville High School team, and eventually was an assistant high school coach during her college years when the team went to state. She was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church and went on several of their mission trips, including three to Guatemala and a few to Give The Kids The World. Megan loved her two cats, Pua and Meeko, and watching Disney movies. Every year she took tubing trips with her friends.

She is survived by her mother, Nancy Huff; sister, Brenna (Drew) Payne; and many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gary Huff.

Visitation and services were held Friday, July 31, 2026, at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, with Rev. Nicole Caldwell-Gross officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, c/o Mission Trips, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Devan Michael Harris

May 30, 1991 – July 17, 2026



Devan Michael Harris, born on May 30, 1991, in Noblesville, departed from this life on July 17, 2026. Known for his courageous spirit, adventurous nature, and compassionate heart, Devan lived his life to the fullest and touched countless lives along the way.

Devan was a spirited individual who cherished his family above all else. His love for the outdoors was reflected in his hobbies, which included fishing and hunting. The thrill of the catch and the serenity of nature brought him great joy. In his youth, he also enjoyed playing baseball. Devan was known as a true jokerster; his sense of humor resonated with all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He also had a profound love for music, his tastes being as diverse as his personality. Devan worked diligently in the food service industry, where his compassionate nature was put to good use. In addition to this, he loved working alongside his dad, brother, uncles, and grandfather doing masonry work. He was never married, but his heart found love in his fiancée, Mindi Rawley-Harris.

Devan is survived by his loving parents, Rebecca and Michael Harris Jr.; his siblings, Dylan and Andrea Harris; his cherished grandparents, Michael and Bonnie Harris Sr.; his dear fiancée, Mindi Rawley-Harris; and his stepdaughter, Savannah (Carter) Smith. He was welcomed into eternal rest by his beloved grandmother, Gayla Gray.

The memory of Devan's spirited personality and compassionate heart will forever live on in the hearts of those who loved him. His adventurous approach to life serves as an inspiration to us all.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, August 10 at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home in Cicero, with a Memorial Service immediately following at 6 p.m.

As we celebrate Devan's life, we invite you to share your memories and upload photos of him to the memorial page. Your stories and pictures will help keep his courageous spirit alive for all to remember.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Daniel Joseph Hogan

March 25, 1968 – July 28, 2026



Daniel "Danny" Joseph Hogan, 58, passed away peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

Danny was the proud son of Michael Hogan and Beverly (née Bell) Hogan, and younger brother to Andrew Scott Hogan. Born in Indianapolis on March 25, 1968, the Hogan family soon ventured their way to Fishers in 1973, becoming one of the pioneering 604 residents of the quaint little town. The neighborhood Cottingham Estates would welcome the young family and become the source of a lifetime supply of friendships and memories, still precious to this day.

Danny's unsurpassed love of the Dallas Cowboy's was instigated by countless days of playing "cowboys & Indians" with neighborhood friends. He still held high hopes for the Dallas Cowboys to the very end.

Danny travelled his way through the Hamilton Southeastern School system and to Ball State University where he studied Construction Engineering before the lure of business ownership sparked his attention.

Danny followed his passion and became an independent contractor for 37 years, building remarkable and lasting structures and improving the lives of many with his talents and expertise. There wasn't much Danny couldn't fix or do. That love of growing small things into bigger things spilled over into Danny's incredible green thumb and his wondrous ability to grow house plants.

But it was his daughter Ava Danielle Hogan, whom he affectionately called "BB Girl," that was his greatest accomplishment and his ultimate source of pride. He loved her fiercely.

Danny is survived by his daughter, Ava Danielle Hogan; parents, Michael Hogan and Beverly Hogan; his loving and loyal brother, Andrew "Drew" Hogan (wife Amy); and nephews, Daniel Montieth, Joshua Montieth, and Timothy Hogan. He also leaves behind his friend and former wife, Dede Hogan.

Dan led life as he would have it, with no regrets. He was as authentic as they get and lived life "his way."

Funeral services are Saturday, August 8, 2026 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Viewing will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with services following at 2 p.m.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the "Ava Hogan College Fund" to help enrich Ava's life and further Danny's legacy. Please make checks payable to Ava Hogan, and mail to Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Richard Dee Thompson

September 30, 1947 – July 28, 2026



Richard Dee Thompson was born on September 30, 1947, in Crawfordsville, Ind., to Roy and Emma Thompson. Richard was a compassionate, humble, and funny man who met life with a supportive spirit and a heart full of service. He spent his life leading others to Christ as a pastor, and his devotion to his faith was unwavering. Richard passed away on July 28, 2026.

Richard was a man who lived his life for others. He was married to his beloved wife, Deborah Camille Thompson, on October 17, 1970. Together, they built a loving family. Their son, Nick Thompson, was his pride and joy. Richard's dedication to his family mirrored his commitment to his congregation. He served as the head pastor at several locations, including Hugo, Okla.; Hammond, Ind.; Plymouth, Ind.; Rochester, Ind.; and Zanesville, Ohio. His pastoral commitments led him to various places, but his heart always remained with his family and his faith. Richard retired in 2013, leaving a legacy of spiritual leadership and humble service behind him.

Richard was not only a spiritual guide but also a humble leader. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War as a flight deck leader, a testament to his courage and commitment to his country. He was a voracious reader, with a particular fondness for the Bible. He journaled avidly, capturing his thoughts, prayers, and reflections. Richard enjoyed taking long walks, woodworking in his spare time, and attending Beef and Boards with friends and family. Richard's life was a testament to his faith, his love for his family, and his desire to serve others.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, Roy Thompson; mother, Emma Thompson; brother, Bill Thompson; and sisters, Ellen Mason, Beulah Thompson, and May Thompson. We will remember him as a man of faith, a loving husband, a supportive father, and a friend to many.

Visitation for Richard will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at the same location with Ken DePeal officiating.

We encourage all who knew and loved Richard to share memories, stories, and photos on his memorial page. His life was a testament to the power of faith, love, and service, and your memories will help to keep his spirit alive in our hearts.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Thomas Paul James Cogis

December 10, 1954 – July 26, 2026



Thomas Paul James Cogis was born on December 10, 1954, in Rochester, Pa., and passed away on July 26, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Tom was a talented, compassionate, creative, and loyal man who was loved by many. His life was characterized by a deep commitment to his faith, family, and community.

Tom resided in Cicero and lived a dedicated life full of love and service to those around him. He was a soft-spoken man who will always be remembered for his warm smile and gentle manner.

As a young man, Tom moved from Pennsylvania to Indiana to pursue work in the buildings trade. He had a long career taking him to North Carolina and back, working as a truss designer. Beyond his professional life, Tom was an avid arrowhead hunter and collector, recognized numerous times for his impressive collection. He was a member of both the Indiana and Kentucky Archaeological Societies. He enjoyed hiking, golfing, and fishing. Tom was a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He also enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters and attending their activities. He had two beloved dogs, Yoshi and Millie, who were never far from his side.

Tom married his love, Linda, on June 26, 2004, and together they created a home filled with joy and laughter. He was a man of strong faith and believed deeply in the power of a relationship with God. Tom was an Associate Pastor at Generations Church in Tipton and took great pride in preparing his sermons when given the opportunity to preach. The love he held for his family and friends was evident in every aspect of his life.

Tom is survived by his wife, Linda Cogis; his mother, Helen Cogis; his daughters, Alisha (Kevin) Miller and Kiley (Brian) Brodeur; his stepchildren, Melanie (LE) King, Sean (Lori) King, and Adam (Shannon) Carey; his grandchildren, Brandon, Zachary (Nicole), Lynlee, Anna, Kaley (Jess), Jordan, Colten, Braydon, Mason (Ica), Ella, and Thomas; great-grandchildren Gabriel, Luke, Claire, Davina, and Emmalyn; his brothers, John Stephen (BJ) Cogis and Michael (Sherri) Cogis, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, John Cogis.

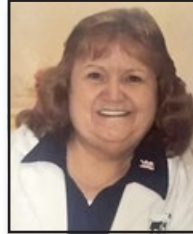
Visitation for Tom took place Friday, July 31, 2026, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A funeral service followed with Pastor Travis Morrisett officiating. Services were under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero.

We invite you to share your memories of Tom to his memorial page. His life was full and rich, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Linda J. Byrne

August 15, 1947 – July 25, 2026



Linda Jean Byrne, 78, Westfield, passed away on July 25, 2026.

Visitation for Linda took place on Friday, July 31, 2026, at Flanner Buchanan – Hamilton Memorial Park (Prairie Waters), 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield, with a funeral service immediately following.

To view her full online obituary, visit flannerbuchanan.com.

Carolyn June (Redick) Bardonner

September 4, 1930 – July 29, 2026



Carolyn June (Redick) Bardonner, 95, Arcadia, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2026, at Wellbrooke of Westfield.

Carolyn was born September 4, 1930, to James Vernon Redick and Rose (Ault) Redick, east of Noblesville. Carolyn graduated from Jackson Central High School in 1948. She married John Bardonner in 1952. Upon graduation, Carolyn went to work at American United Life Insurance Company. She later was employed at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and also at the Noblesville Clerk Treasurer's Office.

She was a member of Arcadia Emanuel Lutheran Church and had served on the Board of Education for the church and Ladies Aid, as well as various community organizations. She was also part owner of Sugar and Spice Boutique in Atlanta and Bent Iron Shop, Arcadia. Carolyn enjoyed golfing, bowling, painting, bingo, line dancing, working crosswords, collecting glassware and antiques, Red Hats, birdwatching, and watching Colts and Indiana Fever games.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and sisters and brothers: Herman Redick, James Herbert "Bob" Redick, Earl Redick, Erma Parker, and May Cook.

Surviving her is daughter Dorinda (Dan) Lawson; grandchildren Karen (Kevin) Benson, Jonathan (Abby) Lawson, and Haley Lawson; great-grandchildren Conner Benson and Bennett Lawson; and several nieces and nephews.

Carolyn's family would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to the amazing staff and caregivers at Home Instead, Autumnwood, Wellbrooke of Westfield, and St. Croix Hospice.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, August 7 at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home in Cicero. A funeral service will immediately follow at 1 p.m. with Rev. Jerrell Simmerman officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Arcadia Emanuel Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 321, Arcadia, IN 46030; or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Harry Ray Noble

November 22, 1923 – July 27, 2026



Harry Ray Noble, 102, passed peacefully on July 27, 2026, in the Memory Care Unit at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. He was born on November 22, 1923, to Earl and Fern Noble in Fort Recovery, Ohio, and was the oldest of seven children. He graduated from Fort Recovery High School in 1942. He married Betty Mae Dixon on January 15, 1944.

