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Flood of the century

In this week's edition of The Hamilton County Reporter, you will find the story of Central Indiana's worst flood in 113 years told through numerous photos, as well as the ongoing cleanup and rebuilding effort across the county. Thank you to every first responder who jumped into action. Your bravery surely saved lives. Thank you to every volunteer whose tireless work continues to support your fellow humans. These are the moments which tell the stories that matter most.

Photo courtesy Matt Schwarzkopf, [skopfoto.com](#)



When calamity arrives

Calamity: A disastrous event marked by great loss and lasting distress and suffering.

Just last week, I posted a picture of an ominous cloud that suggested a storm might be brewing, but it never came to fruition – at least, not that day.

I wrote about how we often have things happen that give us foreboding thoughts of pending calamity. Most of the time, the calamity we fear never happens. But ... what if it does?

Just a few days later, in Noblesville, Indiana, a flood broke the 1913 record. In a couple of days, the White River rose to 24 feet 6 inches, surpassing the 1913 flood's 23 feet 8 inches.

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words; however, seeing the destruction left many of us without words to describe what we saw. What we saw as the White River rose grabbed hold of our emotions and shook us to our core.

We knew homes would be flooded and that life for many would never be the same. A foot of rushing water can easily move a car off the road. Twenty-four feet of rushing water can destroy not only property but also dreams that have taken a lifetime to build. We see it in news clips, but when you actually live it, it looks and feels different.

I remember, I think it was 1999, when my son lived near the White River, and more than 20 feet of floodwater crept toward his home. We quickly loaded our vehicles with as many of his belongings as we could before the water reached his back door. Water rises quickly, as does fear. The house and everything left inside was a total loss. It doesn't matter whether you rent or own a house ... it is your home.

COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD

From the Hart



Husky power on full display in community-wide flood response

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights extends its heartfelt appreciation to the many families, neighbors, and community partners who stepped up last week to support those impacted by the flooding. Your generosity was felt in every box, every case of water, and every essential item dropped off for distribution.

Heights students, along with staff members, worked side by side to load donations for the American Red Cross and the Good Samaritan Network, ensuring these supplies reached individuals and families most affected. Their teamwork and compassion reflect the very best of our schools and our community.

Thank you for the remark-



Northern Hamilton County flexed its collective muscles when it truly mattered, jumping into action to provide essentials to flood victims. Special thanks go out to the students at Hamilton Heights.



Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

able outpouring of support. In Hamilton County continues to one another, and we are deeply challenging times, Northern show what it means to care for grateful.

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A RIVER RAN THROUGH IT



Photo provided

If you stop by Schwartz's Bait & Tackle to donate money to families in need, you can have one of these fine T-shirts.

T-shirt fundraiser money goes directly to people in need

The REPORTER

Two Noblesville businesses have teamed up to directly help people in Hamilton County who were affected by the flood. Schwartz's Bait & Tackle, 118 Cicero Road, and T&T Sales and Promotions, 15320 Heriman Blvd., are taking donations, 100 percent of which will go directly to the people who need it.

If you make a donation, you will get a commemorative T-shirt to remind everyone not of the flood itself, but of how this fine community came together to help the people who needed it most.

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Hamilton County Council approves \$2.85M for flood recovery

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Council has approved \$2.85 million in immediate funding to support residents, businesses, and emergency management officials as they recover from the flood.

"The County Council is ready to provide any necessary funding for flood relief," Council President Brad Beaver said.

Of that funding, \$100,000 will be appropriated to Hamilton County Emergency Management to provide a wide range of services over the next several weeks. Those funds may be used for emergency housing, equipment and supplies, and other immediate needs that arise as residents and businesses begin the cleanup process.

The remaining \$2.75 million will be appropriated to Hamilton County Emergency Management for debris removal and management in coordination with state and federal officials.

"This gives us a coordinated way to handle the enormous amount of debris left behind by the flooding while also making sure hazardous materials are properly identified, separated, and disposed



Beaver



Altman

of," said Christine Altman, President of the Hamilton County Commissioners. "That's important from both a safety and environmental standpoint, but it could also make these expenses eligible for federal reimbursement."