As a young adult, he was a farmer, worked at St. Mary's Foundry, and was a crop inspector. It was evident that he loved speed since he was a top racer of motorcycles on flat tracks for Harley-Davidson and was second place in points in the entire United States. He would travel all across the country on weekends for the races while also holding down full-time jobs. The majority of his life he was in skilled trades as a tool and die maker for Warner Gear in Muncie. For 19 years, he worked an additional full-time job at Luiks Machine Shop in Muncie. He also got his pilot's license and was part owner of a small airplane for many years. He enjoyed working outdoors and loved boating in his younger years.

He loved to travel in his Country Coach motorhome and enjoyed spending winters in Laughlin, Nev., and later in Ocala and Leesburg, Fla. He even drove his motorhome to Alaska by himself at the age of 90, and broke down in Canada and was stranded for several days while waiting for a tow. He was very proud of his 2005 GTO with the Lingenfelter engine and was able to drive it between Indiana and Florida until his late 90s. He loved to solve problems and was always able to find humor in any situation.

He is survived by his sons, Randy (Christina) Noble of Arcadia and Stan (Connie) Noble of Leesburg, Fla.; his brother, Dale Noble of Lady Lake, Fla.; his sister, Mary Belle Baucher of Celina, Ohio; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his sisters, Ruth Noble, Martha Butcher, and Ester Summers; and his brother, George Noble.

The family wishes to thank the Memory Care Unit of Riverwalk Village for their loving and compassionate care of their dad for the past 2 ½ years. A special thank you to A New Hospice for the wonderful support and comfort care given in the past few weeks.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to your favorite charity. Visitation and funeral services were held Monday, August 3, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home in Cicero.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

The power of nature

One of my favorite parts about riding in the duo bike, are the things I see along the way. Each time, there is some magical piece of nature that sends a thrill up my spine.

My mom was a flower enthusiast when I was growing up. Her garden of flowers in our backyard was stunning and could have won awards, had she been into that kind of thing. She was a humble gardener with an im-

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Disability in the City

mense knowledge of plants that she taught anyone who was interested.

My sister inherited her green thumb and has a beautiful collection of flowers of her own. I enjoy looking at the beauty of it, but gardening is not really an interest of mine. It feels unattainable to me because my disability does not allow me to be physical in the yard.

See *Power . . .* Page B2

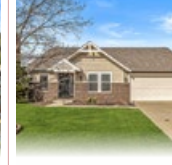


LAKEFRONT!

20971 Shoreline Unit 410 NOBLESVILLE

Enjoy low-maintenance waterfront living in this gated 2BR, 2BA Morse Lake condo. Features include fresh paint, new carpet, boat slip, two garage spots, storage, and stainless kitchen. Luxury meets convenience.

Listed at \$339,900

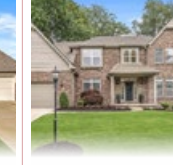


PENDING!

6178 NORTH WOODHAVEN DR. MCCORDSVILLE

This turnkey 3BR, 2BA ranch in McCordsville features fresh paint, granite counters, and LVP flooring. Enjoy the new wood privacy fence and covered deck. Community pool and playground are steps away!

New price \$304,900



SOLD!

18532 ORIENTAL OAK COURT NOBLESVILLE

Beautiful 4BR, 2BA 2 half baths in Oakmont of Noblesville. Situated on over half an acre (.68) wooded lot featuring a screened porch and finished basement along with a three car tandem garage. This move-in ready property awaits you.

Listed at \$559,900



SOLD!

112 PINEHURST AVENUE FISHERS

Discover this hidden gem in Fishers. This stunning 3BR, 2BA custom brick ranch sits on a secluded .65-acre wooded lot. New roof, remodeled kitchen, great room, sunroom, and heated/cooled garage. A private, paradise awaits you!

Listed at \$579,900



SOLD!

18716 PRAIRIE BAPTIST ROAD NOBLESVILLE

Attention investors and homeowners! Hard-to-find country ranch on .39 acres. Featuring 2BR, 1BA, spacious family room, kitchen with appliances, and attached garage. Updates include 2022 roof, plumbing, and 2023 A.C.

Listed at \$172,900



SOLD!

2525 COLONY COURT CARMEL

Find character in this charming Carmel home with no HOA! Features 3BR, 2 living areas, spacious kitchen with appliances, and a park-like backyard with a heated/cooled workshop shed. Newer HVAC and water heater remain.

Listed at \$319,900



PENDING!

2513 SHERIDAN COURT CICERO

This desirable 3BR, 2BA Cicero ranch on .44 acres features a remodeled kitchen with quartz counters, wood-burning fireplace, spacious primary suite, and private, wooded backyard with two storage sheds. Lake access and boat docks.

Listed at \$339,900

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Sharon gets the ‘Led’ out when talking about balance

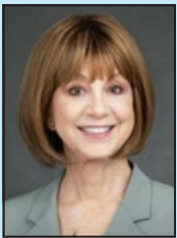
“To bring the balance back, Bring it back” – Led Zeppelin, “The Battle of Evermore,” 1971

I am going to balance myself on the proverbial soapbox today with my message.

In the month of July, I have unfortunately received information that three individuals, one a relative, have fallen and broken bones. This is always a serious matter, and more so after the age of 50, which includes the three individuals mentioned above. These incidents have involved a broken leg, hip, wrist, and elbow. All of these will be healed with surgery, rehab, and time, but in the meantime, those affected experience pain, loss of time with family and friends, and a long journey of healing.

Of course, aging brings

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Be Well

about changes in our flexibility and muscle strength which lead to issues with balance in our everyday movements. The three individuals I have referred to were going about routine activities, including walking through the garage, walking a dog, and slipping on a rug in the kitchen. All of these are typical parts of our day.

At this point in my message, I want to emphasize the importance of hydration. Please note: dehydration can cause you to become dizzy without your realizing it, which can definitely throw off your balance. And remember that when you realize you are thirsty you are already dehydrated!

How many times did you fall down as a child and young person? I bet you sprang up without a problem due to

your strong bones, muscle tone, and flexibility. Research has shown, and I fully agree, that exercise programs can reduce falls and help prevent serious injuries from those falls. Increasing movement can enhance our ability to maintain balance. Flexibility is key here and sadly many people look upon stretching as a not-very-challenging workout and therefore not to be highly regarded.

In truth, a good stretching program is something we can definitely have in common with Olympic athletes. In addition to increasing balance and flexibility, stretching transports oxygen and removes toxins from muscles, improving athletic performance. Another benefit from proper stretching is toning of the muscles which, again, is important after the age of 50.

Proper walking, *placing the heel down first* followed by the ball of the foot and the toes, will keep your body in

alignment and not pitching forward as you walk.

Independence is something we all value. Broken bones from falls can limit mobility and lead to a host of other health issues as well as a lack of confidence. Find a good stretching and flexibility program or class and reap the benefits of better balance which will keep you moving forward! The FlexAbility program I teach at Hamilton East Public Library will begin again in mid-September and I will remind my readers of this weekly opportunity which is offered free of charge. Let's balance together!

¹ [clevelandclinic.org](#)
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.

Undoing pollution regulations will prove to be a grave health threat

I was impressed by a recent perspective published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, titled “The Dismantling of Environmental Protections – A Grave Threat to America’s Health,” which serves as a major source for this column.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon lamented that Americans were being “suffocated by smog” and “poisoned by water.” He declared that clean air and water should be “the birthright of every American.” With the president’s encouragement, Congress established the Environmental Protection Agency and enacted the Clean Air Act, both with bipartisan support.

The authors maintain that the resulting environmental improvements “are among the most effective health interventions of the past half-century, having reduced U.S. air pollution by 75% and saving 200,000 lives per year.” Progress of that magnitude may now be in the rear-view mirror.

During President Trump’s first term, about 100 environmental and occupational protections, including air-quality mandates, were rescinded. Although President Biden reversed some of those actions,

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State of Our Health

the authors believe they caused significant adverse health consequences. The second Trump administration’s actions “have been even more aggressive, portending greater harm.”

In March 2025, the EPA announced 31 new regulatory reversals that would accelerate climate change, increase air and water pollution, make workplaces more dangerous, and ultimately cause disease and premature death. These outcomes are determined by established science, not opinion. Some examples include:

- Lowering the fine airborne particulate matter standard, which would increase childhood asthma, heart attacks, strokes, chronic respiratory conditions, and deaths.
- Undermining regulations governing air pollution from oil and gas extraction.
- Increasing allowable releases of airborne neurotoxins and carcinogens, including arsenic and benzene.
- Terminating the “Good Neighbor Plan,” which protects downwind states from nitrogen oxide emissions that promote ozone formation, thereby exacerbating respiratory disease and increasing mortality.
- Adopting policy changes that favor fossil fuel combustion (primarily coal) while

discouraging clean-energy sources, harming long-term planetary health and increasing cardiopulmonary disease in the short term.

- Increasing allowable greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, accelerating climate change and increasing particulate matter and ozone formation, leading to greater cardiopulmonary morbidity and mortality, premature deliveries, and stillbirths.
- Lowering limits on mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants. Mercury enters the food chain as methylmercury (different from the mercury in vaccines). Pregnant women who ingest methylmercury risk causing brain damage and diminished cognitive function in their infants.

- Enactment of the “One Big Beautiful Bill,” which ended federal subsidies for solar- and wind-powered energy production, further increasing fossil fuel utilization.
- U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, resulting in adverse global consequences.
- The proposal to end the greenhouse gases “Endangerment Finding,” which determined that greenhouse gases are pollutants. This will terminate the EPA’s authority to regulate “climate-forcing pollution.” These climate-change-denying actions

will result in further increases in heat waves, wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters.

- Relaxing automotive emission standards.
- Weakening drinking water quality standards by allowing greater levels of PFAS (“forever chemicals”), lead, mercury, and arsenic; thus, increasing the incidence of cancer, cardiovascular disease, pediatric cognitive dysfunction, and other conditions.

Pollution is largely an invisible health threat and is therefore easily dismissed or overlooked by everyday Americans. Undermining science, eliminating agency research capabilities, and reducing staffing at the EPA and other agencies compromise essential evidence-based policy development.

The authors conclude that “...this administration’s actions will undo the work of generations. Its policies will result in dirtier skies, befouled waters, rising temperatures, more dangerous workplaces, and diminished quality of life...”

The price will be paid in the currency of disease and death.

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

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In that moment, the heaviness vanished and turned to peace, as the cardinal and I looked at one another. He chirped a few more times while staring at me and then flew away.

If life is feeling heavy right now, or you just need a reminder that there is more to life than the woes of our physical bodies, get outside. Go for a bike ride, a walk or just simply sit and be still.

We all deserve a warm embrace from Mother Nature.

Until next time ...

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— NOBLESVILLE —

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION AND THE PURPORT OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEWAGE WORKS REVENUE BONDS FOR A MUNICIPAL SEWAGE WORKS PROJECT

Notice is hereby given to property owners, ratepayers and any other interested parties in, or served or to be served by the sewage works of the City of Noblesville, Indiana (“City”) that the Common Council of the City (“Council”) adopted Ordinance No. 35-07-26 on July 28, 2026 (“Ordinance”), authorizing the issuance of sewage works revenue bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$26,000,000 (“Bonds”). The Bonds are to be issued pursuant to the Ordinance and Indiana Code 36 9 23, as amended (“Act”) for the purpose of providing funds to pay: (1) the cost of constructing additions and improvements to the sewage works system of the City as described in the paragraph below (“Project”); (2) refunding any notes issued by the City in anticipation of the Bonds (“BANs”); and (3) the issuance costs of the Bonds, including the purchase, if necessary, of a municipal bond insurance policy and/or debt service reserve surety, all as authorized by the Ordinance. The estimated cost of the Project, including incidental expenses, is anticipated not to exceed \$36,000,000.

The Project includes the (i) equipment replacement and general rehabilitation of the Noblesville wastewater treatment plant Headworks Building; and (ii) replacement of the existing Lift Station 20 located approximately at 161st Street and Vestal Ditch, which conveys wastewater for the southwest quadrant of the Noblesville Township.

The Bonds will be sold at competitive sale by the Controller of the City or may be sold to the Indiana Bond Bank or any other purchaser pursuant to a negotiated sale. The Bonds shall be sold at a price not less than 99.5% of the par value thereof. The final maturity date of the Bonds shall be no later than 20 years from their date of delivery. In any event, the Bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of the provisions and limitations of the Constitution of the State of Indiana. The Bonds are payable solely from and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the net revenues of the sewage works. The maximum interest rate on the Bonds shall be 5.5% per annum. The Bonds are subject to optional redemption by the City but no sooner than ten years after their date of issuance and at face value, with no premium, plus in each case accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Copies of the plans, specifications, and Ordinance are on file in the office of the Controller and are available for inspection by any interested parties during regular business hours. Objections to said Project and the Bonds may be filed in the time and in the manner provided by the Act.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2026.

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
/s/ *Jeffrey L. Spalding*, Controller

R83978/3/26

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

M/I Homes of Indiana, L.P. (8425 Woodfield Crossing Blvd., Suite 100W, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46240) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with Branson Reserve, Section 2. The project is located at the northwest corner of Promise Road and East 196th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, being a part of the southwest quarter of Section 21-T19N-R5E of the Second Principal Meridian, Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. Runoff from this project will discharge to F.M. Musselman Ditch to West Fork White River. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Matt Howard of M/I Homes of Indiana, L.P., 8425 Woodfield Crossing Blvd., Suite 100W, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46240, mhoward@mihomes.com, 317-475-3624.

R84018/3/26

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

M/I Homes of Indiana, L.P. (8425 Woodfield Crossing Blvd., Suite 100W, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46240) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with Bending Branch Section 1 and Bending Branch Offsite Sewer. The project is generally located at the northeast corner of E. 191st Street and Moomtown Road and extends east along West Fork Sly Run to the intersection of State Road 38 and Little Chicago Road being a part of the NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 of Sec. 28-T19N-R4E of the Second Principal Meridian in Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. Runoff from this project will discharge to West Fork Sly Run. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Matt Howard of M/I Homes of Indiana, L.P., 8425 Woodfield Crossing Blvd., Suite 100W, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46240, mhoward@mihomes.com, 317-475-3624.

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— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED LEASE WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOLS

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held before the Board of School Trustees (the “Board”) of Westfield Washington Schools (the “School Corporation”) on September 8, 2026 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. (Local Time) at the School Corporation’s Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana, upon a proposed Lease Agreement (the “Lease”) to be entered into between Westfield Washington Multi-School Building Corporation (the “Building Corporation”), as lessor, and the School Corporation, as lessee. The meeting will also be available to stream live from <https://youtube.com/live/Sqf7YJPTTRA>.

The proposed Lease upon which the hearing will be held is for a term of twenty-five (25) years, commencing with the date of closing of the Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2026 issued by the Building Corporation (the “Bonds”). The Lease provides for rental during renovation of the leased premises in the amount of up to \$11,000,000 per payment payable on June 30 and December 31 beginning on June 30, 2027, until completion of construction and renovation. Thereafter, the Lease provides for a maximum annual rental of \$22,000,000, payable on June 30 and December 31 of each year during the term of the Lease, commencing with the completion of the construction and renovation or June 30, 2030, whichever is later. As additional rental, the School Corporation shall maintain insurance on the buildings as required in the Lease, shall pay all taxes and assessments against such property, as well as the cost of alterations and repairs, and shall pay rebate amounts to the United States Treasury, as necessary. After the sale by the Building Corporation of its Bonds to pay for the cost of the construction and renovation, including the expenses incidental thereto, the annual rental shall be reduced to an amount equal to the multiple of \$1,000 next higher than the sum of principal and interest due on such bonds in each twelve-month period ending on January 15 plus \$5,000, payable in equal semiannual installments.

The Lease gives an option to the School Corporation to purchase the property on any rental payment date. The buildings to be renovated pursuant to the Lease will be (1) a portion of Westfield High School, and (2) a portion of the current Westfield Intermediate School (to be referred to as Cool Creek Elementary School after the completion of construction and renovation), both within the boundaries of the School Corporation and located in Westfield, Indiana.

The plans and estimates for the cost of said construction and renovation, as well as a copy of the proposed Lease, are available for inspection by the public on all business days, during business hours, at the Administration Building of the School Corporation, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, Indiana 46074.

At such hearing all persons interested shall have a right to be heard upon the necessity for the execution of the Lease, and upon whether the Lease rental provided for therein to be paid to the Building Corporation is a fair and reasonable rental for the proposed construction and renovation. Such hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates, and following such hearing the Board of the School Corporation may either authorize the execution of the Lease as originally agreed upon or may make modifications therein as may be agreed upon with the Building Corporation.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2026.

/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Westfield Washington Schools

R84028/3/26

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance

Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Indiana

Ordinance 26-36, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Westfield Common Council on July 27, 2026. The annexation area consists of approximately 70.1 acres +/-, generally located on the west side of Freemont Moore Road. The ordinance shall be effective in accordance with Indiana Law upon its passage by the Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance 26-36 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Westfield Clerk-Treasurer’s Office located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2026.

R83948/3/26

Local Notice as Part of the Environmental Notification Process for the Registration of Antenna Structures

All interested persons are invited to review and request further environmental processing of an FCC application proposing the following telecommunications antenna structure at TBD Chad Hittle Drive, Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana (Latitude: N 40° 03’ 40.02” and Longitude: W 86° 07’ 59”). FCC filing number A1391294 proposes a 195 ft. monopole communications tower (plus 4 ft. appurtenance) with marking and lighting not necessary for aviation safety. However, if marking/lighting are accomplished on a voluntary basis, we recommend it be installed in accordance with FAA Advisory circular 70/7460-1 M Change 1. This application may be reviewed by entering the above file number at this website: www.fcc.gov/asr/applications. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns by filing a “Request for Environmental Review” with the FCC within 30 days of this posting. The FCC requires that all Request for Environmental Reviews be submitted online, instructions for submitting such requests can be found at: www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. (GSS #W26162 Collect Towers II Grand Park #IN0031)

R84038/3/26

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Board of Trustees for the Hamilton County Regional Utility District have canceled the following meeting date: Monday, August 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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— CARMEL —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:

By: Carmel Clay Schools
5201 East Main Street
Carmel, IN 46033

For: Carmel High School Stadium Phase 3
2390 E. Smoky Row
Carmel, IN 46032

At: Carmel Education Services Center
5201 East Main Street
Carmel, IN 46033

Until: 2:00 PM (local time), August 11, 2026

Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00PM (local time), August 11, 2026, at the Carmel Education Services Center, 5201 E. Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032.

All work for the complete construction of the Project will be under one or more prime contracts with the Owner based on bids received and on combinations awarded. The Construction Manager will manage the construction of the Project. Construction shall be in full accordance with the Bidding Documents which are on file with the Owner and may be examined by prospective bidders at the following locations:

Office of the Construction Manager The Skillman Plan Room
The Skillman Corporation www.skillmanplanroom.com
3834 S. Emerson Avenue, Building A
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Prime and Non-Prime Contract Bidders must place an order on www.skillmanplanroom.com to be able to download documents electronically or request printed documents. There is no cost for downloading the bidding documents. Bidders desiring printed documents shall pay for the cost of printing, shipping and handling. Reprographic Services are provided by:

Eastern Engineering 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038, Phone 317-598-0661.

WAGE SCALE: Wage Scale does not apply to this project.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on July 28, 2026 at 10:00AM, local time via Microsoft Teams Meeting (link below). Attendance by bidders is optional, but recommended, in order to clarify or answer questions concerning the Drawings and Project Manual for the Project.

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/285890964316773?p=IVgk9vILnTv6bL46F5>
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Bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The successful Bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds for one hundred percent (100%) of their Contract amount prior to execution of Contracts.

Contractors submitting bids for the performance of any Work as specified in this Bidding Project should make such Bids to **Carmel Clay Schools**. Contractors are advised that the Contract as finally entered into with any successful Bidder may be entered into with either the School Corporation or the Building Corporation or certain portions of the Contract may be entered into by both the School Corporation and the Building Corporation.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid (or combination of Bids) and to waive any irregularities in bidding. All Bids may be held for a period not to exceed 60 days before awarding contracts.

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS
By: **Toby Steele, Director of Facilities**

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— HAMILTON COUNTY —

Public Notice

The following will be sold for charges:

3849 W STATE ROAD 47 SHERIDAN on 8/21/2026 @ 12:00PM

- 2025 HYUNDAI SNMPSDGI0SH020838 \$2,750.00

8280 E 216th St CICERO on 8/21/2026 @ 12:30PM

- 2017 MERCEDES-BENZ WDC0J4KB8HF198994 \$1,790.00

R8353 8/3/26

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the following project:

SURFACE MILLING, PATCHING AND ASPHALT RESURFACING VARIOUS ROADS IN JACKSON & NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIPS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 3.28 MILES

CONTRACT RS-26-0002

Proposals must be submitted electronically via Hamilton County's eProcurement portal found on the County's website at <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/2130/Bid-Opportunities-and-Solicitation>. There is no cost to the contractor in submitting proposals through the eProcurement portal. **Submission will be accepted up to the start time of the public meeting listed below.** The County's eProcurement portal will not allow any proposals to be submitted after the bid notice time. Only proposals from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation's current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(a) "Bridges: Highway Over Water" and/or B(a): "Asphalt Pavement – with Certified Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Plant" and/or C(a): "Heavy Grading" will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for at least one item on the list will be rejected.