Hamilton County has petitioned state and federal officials for additional disaster assistance, particularly funding available under Category A of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA)

Public Assistance Program, which covers eligible debris removal activities following a disaster. County officials hope increased federal participation will allow Hamilton County to recover a larger portion of the money being committed locally to the cleanup.

Residents who choose to hire a private company to remove or dispose of flood debris should be aware that those costs may not be eligible for reimbursement unless the work complies with applicable environmental regulations and is properly documented and certified. Additional information about debris collection and disposal will be provided as those operations are finalized.

Tim Campbell
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CALAMITY

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Photo by Matt Doudt

On Saturday morning, the river crested. I, along with many of our townspeople, walked to the western edge of downtown Noblesville. I will always remember the sound of the rushing river as I stood on the Logan Street bridge.

I drove by Riverside Cemetery and couldn't see a single headstone.

I made my way to Potter's Bridge, where I've prayed and pondered my entire life. My heart hurt as I feared the river would take her. An historic covered bridge, part of our legacy, cannot be replaced. She stood proud even as the river pounded her side.

Speaking of standing proudly, I'm so proud of the people of my town. They've been showing up and signing up as volunteers. They bring cleaning supplies, food, clothing, totes, and pet food.

Anything on the list, people show up with it.

When bad things happen, good people show up.

You see, kindness is rushing in. People are not afraid to get dirty or even wet.

It will take time to figure out what can be repaired. Sadly, many have lost everything. We have strong leaders in place to help navigate this long, difficult journey. I believe the volunteers with SERVE Village Noblesville are saints, if not angels. Drive by the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, and you will see people coming and going with supplies and signing up to volunteer.

Many stories will be told about the Flood of 2026. Pictures will tell of the calamity, but they will also tell of the kindness that flowed throughout the Riverwood neighborhood, the South-west Quadrant, and all along the White River.

There will be lasting loss and distress, but the river will not get the last word; kindness will.

On Sunday morning, my photographer friend, Matt Doudt, posted this picture of the overflowing White River. But what you need to notice is the sun rising in the distance.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5.

Even in hard times, we can find joy if we take the time to look.

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T-SHIRT

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Scott Fihma of T&T Sales and Promotions told The Reporter his company designed the shirts and is donating them at no cost.

Steve and Lori Schwartz told The Reporter they are collecting the money, handing out shirts, and personally making sure all the funds collected will go to people who need it.

While the bait shop did suffer damage in the flood, none of the money will go to the shop.

"This is for people that need help," Steve Schwartz said. "We can buy boxes from U-Haul at cost – U-Haul's cost, not our cost, but their cost. If people need to repack their belongings in new boxes, we'll just deliver them to their house or they can come pick them up. That'll be what some of the money's raised for. But it'd just be, what do you say, person by person and just see what they need. We'll just try to get them what we can and help them financially."

That financial help will vary depending on what individual families need. It may be in the form of gift cards for groceries, paying bills, or other forms of assistance determined on a case-by-case basis.

Families who have to move out of their existing home, but don't yet know where they will relocate, can also have some free storage time to help with the transition.

"U-Haul did say for those that have been affected, they will give them one month of free storage," Schwartz said.

Schwartz stressed that all the money will go to help people. It is not being donated to a third-party organization, so there are no administrative fees. People in the community are donating money, T&T is donating the shirts, the Schwartzes are donating their time and logistics work.

"We are getting it directly to the people," Schwartz said. "The people that want to help, they're going to get a token, if you would. They're going to get a t-shirt. and it'll show that they're a big community supporter."

Stop by Schwartz's Bait & Tackle, 118 Cicero Road, Noblesville, to make a donation and get a shirt in the color and size of your choice. Then wear it around Hamilton County and when people ask about it, tell them about the donation drive and how they too can help.