All proposals will be considered by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioners' Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at **1:15 p.m., August 24, 2026.**

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.

All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts to be made, shall be furnished and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents. Bidding documents will be available beginning at **9:00 a.m. on August 4, 2026. Copies of the Proposal, Specifications, Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained through the County's eProcurement portal.** The eProcurement portal will send out notification for addendums. However, it shall be the responsibility of the individual to periodically check for addendums posted in the eProcurement portal.

During the proposal submission process through the eProcurement portal the following documents will need to be uploaded prior to the submission being accepted:

Form 96	Financial Statement
Highway Construction Contract	Employment Eligibility Verification Certification
Non-Collusion Affidavit	Receipt of Addendum (If Applicable)
Bid Bond	Itemized Proposal

Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable **Bidder's Bond**, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent of the total amount of the bid. The Bidder's Bond or certified check must be submitted as hard copies and delivered in a sealed envelope to the County Auditor at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L2, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 until **11:30 a.m. local time, August 24, 2026.** After 11:30 a.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening in order to be included as part of a complete bid submission. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked "Bidder's Bond/Certified Check for Project # " and must also clearly indicate the name of the bidder.

Bids received without a corresponding Bidder's Bond or certified check will not be considered by the Owner. The County Auditor will hold the Bidder's Bond or certified check as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification. All Bidder's Bonds or certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them upon selection of the successful bidders.

Todd E. Clevenger
Hamilton County Auditor

Dated: July 27, 2026

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— 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 the Decree of Foreclosure from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 7 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D07-2507-MF-007357*, wherein *Medina General Construction LLC is Plaintiff and Jose's Masonry LLC, Jose Romo, and U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the TIKI Series III Trust, are Defendants*, directing the Sheriff of Hamilton County to sell the real estate described below in satisfaction of Plaintiffs Judgment Lien, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **10th day of September, 2026**, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the sale may be held, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, the fee simple interest of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Parcel number: 10-07-19-00-00-033.000 state parcel number: 29-07-19-000-033.000-012. Part of the northwest quarter of section 19, township 19 north, range 5 east, Noblesville township, Hamilton County, Indiana. Commencing at the southwest corner of said quarter, said corner being 83.53 feet north 00 degrees 59 minutes 29 seconds east from the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 24, township 19 north, range 4 east, marked by a pk nail; thence north 00 degrees 59 minutes 29 seconds east (geodetic bearing) 650.00 feet along the west line of said quarter to the point of beginning; thence north 00 degrees 59 minutes 29 seconds east 659.91 feet; thence south 88 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds east 996.74 feet along a fence and its extension; thence south 01 degrees 06 minutes 51 seconds west 662.49 feet; thence north 88 degrees 22 minutes 01 seconds west 995.35 feet to the point of beginning.

More Commonly Known as: 2700 Cicero Road, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

/s/ *Alan Culwell*
Alan Culwell (#27799-49)
Culwell Legal LLC
9795 Crosspoint Blvd., Suite 175
Indianapolis, IN 46256
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Email: alan@culwell-legal.com

City of Noblesville / Noblesville Township
2700 Cicero Road,
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Street Address

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R8348 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

— SHERIFF SALES —

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

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D02-2404-PL-003568 wherein Limestone Springs Condominium Owners Association, Inc. was Plaintiff, and City of Fishers, Indiana, Limestone Springs Condominium Owners Association, Inc., Tina M Moore, was a 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 **September 10, 2026**, at the hour of 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

BUILDING 1, UNIT 700 IN LIMESTONE SPRINGS CONDOMINIUMS ACCORDING TO THE CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION RECORDED AUGUST 5,2005, AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200500049840 AND AS RE-RECORDED AUGUST 10, 2005 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200500051449, TOGETHER WITH THE PLAT RECORDED AUGUST 5,2005, IN PLAT CABINET 3, SLIDE 684, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200500049841, TOGETHER WITH THE PLAT RECORDED AUGUST 10, 2005, IN PLAT CABINET 3, SLIDE 687, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200500051448 AND AMENDED BY AMENDED DECLARATION RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200600015079 AND IN SURVEYOR CORRECTION RECORDED MARCH 21,2006 IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200600015080 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN AND TO THE COMMON AREAS AND LIMITED AREA.

More commonly known as 13266 Komatite Way, Unit 700, Fishers, IN 46038

Parcel No. 29-11-27-101-007.000-020
Township Fall Creek

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

"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 29D02-2404-PL-003568 in Superior Court of the County of Hamilton, Indiana."

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Hamilton Sheriff Department

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R8339 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

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. *29D02-2509-PL-009787, wherein Burberry Place Homeowners Association was Plaintiff, and Carol Marie Klippel was/were the Defendant(s)*, 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 **10th day of September, 2026** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriffs Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot Number 5 in Burberry Place, Section One, as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument No. 88-11794 in Plat Book 15, pages 112-114 in the office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana

NOTE: This sale is subject to both mortgages executed in favor of Central Credit Union, its successors and assign bearing Instrument No. 2008025941 ("Mortgage"), and Instrument No 2016017785 ("Second Mortgage"), both filed with the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

Nicole E. Jones, #36611-41
Plaintiffs Attorney
EADS MURRAY & PUGH P.C.
9515 E 59th St Ste B, Indianapolis IN 46216

Township: **Delaware**
Street Address: **11245 Garrick Court**
Fishers, IN 46038

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R8341 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

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

Date & Time of Sale: September 10, 2026 - 12:00 pm
Sale Location: 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$2,369,882.61 plus interest from July 8, 2025
Plaintiff: Evervise Credit Union
Cause Number: 29D05-2407-MF-007439
Defendant: Chirag Patel and Sujan Patel

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County Indiana, wherein *Evervise Credit Union was Plaintiff, and Chirag Patel and Sujan Patel were Defendant; and Sigma Builders, LLC was Cross-Counterclaim/Plaintiff*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:

Lot Numbered 497 in The Springs of Cambridge, Section 12, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded September 23,2021, as Instrument No. 2021069526 in Plat Cabinet 6, Slide 159.

Together with an undivided % interest in Block "G" in The Springs of Cambridge, Section 12, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana

Commonly known as 13733 Haven Cove Lane, Fishers, Indiana 46055, Parcel No. 29-15-02-025-056.000-020

Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No. **29D05-2407-MF-007439** in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton, Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. In accordance with the requirements of IC 32-29-7-3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

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Fall Creek
Township

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R8346 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) SS: HAMILTON COUNTY
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
CAUSE NO. 29C01-2604-MF-004368

PACIFIC ASSET HOLDING, LLC)
PLAINTIFF)
vs)
HOOSIER PROPERTY VENTURES, LLC; SARTAJ)
SINGH; GOODLEAP, LLC)
DEFENDANTS)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on **05/26/2026**, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Hamilton County, in Hamilton County, Indiana, located at 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 on **September 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, to-wit:

Lot 70 in Lakecrest Addition, an addition to the City of Noblesville, Indiana and as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, page 187 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Commonly known as: 1386 Rolling Ridge Drive, Noblesville, IN 46060
State Parcel Number: 29-11-06-401-022.000-013

Township: Noblesville

This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).

It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Hamilton County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate.

Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of Pacific Asset Holding, LLC. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisalment laws.

THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

Attorney for Plaintiff
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(219) 736-5579
15-26-00304

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

R8347 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 2 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D02-2504-MF-003907 wherein NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing was Plaintiff, and Nicholas P. Uzubell and Nicole Uzubell 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 **10th day of September, 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 718 in Avalon of Fishers Section Five B Secondary Plat, an addition to the Town of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded November 1,2013 in Plat Cabinet 5, Slide 153 as Instrument No. 2013066925, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

More commonly known as 14372 Pendragon Way, Fishers, IN 46037-7262
Parcel No. 29-11-25-020-015.000-020

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

/s/ *BRYAN K. REDMOND*
BRYAN K. REDMOND, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 22108-29
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Fall Creek
Township

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R8343 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D07-2403-MF-002825, wherein Steven J. Delaney was the Defendant/Counterclaim/ Cross-Claim Plaintiff, and T. Scott Housefield, The Village of West Clay Owners Association, Inc., United States of America Department of Housing and Community Development, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Jenny L. Carne, Jonathan Ernest Frost, State of Indiana, and Catherine J. Housefield were the Defendants*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **10th day of September, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot numbered 601, Block E in the Village of West Clay, Section 6001, Replat of Blocks A and E, as per plat thereof recorded December 15,2005 under Instrument 2005-80672, rerecorded on June 22, 2012 under Instrument 2012-034570 and corrected by Surveyor's Affidavit recorded August 27,2009 as Instrument 2009-051992 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana;

The real estate is known as 2636 Congress Street, Carmel, Indiana, 46032.

Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # **29D07-2403-MF-002825** in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.

Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff

DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Washington
Township

2636 Congress Street, Carmel, Indiana, 46032
Street Address

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R8344 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D01-2508-MF-008689, wherein Fifth Third Bank N.A. was Plaintiff, and Katerina Hughes, Occupant(s) of 9641 Bramblewood Way, Carmel, IN 46032, Department of Commerce Federal Credit Union, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee on behalf of and for the benefit of MEB Loan Trust VIII and Hughes and Nelson 9641 Family Trust, were the Defendants*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **10th day of September, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot 3 in Bramblewood, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded August 2, 1994, in Plat Cabinet 1, slide 447, as Instrument Number 94-33759, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

29-13-09-005-003.000-18 and commonly known as: 9641 Bramblewood Way, Carmel, IN 46032.

Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause # **29D01-2508-MF-008689** in the Superior Court of the County of Hamilton Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.

Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff

DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Clay
Township

9641 Bramblewood Way, Carmel, IN 46032
Street Address

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R8345 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

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. *29D02-2601-PL-001191, wherein The Townhomes at Providence at Old Meridian Homeowners' Association, Inc was Plaintiff, and Julia L. Pearson 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 **10th day of September, 2026** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriffs Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

LOT 502, BLOCK 5, IN PROVIDENCE AT OLD MERIDIAN, PHASE TWO, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED NOVEMBER 19, 2003, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2003-118575, TN PLAT CABINET 3, SLIDE 300, AND THEREAFTER REPLATED JULY 13, 2004, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200400048644, IN PLAT CABINET 3, SLIDE 442, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

NOTE: This sale is subject to Mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee, its successors and assigns, dated May 15,2024, and filed with the Hamilton County Recorder's Office on May 28,2024, as Instrument No. 2024018247.

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

Nicole E. Jones, #36611-41
Plaintiffs Attorney
EADS MURRAY & PUGH P.C.
9515 E 59th St Ste B, Indianapolis IN 46216

Township: **Clay**
Street Address: **129 Cavendish Drive, Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana 46032**

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R8340 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. *29D06-2510-MF-012172 wherein NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing was Plaintiff, and Shannon M. Ulrich, United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Brian Carroll and Mill Grove 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 **10th day of September, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot Numbered 190 in Mill Grove, Section Three, as per plat thereof recorded as Instrument Number 200200057546, Surveyor Correction recorded August 21,2002 as Instrument Number 200200069661 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

More commonly known as 19099 Walter Grove Dr, Noblesville, IN 46062-6459

Parcel No. 29-06-27-004-027.000-013

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

/s/ *MATTHEW S. LOVE*
MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney
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Noblesville
Township

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R8342 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

— CICERO —

LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on August 20th, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-0826-29-C4

A Special Exception Use application has been submitted regarding the property located at 22275 N US 31, Cicero, IN 46034 to allow automobile and truck storage (outdoor). Whereas Article 4.16 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance lists automobile/truck storage as a Special Exception Use in the “C4” district.

Docket No. BZA-0826-22-C4

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 22275 N US 31, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Article 7.13 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: not have a deciduous shade tree for every ten (10) parking spaces. Whereas Article 7.13 states that there shall be one (1) deciduous shade tree per ten (10) parking spaces.

Docket No. BZA-0826-23-C4

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 22275 N US 31, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Article 7.13 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to exceed 30% of the parking spaces in front of the primary structure. Whereas Article 7.13 states that a maximum of 30% of the parking spaces shall be in front of the primary structure.

Docket No. BZA-0826-24-C4

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 22275 N US 31, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Article 5.30 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to allow a one-story building. Whereas Article 5.30 states that building height shall be two (2) story minimum.

Docket No. BZA-0826-25-C4

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 22275 N US 31, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Article 5.30 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to allow warehouse doors on the front façade and to face east. Whereas Article 5.30 states that no warehouse doors shall be allowed on the front façade facing east.

Docket No. BZA-0826-26-C4

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 22275 N US 31, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Article 5.30 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to allow loading berths to face east and be in front of the building. Whereas Article 5.30 states that loading berths shall be oriented so as not to be visible from the east and be to the side or rear of a building.

Docket No. BZA-0826-27-C4

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 22275 N US 31, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Articles 7.7 and 5.30 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to: allow a reduction of plantings required in and around parking areas. Whereas Articles 7.7 and 5.30 state that plantings shall be within fifteen (15) feet of the building façade and every twelve (12) feet.

Project Address: 22275 N US 31, Cicero, IN 46034
Legal Description: Acreage 9.26 Section 7, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel number: 03-06-07-00-00-023.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments or letters may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission at PO Box 650, Cicero IN, 46034. Comments may also be emailed to publiccomments@townofcicero.in.gov.

Comments must be received by 10:00am on the Monday prior to a scheduled meeting day.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner’s Name: Cargo Loop/North Hill Realty Date: 07/22/2026
R8293 8/3/26

PUBLIC NOTICE AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is given that the Cicero Town Council will, on the 18th day of August, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cicero Town Hall, located at 70 N Byron, Cicero, IN 46034, introduce and hold a public hearing on Ordinance 07-21-2026-01, titled “An Ordinance Imposing a Municipal Wheel Tax and Excise Surtax and Creating the Municipal Wheel Tax Fund.” The ordinance authorizes Council to adopt a local wheel tax and excise tax and create non-reverting funds for the collection of each tax. The proposed effective date is January 1, 2027.

Public notice is hereby given that at said public hearing, the Cicero Town Council, as the designating body, will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons. Copies of the proposed ordinances are on file with the Cicero Clerk-Treasurer. Any oral comments concerning the ordinance will be heard. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
R8386 8/3/26

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON
)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF **Williams Creek Drain, Jackson’s Grant Village Section 3 Reconstruction**

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Drainage Board at its regular meeting July 27, 2026 adopted the reconstruction report of the Surveyor and the Amended Schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessment for periodic maintenance, finding that the costs, damages and expense of the proposed improvement would be less than the benefits which will result to the owner of lands benefited thereby.

The Board issued an order declaring the proposed improvement established. Such findings and order were marked filed and are available for inspection in the Office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

If judicial review of the findings and order of the Board is not requested pursuant to Article VIII of the 1965 Indiana Drainage Code as amended within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice, the findings and order shall become conclusive.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

BY: Mark Heirbrandt
PRESIDENT
ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
SECRETARY
R8395 8/3/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON
)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF **Hinshaw & Keys Drain #347 Aberdeen Section 3 Vacation Station 0+0 to Station 3+65**

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Drainage Board at its regular meeting July 27, 2026 adopted the reconstruction report of the Surveyor and the Amended Schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessment for periodic maintenance, finding that the costs, damages and expense of the proposed improvement would be less than the benefits which will result to the owner of lands benefited thereby.

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If judicial review of the findings and order of the Board is not requested pursuant to Article VIII of the 1965 Indiana Drainage Code as amended within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice, the findings and order shall become conclusive.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

BY: Mark Heirbrandt
PRESIDENT
ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
SECRETARY
R8396 8/3/26

— CARMEL —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE
THE CARMEL PLAN COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Carmel Advisory Plan Commission will hold a public hearing to receive public comment regarding a review of the City’s Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), zoning regulations, and land development rules in accordance with Indiana House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001.

The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, Carmel City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, Indiana, 46032.

The purpose of the public hearing is to review existing development regulations and identify opportunities to increase housing development. As required by HEA 1001, the review will consider potential amendments to the UDO using the following factors:

1. Providing for higher-density development of duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in areas designated for single-family residential homes.
2. Constructing other housing types, including accessory dwelling units (ADUs), manufactured housing, and modular housing.
3. Adaptive reuse of commercial buildings for residential use, such as allowing multifamily development in retail, office, and light manufacturing zones.
4. Increasing allowable floor area ratios (FAR) within multifamily residential areas.
5. Waiving or eliminating regulations such as requirements for:
 - a. garage size and placement;
 - b. steeper roof pitch;
 - c. minimum lot sizes and square footage;
 - d. greater setbacks;
 - e. off-street parking;
 - f. design standards that restrict or prohibit the use of code-compliant building products; and
 - g. property height limitations.
6. Reviewing impact fee zones in coordination with the applicable zone advisory committee.
7. Streamlining or shortening the processes and timelines, including through one-stop and parallel process permitting by fifteen (15) days or more.
8. Using property tax abatements to enable higher density and mixed income communities.
9. Donating vacant land for affordable housing development.

The public hearing is intended to gather public input regarding these topics. No specific amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance are proposed as part of this public hearing. Any future amendments resulting from this review will be considered through separate public hearings and public notice in accordance with applicable state law and local procedures.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department of Community Services prior to the meeting for inclusion in the public record.

Bric Butler, Administrator
Carmel Plan Commission
(317) 571-2417
R8398 8/3/26

**Public Notice Deadline:
3:30 p.m. Friday**

PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the following project:

**HAMILTON COUNTY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT AND NEW
BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
146TH STREET AND HAZEL DELL PARKWAY CLAY AND
NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIPS
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA PR-26-0836**

Proposals must be submitted electronically via Hamilton County’s eProcurement portal found on the County’s website at <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/2130/Bid-Opportunities-and-Solicitation>. There is no cost to the contractor in submitting proposals through the eProcurement portal. **Submission will be accepted up to the start time of the public meeting listed below.** The County’s eProcurement portal will not allow any proposals to be submitted after the bid notice time. Only proposals from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation’s current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(a) “Bridges: Highway Over Water” and/or B(a): “Asphalt Pavement – with Certified Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Plant” and/or C(a): “Heavy Grading” will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for at least one item on the list will be rejected.

All proposals will be electronically opened by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioners’ Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at **1:15 p.m. local time, August 24, 2026.**

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.

All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts to be made, shall be furnished, and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents.

Bidding documents will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. on July 27, 2026. Copies of the Proposal, Specifications, Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained through the County’s eProcurement portal. The eProcurement portal will send out notification for addendums. However, it shall be the responsibility of the individual to periodically check for addendums posted in the eProcurement portal.

During the proposal submission process through the eProcurement portal the following documents will need to be uploaded prior to the submission being accepted:

<i>Form 96</i>	<i>Financial Statement</i>
<i>Non-Collusion Affidavit</i>	<i>Itemized Proposal</i>
<i>Employment Eligibility Verification Certification</i>	<i>Drug Testing Program Compliance</i>

Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable ***Bidder’s Bond***, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent of the total amount of the bid. The Bidder’s Bond or certified check must be submitted as hard copies and delivered in a sealed envelope to the County Auditor at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L2, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 until **11:30 a.m. local time, August 24, 2026.** After 11:30 a.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening in order to be included as part of a complete bid submission. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked “Bidder’s Bond/Certified Check for Project #” and must also clearly indicate the name of the bidder.

Bids received without a corresponding Bidder’s Bond or certified check will not be considered by the Owner. The County Auditor will hold the Bidder’s Bond or certified check as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification. All Bidder’s Bonds or certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them upon selection of the successful bidders.