And for all your custom t-shirts, branded merchandise, spirit wear, corporate apparel, and more, go to T&T Sales and Promotions, 15320 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. You can also visit them online at tntsalespromo.com or call (317) 774-7106.



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Health Department offers safety tips for flood cleanup

Residents encouraged to wear PPE & discard exposed foods

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As residents return to homes impacted by recent flooding, the Hamilton County Health Department reminds them to take extra safety precautions to reduce the risk of injury, illness, and exposure to mold.

Protect yourself during cleanup

Residents should wear appropriate personal protective equipment when entering and cleaning flood-damaged areas. Recommended items include:

N95 masks, particularly when working around drywall, insulation, mold, or other materials that may create airborne particles.

Protective gloves to prevent contact with contaminants and reduce the risk of cuts and puncture wounds.*

Heavy-duty trash bags

for damaged materials and household items.

*Cuts and puncture wounds can increase the risk of infection, including tetanus. Residents should make sure their tetanus vaccination is current and contact a healthcare provider if they are injured during cleanup.

Furnaces & water heaters

Furnaces, water heaters, and other equipment exposed to floodwater should be professionally inspected before being used. Heating and ventilation systems should be properly cleaned, and any mold addressed before circulating air throughout the home.

Residents should not attempt to operate flood-damaged appliances until they have been deter-



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mined safe by a qualified professional.

Food safety

Residents should use extra caution with food stored in refrigerators or freezers following flooding or power outages. Food that came into contact with floodwater should be thrown away. Refrigerated perishable food that has been above 41°F should also be discarded. When in doubt, the safest option is to throw food away.

Intact commercially canned foods may be salvageable if labels are removed, and the cans are

properly cleaned and sanitized. Damaged, swollen, leaking, or rusted cans should be discarded.

Supplies & assistance available

Residents who need food, cleanup supplies, or other resources can call (317) 645-3261 for assistance or visit the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds for available resources.

Anyone with questions about flood-related health and safety concerns should contact the Hamilton County Health Department for additional guidance.

Public invited to meetings about Noblesville Schools funding referendum

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile invites the community to any of the eight upcoming community meetings to discuss the school funding referendum that will be on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

• Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. at Noblesville High School
• Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. at Forest Park



Hile



• Sept. 2 at 10 a.m. at Hamilton East Public Library

• Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. at Hamilton East Public Library

• Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at Noblesville High School

• Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. at Noblesville City Hall

• Oct. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapter Book Lounge

• Oct. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Gathering House

Dr. Atha to deliver Westfield State of the Schools Address

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the 2026 State of the Schools Address, set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at Shamrock Station, 333 W. Hoover St.

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Superintendent Dr. John Atha will explain how one of Indiana's fastest-growing school districts is partnering with the community and preparing students for the future.

This presentation will highlight a year of transition, including the opening of two new elementary schools, districtwide operational changes, continued investments in student learning and school safety, and the work required to meet the needs of a growing community.

More than an update on the school district, this is a

conversation about why Excellent Schools create an Excellent Community. Learn how WWS is investing in

people, strengthening partnerships, and preparing every student to be Life Ready, because strong public schools are essential to economic vitality and quality of life in Westfield.

Whether you're a business leader, parent, community member, or simply invested in the city's future, you'll leave with a deeper understanding of how local schools and the community grow stronger together.

Partner and Non-Partner tickets are available, along with Corporate Reserved Tables (seating for eight), perfect for bringing your team, hosting clients, or investing in local organizations.

Grab your tickets at tinyurl.com/Westfield-SOTS2026.



Atha



Tipton Schools' Blue Future Awards



Photos provided by Tipton Community School Corporation

During the Tipton School Board meeting on Aug. 11, several members of the school community were presented with the district's monthly Blue Future Awards. (ABOVE LEFT) TES Principal Brian Johnson, along with TES AP Sara Wiggington, recognized Wyatt Mendenhall for his perfect IREAD score of 650 during the summer. Shout-out to the teachers who supported his journey to this accomplishment. (ABOVE CENTER) TMS Principal John Ayars recognized Tanner Scott, 7th-grade social studies teacher, and Megan Pax, art teacher, for their outstanding growth, student-centered classroom practices, extracurricular leadership, and their contributions to building a positive school culture. Scott, now in his fifth year at TMS, also serves as the Student Council sponsor. Pax, beginning her third year, leads the Art Club and continues to enrich the school's creative community. (ABOVE RIGHT) THS Teacher Fred Henderson recognized THS Principal Craig Leach for going above and beyond with offering encouragement and support when most needed. His contributions to this situation brought unprecedented exposure to the Indiana Donor network. The next school board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Tipton Community School Corporation Administrative Offices, 1051 S. Main St.

Elks rake in the green for cancer research

Submitted By TERRI SIGMAN-KENNEDY
Noblesville Elks Lodge #576

The Noblesville Elks #576 held their 39th annual Golf Outing to Support Cancer Research on Saturday, Aug. 8, at Fox Prairie Golf Course. A total of 148 golfers filled the course, ready to start the day at 8 a.m.

The Elks Golf Committee worked months putting this event together under the leadership of Steve Vallier, PER, District President, and Jerry Wides, ER. Last year's efforts raised nearly \$38,000 for cancer research.

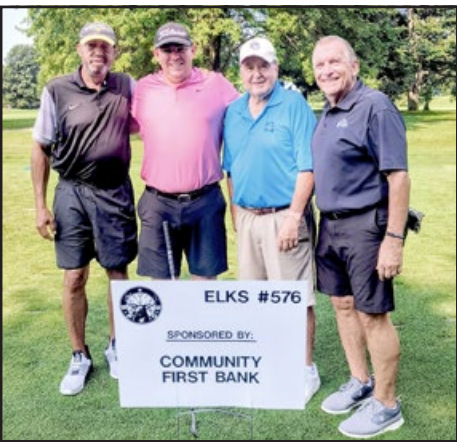
Registration for the outing opened on May 4, and golfers were lined up to be part of this event when the doors opened. Each team must have at least one Elk member on the team.

Money raised by this event supports Indiana University and Purdue University Cancer Research. Representatives from each were in attendance to kick off the outing and thank the Elks for their continued support.

Purdue University was represented by Brant Patz, Executive Director of Development for Purdue University Institute for Cancer Research, and Mitchell Gauger, Senior Development Officer for PICR and One Health Initiative.

Indiana University was represented by Zainul S. Hasanali, MD, PhD, the Dhanani and Lori Efromyson Scholar in Oncology, and Lauren Slutzman, Assistant Director of Development at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Funds raised at the outing go toward the Indiana Elks Endowment, which



(ABOVE LEFT) The Community First Bank of Indiana team, who served as Title Sponsors. ABOVE RIGHT) Pete Smith, PER, Geoff Robinson, PSP, Gary Michner, and Jerry Wides, ER.



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(ABOVE LEFT) Hannah Osborn shows off her commemorative can koozie. (ABOVE RIGHT) Golf Committee Co-Chairmen: Steve Vallier PER and current West Central District President Jerry Wides, ER.



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(ABOVE LEFT) Brandt Patz, Executive Director of Development for PU Institute for Cancer Research; and Mitchell Gauger, Senior Development Officer for PICR and One Health Initiative. (ABOVE RIGHT) Zainul S. Hasanali, MD, PhD, Danie and Lori Efromyson Scholar in Oncology; and Lauren Slutzman, Assistant Director of Development at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center.



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cer research.

For more information about the Elks at tinyurl.com/NoblesvilleElks576

or at Facebook.com/Noblesville576.

Sheridan Elementary School celebrates outstanding 94.4% IREAD passing rate

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary School (SES) announces its outstanding IREAD scores, with 94.4 percent of Sheridan third graders passing the statewide assessment in 2026.

The IREAD test is an assessment of literacy. It examines students' ability to understand the material and answer questions based on the provided reading. The impressive 94.4 percent passing rate is especially incredible because it marks SES as having the largest gain in Hamilton County.