Todd E. Clevenger
Hamilton County Auditor

Dated: July 13, 2026
R8299 7/27/26, 8/3/26

— ARCADIA —

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TOWN OF ARCADIA
ARCADIA, INDIANA
WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2

General Notice
Town of Arcadia (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

**WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2
Project #W25027**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Town of Arcadia – Town Hall located at 208 W. Main St., Arcadia, IN 46030**, until **August 27, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. local time.** At that time the Bids received will be **publicly** opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:
The project includes but is not limited to outfitting two (2) new production wells, installing a new water treatment plant, and upgrades to the existing water treatment plant. The work also includes installing a new pre-engineered post-frame metal treatment plant building with a new packaged treatment unit, new high service pumps, replacement of two existing high service pumps at the existing water treatment plant, a new gas chlorination system, a new phosphate feed system, a new backwash waste holding tank, altitude valve, site improvements, replacement of select existing equipment, and all other work required for the completion of the project. The project includes but is not limited to the installation of approximately 3,050 linear feet of 8-inch water main via horizontal directional drill. The work includes all piping, valves, earthwork, and all other work required for the completion of the project.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Water Utility Improvements Phase 2. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be as shown in the Bid Form.**

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., 6325 Digital Way, Suite 101, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Prospective Bidders may also examine the drawings via the Web-based service of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at www.commonwealthengineers.com.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the **Town of Arcadia – Town Hall located at 208 W. Main St., Arcadia, IN 46030**, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, and **Wed 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings will be provided via the web-based service of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at www.commonwealthengineers.com. The plan holder will receive an email link to the PDF downloadable documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$150.00) plus 7% sales tax, per project division desired.**

One set of printed Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings may be obtained upon payment of an additional non-refundable fee of **Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$300.00) plus 7% sales tax, per project division desired**, via the web-based service of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at www.commonwealthengineers.com. Requests for Contract Documents and Specifications and Drawings must also include a return street address; post office box numbers are not acceptable.

Contract Documents will not be sold separate from the web-based service (i.e. All plan holders will be required to purchase through the web-based service). Partial sets of Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings are not available. Questions pertaining to this project shall be submitted directly to Andrew Cochran, P.E. and Abigail Lary at Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. via <https://login.procore.com>. Additional questions concerning access to the website may be directed to Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. at (317) 888-1177.

All addenda, which may be issued for this Project, will be issued to each plan holder via email. For those whom also purchase printed Contract Documents, printed addenda will be provided as well. All plan holders shall note, the printed documents are provided as a courtesy and do not preclude the plan holder from relying upon the web/email based materials (i.e. delays in mail delivery will not be considered relevant due to all contract document holders access to materials via web/email).

No refunds will be issued for this project.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least ninety (90) days.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on a date and time to be scheduled and communicated to plan holders via issuance of an addendum. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: **Town of Arcadia**
By: **Rich Versprille**
Title: **Town Council President**
Date: **July 23, 2026**
R8319 7/27/26, 8/3/26

— WESTFIELD —

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

2608-VS-07: 18010 Gasparilla Court, Kathy Miracle requests approval of a Variance of Development Standard to encroach three (3) feet into the twenty-five (25) foot Rear Yard Setback to accommodate a covered patio where an open-air patio currently exists on 0.21 acres +/- in the SF4: Single-family High-Density District (Article 4.7(D)(3)); and

2608-VS-08: 3155 Joshua Circle, Justin and Samantha Olson by Tyler Stupp requests approval of a Variance of Development Standard to encroach eighteen (18) feet into the thirty (30) foot Side Yard Setback to accommodate a detached garage on 1.2 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Article 4.2(E)(2)).

Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov
R8384 7/29/26, 8/3/26

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
BY AND AT: Noblesville Schools
Educational Services Center
ATTN: Mr. David Hortemiller
18025 River Road
Noblesville, IN 46062
FOR: **Noblesville High School AHU Replacements – Bid Pack 5**
UNTIL: **Bids are due 10:00 AM, local time, Thursday, August 27, 2026**
PROJECT LOCATION: Noblesville High School
18111 Cumberland Road
Noblesville, Indiana 46060

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received after the designated day and time listed below will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall also submit financial data and a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the bidder, and clearly identified as follows:

Noblesville High School AHU Replacements – Bid Pack 5

BID OPENING: Each bid will be opened in public and read aloud in the Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062, by the Owner on **Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 10:00 AM local time.** Deliver Bid in a sealed envelope showing the project name and Bidder’s name and address.

PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Noblesville High School.** The meeting will include an opportunity to tour the facility. To arrange site visits after this meeting, contact Roy Wallace, email: roy_wallace@nobl.k12.in.us, phone: (317) 716-3505.

CONTRACT TYPE:

Project will be constructed under a Single Prime Contract with bids received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material, and services necessary to complete the project in full accordance with the Construction Drawings and Project Manual. Wage rates shall not apply to any project. All contractors and subcontractors must comply with all applicable laws including but not limited to the requirements of Ind. Code 36-1-12, 5-16-13 et seq., and as detailed in the bidding documents. Contractors must also be able to meet all requirements found in applicable licensing, public works, purchasing, and contract statutes.

Where trade names, brand names, or manufacturer’s names are used in the Project Manual, it is for the purpose of establishing kind and quality and not for the purpose of limiting competition. Bidders may offer items or materials equal in quality and having the same durability and efficiency if the Bidder first receives written approval from the Engineer prior to the date and time of the Bid Opening and complying with requirements indicated in Document 00 21 00, “Instructions to Bidders.” The Bidder shall identify such substitutions by name, kind, and type with the Bid.

A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, complying with the conditions of the Instructions to Bidders and Advertisements for Public Bids. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the “lowest responsible and responsive bidder” in accordance with Indiana’s Public Work Projects Act, Indiana Code 36-1-12. The bidder agrees to hold open its bid for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening.

BID DOCUMENTS:

Interested Prime Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents at no cost from Eastern Engineering, <http://distribution.easternengineering.com>. All other bidders may purchase electronic or printed sets directly from Eastern Engineering, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038, 1-866-884-4115.

Any questions concerning this project shall be directed to KBSCO Consulting, 317-344-8044. Contact Andy Steiner, asteiner@kbsconsulting.com or Kelly Bieghler, kbieghler@kbsconsulting.com.

BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW:

Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms:

Eastern Engineering
9901 Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
866-884-4115

BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security for five percent (5%) of the base bid in the form of a certified check or a bid bond. Bid bonds shall be executed by the bidder and a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Indiana. The check or bid bond shall be made payable to Noblesville Schools. Should a successful Bidder withdraw the bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit forfeited as liquidated damages.

PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND:

The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount equal to the contract price, and such bond shall comply with all laws of the State of Indiana governing public contracts let by governmental units.

David Hortemiller
Chief Financial Officer
Noblesville Schools
7/27/26, 8/3/26

R8232

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

City of Noblesville is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with Noblesville Police Station located at 1715 Division St. Run-off from the project site will discharge to Elwood Wilson Drain/ Stony Creek. Please direct questions to Mitch Hannum at 317-682-1001 or by email at mihannum@garmong.net

R8373 8/3/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Noblesville Economic Development Commission (the “Commission”) will hold a public hearing on behalf of the City of Noblesville, Indiana (the “City”), at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time), on August 14, 2026, at the Noblesville City Hall, 16 S 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, regarding the proposed issuance of the City of Noblesville, Indiana, Taxable Economic Development Revenue Note, Series 2026, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) (the “Series 2026 Note”), pursuant to the authority of Indiana Code 36 7 11.9 and Indiana Code 36 7 12, each as amended. If the Series 2026 Note is approved and issued, the proceeds thereof will be loaned by the City to Sexton Biotechnologies, Inc., or an affiliate or permitted assignee thereof (the “Borrower”) on a forgivable basis to finance a portion of the costs of the acquisition and installation by the Borrower of certain public improvements consisting primarily of a capital investment in connection with the lease of a 35,000 square foot facility in the Washington Business Park in the Noblesville – Washington Business Park Economic Development Area (the “Area”) to be used by the Borrower for economic development purposes in connection with its operations at 15583 North Pointe Blvd in the City (the “Project”). The Project will include significant base building mechanical/ electrical/plumbing infrastructure investment as well as fixed cold storage designed for -20C temperature control, warehousing and storage built to FDA Good Manufacturing Practice standards, cleanroom for Human Platelet Lysate (hPL) manufacturing, quality control, service, and MSAT labs.

The location of the economic development project is in, serving or benefitting the Area and the allocation area located therein (the “Allocation Area”) established by the City of Noblesville Redevelopment Commission (the “Redevelopment Commission”).

The Series 2026 Note will not be in any respect a general obligation of the City, the State of Indiana or any political subdivision thereof. The Series 2026 Note will be payable solely from the repayment of the loan by the Borrower and from certain other revenues and properties, including certain tax increment revenues generated in the Allocation Area (the “TIF Revenues”), as described in the agreements of the City concerning each of the financing of the economic development project and payments to the City with respect to the financing (such agreements, collectively, the “Financing Agreements”). Copies of the form of Financing Agreements relating to the Series 2026 Note will be on file with the Clerk of the City and are available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the City located at the City Hall, during regular business hours daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. The TIF Revenues are expected to be pledged by the Redevelopment Commission for the payment of the Series 2026 Note. Neither the City nor the Redevelopment Commission shall have any obligation with respect to the payment of principal of and interest on the Series 2026 Note other than the payment of TIF Revenues as such may be pledged by the Redevelopment Commission.

The public is invited to attend and comment on any of the matters herein noted and all taxpayers, residents or interested parties who appear will be given a reasonable opportunity to express their views, orally or in writing, on the proposed issue of Series 2026 Note and the location and nature of the proposed economic development project to be financed. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments concerning any of the matters noted above may be addressed to the attention of Amy Smith, Economic Development Manager, City of Noblesville, 16 S 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), on Tuesday, August 13, 2026, at said address.

If the Commission shall find for itself and on behalf of the City that the proposed financing will be a benefit to the health and welfare of the City and its residents and complies with the provisions of Indiana Code 36-7-11.9 and 36-7-12, the Commission will adopt a resolution approving the form of the Financing Agreements, including the Series 2026 Note in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$1,000

— COURT NOTICES —

29D03-2607-EU-000298
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT 2)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
JAMES D. JANSEN, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Renna C. King, on this date July 14, 2026, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of James D. Jansen, deceased, who died on March 14, 2026, leaving a will. The estate will be administered without Court Supervision.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated July 14, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court
John B. Bishop, #31592-49
Austin M. McDonald, #37497-18
LEWIS WAGNER & TRIMBLE
1411 Roosevelt Avenue, Suite 102
Indianapolis, Indiana 46201
(317) 237-0500; (317) 630-2790 (fax)
jbishop@lewiswagner.com
amcdonald@lewiswagner.com
R8332 7/27/26, 8/3/26

80C01-2607-EU-000048
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Estate of Linda Lee Davis 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 Lee Bell and Deborah Bell, on July ^ 2026 were appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of the above-named Decedent, who died on June 24, 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 30, 2026
Christy Crawford
Clerk for Tipton County, Indiana
R8360 7/27/26, 8/3/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2607-MI-8851
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Beth Ann Bornhorst
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Beth Ann Bornhorst, whose mailing address is: 12370 Melrose Circle, Fishers, IN 46038, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Beth Ann Bornhorst has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Beth Ann Knellinger.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: November 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Beth Ann Bornhorst
Petitioner
Date: July 21, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Judicial Officer
R8363 7/27/26, 8/3/26, 8/10/26

29D03-2607-ES-000295
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2607-ES-000295
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
SUPERVISED ESTATE)
OF CONNIE SUE BUCHANAN,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that George D. Buchanan was, on the 14th day of July 2026, appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate of Connie Sue Buchanan, deceased, who died on April 6, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 14th day of July 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
Steven W. Kincaid
Attorney No. 18034-34
Steven W. Kincaid, Attorney at Law, P.C.
54 N. 9th Street, Ste. 130
Noblesville, IN 46060
Telephone: 317-776-5995
Fax: 317-219-0625
R8264 7/27/26, 8/3/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT)
COURT NO. 1)
CAUSE NO. 29C01-2507-PO-008069
CAUSE NO. 29C01-2506-DN-006198
AISHA MAJID,)
Petitioner,)
and)
MAJID LODHI,)
Respondent.)
ORDER SCHEDULING
HEARING AND ORDER TO
APPEAR
This cause came before the Court on the Petitioner, Aisha Majid's, Verified Motion for Rule to Show Cause, Praecipe for Alias Summons to Appear and Request for Hearing; And the Court, having considered said Motion and being duly advised in the premises, now GRANTS the same.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Respondent/Husband, MAJID LODHI is ORDERED TO APPEAR before this Court located at 1 Hamilton County Square, Suite 337 Noblesville, IN 46060 on October 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. and show cause why he should not be held in contempt for his failure to abide the orders of the court as specifically alleged, detailed, and outlined in Wife's Verified Amended Motion for Rule to Show Cause filed on July 22, 2026 which is specifically incorporated by reference herein.
Respondent/Husband, MAJID LODHI's failure to appear in this Court at the scheduled time and date above or failure to adequately answer to the Rule herein may result in the Court issuing sanctions, including both fines and imprisonment.
The Court directs the Clerk to issue an Alias Summons to Respondent/Husband, MAJID LODHI to be served by publication pursuant to the Ind. Trial Rules of Procedure
Wife's requests for relief shall be heard at the hearing date above.
SO ORDERED : 7/22/2026
Danica Eyler
JUDGE, Hamilton Circuit Court
R8371 8/3/26, 8/10/26, 8/27/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2607-MI-008367
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
SAVANNAH MAE SMITSON
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
SAVANNAH MAE SMITSON, whose mailing address is: 9710 COVINGTON BLVD: FISHERS, IN 46037, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that SAVANNAH MAE SMITSON has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Olive Mae Smitson.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: November 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
SAVANNAH MAE SMITSON
Petitioner
Date: July 10, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Judicial Officer
R8305 7/20/26, 7/27/26, 8/3/26

29D03-2607-ES-000295
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
CAUSE NO. 29D01-2607-EU-000318
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF DAWN R. DILLINGER,)
Deceased.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Amy D. Lorentsen was on July 22, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Dawn R. Dillinger, Deceased, who died on June 12, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this July 22, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton Superior Court
SCOTT LEGAL GROUP LLC
8555 River Road, Ste. 210
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 672-6722
(317) 779-2289 fax
R8265 7/27/26, 8/3/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT)
COURT NO. 1)
CAUSE NO. 29C01-2507-PO-008069
CAUSE NO. 29C01-2506-DN-006198
AISHA MAJID,)
Petitioner,)
and)
MAJID LODHI,)
Respondent.)
ALIAS SUMMONS
TO RESPONDENT: Majid Lodhi
You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the Petitioner for Dissolution of Marriage in the Court indicated above.
If this summons is accompanied by an Order to Appear, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated in the Order to Appear. If you do not appear, evidence may be heard in your absence and a determination made by the Court. If a Temporary Restraining Order is attached, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in this matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated in the Order to Appear.
If you take no action in this case after receipt of this summons, the Court can grant a
Dissolution of Marriage or make a determination regarding any of the following: maintenance property division (real or personal) and any other distribution of assets and allocation of debts
Dated: 7/22/2026
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Clerk, Hamilton County State of Indiana
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R8372 8/3/26, 8/10/26, 8/27/26

29D02-2607-EU-000283
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF ROBERT ALLEN)
STUCKEY, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
N THE SUPERIOR COURT, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of the Estate of Robert Allen Stuckey, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that on July 6, 2026, Ryan Allen Stuckey was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Allen Stuckey, who died on April 28, 2026.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Hamilton County, Indiana, on July 6, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
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Personal Representative
R8389 8/3/26, 8/10/26

29D01-2607-EU-000329
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT 1)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF NATHAN RITCHIE,)
Deceased.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Laura Gerig was on July 27, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Nathan Ritchie, Deceased, who died on June 29, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this July 27, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
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R8392 8/3/26, 8/10/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2607-MI-8366
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Darcey Renee Walters
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Darcey Renee Walters, whose mailing address is: 13937 Ash Lake Lane, Fishers Indiana 46038, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Darcey Renee Walters has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Darcey Renee Walters-Gabbard.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: November 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Darcey Renee Walters
Petitioner
Date: June 16, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8297 7/20/26, 7/27/26, 8/3/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2607-MI-008193
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Angela Kay Herhalt
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Angela Kay Herhalt, whose mailing address is: 109 Arrowhead St., Sheridan, IN 46069, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Angela Kay Herhalt has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Angela Kay Toschlog.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: November 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Angela Kay Herhalt
Petitioner
Date: July 13, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Judicial Officer
R8311 7/20/26, 7/27/26, 8/3/26

29D02-2607-EU-000302
Krieg DeVault LLP, Attorneys
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Carmel, IN 46032
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division
In Re: the Estate of Edwina D. McHargue, deceased
Estate Docket # 29D02-2607-EU-000302
Notice is hereby given that Wayne O. McHargue was, on the 17th day of July, 2026, appointed as Executor of the Estate of Edwina D. McHargue, deceased, who died on the 14th day of March, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 17th day of July, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division
R8328 7/27/26, 8/3/26

29D03-2606-EU-000244
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2606-EU-000244
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
RYAN BACKER, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY
In the matter of the Estate of Ryan Backer, deceased.
Cause Number: 29D03-2606JU-000244
Notice is hereby given that Melissa Backer was on June 8, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ryan Backer, deceased, who died on the 27th day of February 2026.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this June 8, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
Prepared by:
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R8330 7/27/26, 8/3/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2606-MI-7809
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
CHARAE LYNN JACKSON
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CHARAE LYNN JACKSON, whose mailing address is: 17929 CUNNING CT WESTFIELD, IN 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that CHARAE LYNN JACKSON has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to CHARAE LYNN JACKSON.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: October 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
CHARAE LYNN JACKSON
Petitioner
Date: June 26, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Judicial Officer
R8311 7/20/26, 7/27/26, 8/3/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2504-MI-4491
INRE:NAME CHANGE OF.
BRADEN YOUJUN JAMES
BEBOUT GUFFEY
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, BRADEN YOUJUN JAMES BEBOUT GUFFEY pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name from BRADEN YOUJUN JAMES BEBOUT GUFFEY TO CHARLOTTE DAWN SATOMI
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on September 18, 2026 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: April 24, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R8375 8/3/26, 8/10/26, 8/17/26

29D03-2606-EU-000277
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
CLYDE H. STRONG, JR.,)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Terisa A. Clouse, was, on this 13th day of July, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Clyde H. Strong, Jr., deceased, who died on the July 15, 2020.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, which is earlier, or claims will be forever barred.
Dated this 13th day of July, 2026..
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
Attorney for the Estate:
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R8329 7/27/26, 8/3/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT 2)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2607-EU-000294
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
LARRY F. HURM, DECEASED.)
Gregg H. Morelock, Attorney
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3 OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of the Estate of Larry F. Hurm, deceased.
Cause No. 29D03-2607-EU-000294
Notice is hereby given that Gerald V. Hurm was, on July 14, 2026, appointed personal representative of the estate of Larry F. Hurm, deceased, who died on the 28th day of May, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this July 14, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County, Indiana
R8331 7/27/26, 8/3/26

80C01-2607-EU-000047
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE TIPTON CIRCUIT COURT)
PROBATE)
ESTATE DOCKET)
IN THE MATTER OF)
THE UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF J ANGELA M.)
FENOGGIO, DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE TIPTON CIRCUIT COURT, STATE OF INDIANA
Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of July, 2026, Elizabeth A. Brown was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Angela M. Fenoglio, deceased, who died on June 12, 2026, to administer said estate without Court supervision.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in the office of the Clerk of the 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 Tipton County, Indiana, this 15 day of July, 2026.
Christy Crawford
Clerk of Tipton Circuit Court
Prepared by:
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R8333 7/27/26, 8/3/26

29D03-2607-EU-000300
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Indianapolis, IN 46204, Attorneys
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
In the Matter of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER LOUDENSLAGER, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that DOUGLAS LOUDENSLAGER was on July 15, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER LOUDENSLAGER, Deceased, who died on JUNE 23, 2026. The Personal Representative is directed to complete the administration of the decedent's estate without any court order or proceeding – unsupervised administration.
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, this July 15, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
R8337 7/27/26, 8/3/26

29D01-2606-EU-000260
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior Court 1
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of Joseph A. Wendel, Deceased
Cause No. 29D01-2606-EU-000260
Notice is hereby given that Julie C. Wendel on July 16, 2026 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph A. Wendel, who died on May 16, 2026.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on June 16, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
R8388 8/3/26, 8/10/26

29D03-2607-ES-000295
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR)
COURT 1)
CAUSE NO. 29D01-2607-EU-000319
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF MARK PAXTON WATERS,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Benjamin W. Waters was on July 22, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mark Paxton Waters, Deceased, who died on June 7, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this July 22, 2026.
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Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
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R8376 8/3/26, 8/10/26

In the HAMILTON County Superior Probate Division
In the Matter of the Estate of SYLVIA SCOTT DEITCH, Deceased.
Estate Docket 29D02-2607-EU-000305
Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of July, 2026 Denise Bertagni was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of SYLVIA SCOTT DEITCH, 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 date is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at , Indiana, this 17th day of July, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court Probate Division
R8338 7/27/26, 8/3/26

29D01-2607-EU-000321
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior / Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that ROSS FERSON was, on July 23, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of MARLENE A. MAIOLO, deceased, who died on July 7, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, July 23, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of Hamilton1 County
1 Hamilton Square, Suite 106
Noblesville, IN 46060
Attorneys:
JASON C. WHITE
KIRK R. JOCHAM
WHITE & JOCHAM
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Greenfield, IN 46140
R8362 7/27/26, 8/3/26