SES students' performance also places them above the Indiana state average, which is sitting at 88.7 percent. SES Principal Valerie Roberts credits the success to the dedication of the teachers.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have such an outstanding group of educators who work tirelessly each day to support and inspire our students," Roberts said. "As a school, we have made early literacy a priority, recognizing that strong literacy skills set the foundation for success in every other area of learning."

The IREAD success was truly a team effort, especially at the elementary level. In the past few years, the school has been building opportunities for families to become more involved in their students' literacy.

Through events like Literacy Night and even literacy newsletters, SES has been encouraging reading at home so that literacy is extending beyond the classroom.

Sheridan parent Nikki McGlothlin, who has children in second and sixth grade at Sheridan, shared her pride in the school and its educators.

"I am so proud of Sheridan Community Schools," McGlothlin said. "I am so happy that my kids get to be a part of the education here. I know it will only get better as the growth continues. Educators here are doing great work!"

While SCS is incredibly proud of the 94.4 percent IREAD passing rate, it truly is more than a number. It represents the students putting in the work, the teachers providing the path, and the families helping at home. It truly takes a community investing in its community.

SES thanks its teachers, staff, students, families, and the entire Sheridan community for helping make this achievement possible. Strong readers build strong learners, and Sheridan is proud to see its Blackhawks continuing to grow.



Roberts



Record-breaking White River crests

Information provided by Paul Poteet & the National Weather Service

At Noblesville		
Rank	Crest Height	Date
1	24.60	8/15/2026
2	23.80	3/25/1913
3	21.86	7/10/2003
4	21.31	4/22/1964
5	21.29	12/31/1990

At Anderson		
Rank	Crest Height	Date
1	24.93	8/14/2026
2	23.60	3/25/1913
3	20.30	3/23/1904
4	19.96	6/14/1958
5	19.48	9/3/2003

At Nora		
Rank	Crest Height	Date
1	22.40	3/26/1913
2	21.18	8/15/2026
3	19.19	1/1/1991
4	18.65	4/23/1964
5	18.56	1/14/2005

Look for the helpers



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Thank you to SERVE Village, the City of Noblesville, and the many other community partners who are doing an amazing job coordinating relief efforts for flood victims. Noblesville school counselors, social workers, and Noblesville Schools Executive Director of Student Services Dr. Julie Thacker (shown here with SERVE's Michelle Schmidt) volunteered during the flood in support of SERVE. Noblesville Schools has also loaned school computers to support coordination efforts. Learn how you can get involved at servevillage.org.

Hamilton County opens Flood Recovery Hotline for displaced residents: **(317) 645-3261**

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Hamilton County has established a new emergency hotline for residents displaced from their homes by recent flooding. By calling (317) 645-3261, residents can connect with a one-stop resource for the assistance they may need as they begin the recovery process.

The hotline will help connect flood victims with resources including temporary shelter, food, financial assistance, and other recovery services.

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Flood-damaged property may qualify for future tax relief

Assessor’s Office encourages property owners to file State Form 137R

The REPORTER

Hamilton County property owners whose homes or properties were significantly damaged by recent flooding may be eligible for property tax relief through the State of Indiana’s disaster relief process.

Property owners must complete State Form 137R and submit it to the Hamilton County Assessor’s Office no later than Dec. 31, 2027. Any adjustment would apply to the Jan. 1, 2026 assessment date, payable in 2027.

“We know many property owners are dealing with significant damage, and we want to make sure they understand what options may be available to them,” Hamilton County



Poore

submit the required form.” Properties with severe damage will require a site

inspection as part of the review process. State law does not provide relief for current-year property taxes unless a parcel has been permanently cut off and is no longer accessible by land due to a river changing course.

Property owners with questions about Form 137R should call the Hamilton County Assessor’s Office at (317) 776-9617.

Beware the ongoing flood of scammers

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

In the wake of recent severe storms, a powerful derecho, and widespread flooding across Indiana, Attorney General Todd Rokita is urging all Hoosiers to remain vigilant against scammers exploiting the damage.