AMENDED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Matter of the Estate of SUELLEN A. BORDEAUX, deceased.
Estate Docket: 29D03-2606-EU-000265
In the Hamilton Superior Court Hamilton County, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that ALLISON M. BORDEAUX was on the 22nd day of June, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of SUELLEN A. BORDEAUX, deceased, who died on August 15, 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 the 28th day of July, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R8391 8/3/26, 8/10/26

29D02-2606-EU-000245
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF JAMES F)
MARTINDALE, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of June , 2026, Andrea Record, was appointed personal representative of the estate of Janies F Martindale, deceased, who died on the 20th day of March, 2026.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not 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, this 5th day of June , 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Circuit/Superior Court of Hamilton County
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R8404 8/3/26, 8/10/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
In The Hamilton Circuit Court)
Probate Division)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2607-EU-000323
IN RE THE MATTER OF)
THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:)
RONALD D. MESSERSMITH,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of July, 2026, Paula J. Messersmith Myers was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Ronald D. Messersmith, deceased, who died on the 9th day of May, 2026.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on 7/29/2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
Stephen E. Ferrucci
Clapp Ferrucci Keeler
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Attorney for Paula J. Messersmith Myers, Personal Representative of the Estate of Ronald D. Messersmith, deceased
R8406 8/3/26, 8/10/26

29D03-2607-EU-000281
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL ENE B. MILLS, deceased.
Estate Docket: 29D03-2607-EU-000281
In the Hamilton Superior Court Hamilton County, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that BRYAN A. MILLS was on the 6th day of July, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MICHAEL ENE B. MILLS, deceased, who died on June 5, 2026. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Franklin, Indiana, the 6th day of July, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Superior Court
R8385 8/3/26, 8/10/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2605-MI-006490
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
OMOLARA MAKINI
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
OMOLARA MAKINI, whose mailing address is: 280 Westfield Rd Apt B316, Noblesville, IN 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that OMOLARA MAKINI has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to SHEBA DE'VILLE BRISCOE--STONE.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: November 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
OMOLARA MAKINI
Petitioner
Date: May 28, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Judicial Officer
R8350 8/3/26, 8/10/26, 8/17/26

29D03-2607-EU-000315
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior Court, Probate Division
In the Matter of the Estate of MARY W. WALDSCHMIDT, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Barbara W. Yattaw was on the 21st day of July, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary W. Waldschmidt, deceased.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 21st day of July, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court Probate Division
R8355 7/27/26, 8/3/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT 2)
CAUSE NO. 29D02

Alex Amen: a musician who gets it

Many years ago, maybe in junior high school, one of my classmates told me he didn't really like music.

Pardon?
"Yeah, I don't really listen to music. I just don't care about it."

I always knew Nick was an odd cat, but goodness gracious. Can you imagine?

My parents came of age in the '70s, so music from their era is what I heard growing up. It's what I still enjoy today. I didn't hear much '90s and 2000s pop until my school bus route got a new bus with a radio when I was in elementary school. Then I was forced to listen to the dreaded Z96.5 out of Lafayette until I had my first MP3 player.

Now in my 30s, I've hoped against hope for years that pop music could be redeemed. I wonder what it was like to be able



COLUMNIST
ISAAC TAYLOR
Music Matters

to flip the dial to WLS when the majority of the music was both fresh *and* good. Of course, I know there has to be current music out there that's worth listening to, but it seems like it's tougher to find.

The YouTube algorithm was kind to me a few weeks ago.

Up pops a music video for a song called "Changes" by a guy named Alex Amen. (*Listen at tinyurl.com/AlexAmenChanges.*) Being such a Bowie devotee, I assume I've stumbled upon yet another cover.

Nope. As it plays, I wonder if this is a guy from the early '70s I somehow missed. It looks like it's filmed on Super 8. The singer sounds like Harry Nilsson or John Denver or Jim Croce. Maybe even Cat Stevens or Todd Rundgren or any of the three

guys from America. It's a mix, man.

In the video, there are modern vehicles on the New York City streets. What's going on here?

I find Amen's page on Bandcamp (alexamen.bandcamp.com), specifically his debut album *Sun of Amen*, and listen to all the tracks. They're all good. I listen to them all again. They're all better.

It seems to tell a story of our artist madly in love. The girl decides she's through. The B side is him dealing with the fallout. There's genuine depth.

The closing track, "Lonely People," is killer. (*Listen at tinyurl.com/AlexAmenLonelyPeople.*) I listened to it about a dozen times. What a way to end an album.

The cover is gorgeous. The font is ideal. The lyrics are creative – and heavy. The voice is natural and has range. The production is pristine. The music is drip-

ping with talent.

It hits me: Alex Amen is *not* derivative. Plenty of contemporary musicians attempt the sound that he simply ... gets. He gets it, man.

You'll know what I mean when you listen to him.

I think about it (a little) and buy the album, both on record and CD.

Look, I can't say what this means for contemporary music in 2026, but I can say definitively that Alex Amen and the musicians he works with possess the exact degree of talent I've been hoping for in contemporary music.

There's something thrilling about knowing an artist I enjoy is alive right now and making music. Many of the signers and groups I love are either dead or no longer make music. It hurts when another one dies because, to me, there is comfort in knowing the person who wrote and performed a song I enjoy is still walking the earth. May-



Reporter photo by Isaac Taylor
The aura of *Sun of Amen's* cover exudes warmth and unmistakable '70s charm.

be he or she is about to sit down for a meal or watch a show. Human things.

I'm excited for Alex Amen and how he will grow as an artist.

Look him up and buy his music.

Isaac Taylor is one of

the owners of the Hamilton County Reporter, as well as the Circulation Director and page designer. You won't find him anywhere online, so don't bother looking. However, he welcomes your comments on his columns at ReadTheReporter.com.

Come sail away with me

I've often written about my happy place in this column – Lake of the Woods in Bremen, Ind. My brother-in-law's family has had a cottage on this lake since 1949. I grew up going to it constantly in the summer when I lived in Mishawaka and still visit Lake of the Woods a couple of times every year now.

Ever since I was a little girl, I've loved sailing with my brother-in-law, Mike. Last year, I decided to learn how to do it myself and studied a book about his catamaran. I drove up one Friday in August to spend the day with Mike and enjoy a day of sailing. The day was glorious – sunny, 80 degrees, low humidity ... and absolutely no



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wind.

After laughing about the situation, I helped Mike rig his boat so I could at least see all the parts I'd learned about. We

went out to lunch with my cousin, and I spent the afternoon kayaking instead. It was still a great day.

Fast forward to a couple of weeks ago. I drove up to the lake on a Monday morning expecting to enjoy some swimming and time with my niece and her eight – yes, EIGHT – wonderful kids. When I arrived, Mike was grinning.

"You know ... it'd be a

great day to try sailing," he said.

"Really?" I said. This time, the thought hadn't crossed my mind. I knew Mike hadn't prepared his catamaran for sailing yet.

"You can take out the Sunfish ... it's really easy to sail," Mike said. I had completely forgotten about Melissa's husband's sailboat.

After some cajoling with Melissa's older kids, two of them were "voluntold" to try sailing with me. Mike showed me the various parts of the boat as I thought about all I'd read before. The next thing I knew, Michael, age 15, and I were gliding across the water.

True to Mike's word, the Sunfish was easy to sail, especially compared to the catamaran. And while I was ner-

vous about capsizing, I knew Michael and I could upright the boat quickly if need be. But soon, all my nervousness faded. My muscles relaxed, and I went into sailing mode, watching the wind and guiding Michael on when we needed to switch positions.

We glided across the lake and back, then Michael switched places with his big sister, Lily. I enjoyed catching up with Michael as we sailed and had a great conversation with Lily as well. I felt incredibly relaxed and free! The two of us made it back to shore without incident.

Unfortunately, that was all the sailing I could do. Melissa and I had planned on taking a walk together, and I also wanted to spend time with everyone else swim-

ming and talking near the shore. I had to drive back to Noblesville that evening so I could work the next day.

Apparently, my experience motivated the older kids. Soon, all four of them were enjoying the Sunfish and arguing over whose turn it was to sail.

Melissa, her family, and the Sunfish are now back in North Carolina, which is their home. I'm happy I had a few hours of sailing this



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Our columnist loved sailing with her family at Lake of the Woods in Bremen.

year, and am already planning to enjoy many more in 2027.

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I want you to hug me until I smell like you

As another school year begins in Noblesville, I found myself holding my daughters a little tighter before they walked through those school doors. It reminded me of a phrase I recently came across: "*Hug me until I smell like you.*" At first, it made me smile. Then it made me think.

Children don't just carry backpacks into school. They carry pieces of home.

This year, I tucked a small note into each of my daughters' backpacks. My tenth grader loves Nerds candy, so her note reminded her to "Stay a little nerdy – be



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smart, stay curious, ask questions, be brave enough to try new things, and always lead with kindness." My fourth grader is all about Pop-Its, so her note encouraged her to "Pop into every day with your big smile. Pop with kindness. Pop with confidence. Have a pop-tastic fourth grade!"

The notes were simple, playful, and perfectly matched their personalities. But they carried a much bigger message: *We love you exactly as you are.* We hope you share your unique gifts with the world.

Those little notes may

only last a few moments before finding their way into a desk or backpack pocket, but the feeling behind them lasts much longer. They become quiet reminders that someone believes in them, even when they're navigating a challenging test, sitting with someone new at lunch, or wondering if they fit in.

As parents, we send more than school supplies through those classroom doors. We send our values.

Soon, those values begin to blend with the lessons children learn from teachers, classmates, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, and neighbors. They begin to "smell" a little like their community – not literally, but through the kindness they receive, the friendships they

build, and the examples they witness every day.

That's one of the things I love most about Noblesville. It has the *#HeartoftheCommunity*.

Our schools are filled with opportunities for children from different backgrounds to learn not only math and reading, but empathy, respect, and belonging. Every smile in the hallway, every encouraging teacher, every new friendship adds another ingredient to the recipe of community.

Through *Taste of Community*, I've discovered that every culture has comfort food, but every community also has comfort people – the ones who make us feel seen, welcomed, and valued. Schools do that every single day.

As this new school year begins, I hope every child carries a little bit of home with them while remaining open to discovering someone else's story. Because when children are encouraged to be authentically themselves while embracing others, our entire community grows stronger.

So before the first bell rings, don't rush that goodbye hug.

Hold them until they smell like you.

Then let them go – not just with a backpack full of supplies, but with hearts full



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of love, confidence, and the freedom to share their own unique joy with the world.

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