Fraudsters are already circulating in affected neighborhoods, including door-to-door salesmen in places like Griffith who falsely claim “FEMA will pay for all of this.” At this early stage, such a broad sweeping and confident assertion that the government or someone else will foot the bill is something that consumers should be on the lookout for and leery of.

“Thousands of Hoosiers are assessing damage and beginning the hard work of rebuilding,” AG Rokita said. “These fraudsters prey on people at their most vulnerable. Do your homework, be tenacious, demand everything in writing, and make sure your resources go to legitimate recovery – not into the pockets of con artists.”

Scammers often arrive quickly after disasters and take advantage of the chaos and uncertainty that many Hoosiers are feeling right now. They may pressure homeowners to sign contracts on the spot in order to preserve their spot in line, claim a local list of licensed contractors has not yet been updated to include them, or assert that a home is unsafe and needs immediate (and expensive) work. Some offer to “manage” the insurance claim so the homeowner “doesn’t have to worry.” Others promise to waive deductibles, give referral discounts that reduce the deductible, or perform work for “whatever insurance pays.”

Indiana law protects homeowners. Under the Home Improvement Contracts Act, contracts for residential repairs or improvements exceeding \$150 must be in writing and include, at a minimum:

- The name and address of the homeowner and the property;
- The name, address, and contact information of the contractor (and any agents);
- A reasonably detailed description of the work;
- Approximate start and completion dates
- The full contract price; and

der. Homeowners generally have three business days to cancel a home improvement contract with no questions asked. Contractors are prohibited from advertising, offering, or promising to pay or rebate any portion of an insurance deductible. They also cannot act as public adjusters.

If a contractor violates HICA, that violation constitutes a “deceptive act” under Indiana’s Deceptive Consumer Sales Act. A company or contractor who commits a deceptive act under the DCSA can be responsible for actual damages, attorney’s fees, and injunctive relief.

Red flags and practical tips:

- High-pressure tactics or insistence on signing immediately;
- Verbal promises instead of a complete written contract;
- Offers to waive or reduce your deductible (illegal)

- Claims that “FEMA will pay for everything” or that the contractor will handle the entire insurance claim without your approval of changes;
- Requests for large upfront payments or final payment before work is fully complete;
- Failure to disclose use of subcontractors or third parties; and
- Requests for multiple referrals or 5-star reviews in exchange for discounts that effectively reduce your deductible

Consumers should research the company independently and verify licensing and insurance requirements. They should avoid large, upfront payments and never send final payment until a thorough walkthrough confirms every item in the written contract is complete, including debris removal and finishing details.

Hoosiers who suspect they’ve encountered a scam should report it immediately to the Indiana Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at indianaconsumer.com or by calling 1-800-382-5516.

City boundaries make no difference when it’s time to help



Photos provided by Westfield Fire Department

Westfield Fire Station 383, the city’s water rescue house, supported their fellow public safety personnel at the Carmel Fire Department on Saturday, Aug. 15, with water rescues in the River Road area. This is what mutual aid is all about. When departments work together, they can bring more resources, experience, and capabilities to the communities they serve.

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Two temporary dams built to slow waterflow into quarry

Local & state partners work to shore-up flood zone in Carmel along Hazel Dell Parkway and into Martin Marietta quarry

Submitted by City of Carmel

On Thursday, Aug. 19, City of Carmel leadership, emergency management officials, and county and state partners convened at the Hazel Dell Parkway staging area to update the community on ongoing response and stabilization efforts following the historic flooding of the White River and its impact on Hazel Dell Parkway south of 106th Street.

Mayor Sue Finkam opened the briefing by emphasizing community collaboration and rapid multi-agency coordination.

“There is nothing like Hoosier ingenuity,” Mayor Finkam said. “We are in a much better position today than we were earlier in the week, and that is directly due to the amazing work of our internal teams and swift coordination of our federal, state and local partners.”

On-site emergency operations led by Carmel Fire Chief Joel Thacker continue, supported by Indiana National Guard personnel who are providing tactical assistance, sandbag transport, and heavy equipment operations. City Engineer Bradley Pease outlined the engineering strategy, detailing the continuous sandbag deployment along the flood zone to stabilize the roadway. In total, 73 sandbags weighing 2,000 pounds

each were placed to form the temporary dam.

Earlier Thursday morning, Street Department Commissioner Matt Higginbotham and Carmel Street team members, in conjunction with other internal and external partners, finalized a concrete and aggregate dam that required more than 400 truckloads of materials. This effort reduced more than 90 percent of the waterflow into the Martin Marietta quarry and provided the opportunity to protect the pipe and allow the Indiana National Guard to begin construction of the secondary dam.

Carmel Utilities Director Lane Young confirmed that critical utility infrastructure and water lines remain secure and fully operational under routine monitoring.

The city’s emergency response operations were supported by key state, federal, and local partners. State and federal assistance included coordination with Governor Mike Braun’s office, the Indiana National Guard, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the offices of U.S. Senators Todd Young and Jim Banks and Congresswoman Victoria Spartz.

Additionally, local emergency operations were supplemented through mu-



Photos provided by City of Carmel
In addition to all the manpower that went into construction the two temporary dams, the Indiana National Guard deployed two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crews to move 73 sandbags weighing 2,000 pounds each to build the secondary dam.

tual aid agreements with Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, the City of Indianapolis, the City of Fishers, the City of Westfield, and the Town of Rocky Ripple.

Mayor Sue Finkam extends Carmel emergency declaration

Submitted by City of Carmel

On Friday, Aug. 21, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam signed Executive Order SF-2026-06 extending the city’s emergency declaration for an additional seven days. The extension ensures the continued mobilization of city resources, streamlined administrative response protocols and ongoing coordination with state and county emergency management agency officials.

The extended declaration prolongs the measures established under the previous order, which expired Saturday, Aug. 22, to maintain community safety and ensure smooth municipal service delivery during the ongoing response efforts.

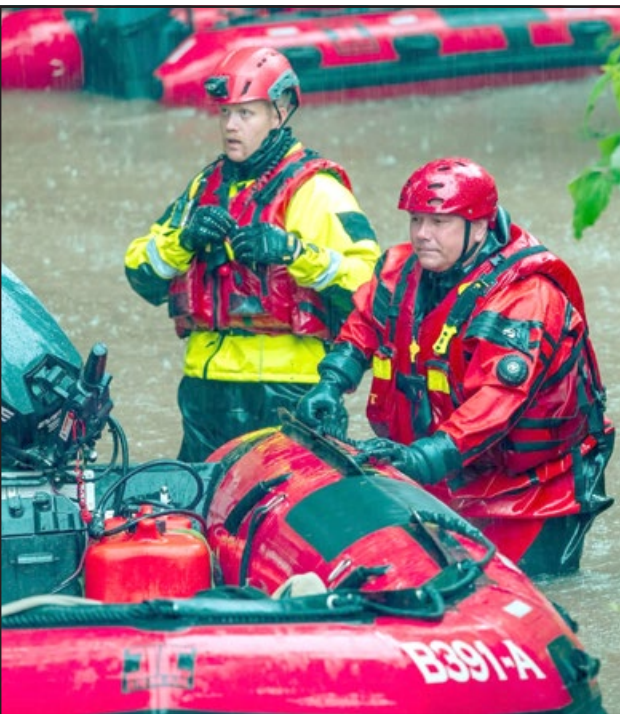


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“Extending this local emergency declaration allows us to maintain necessary operational flexibilities, secure critical relief resources and continue to prioritize the health and safety of our community,” Mayor Finkam said.

Under the terms of the updated order, the emergency status will remain active through Saturday, Aug. 29, subject to periodic review by city administration. Essential operations including police, fire, emergency medical services and public works will remain fully operational under enhanced response protocols to address any continuing impacts throughout the city.

You can read the Executive Order at tinyurl.com/CarmelEmergencyExt.



Photos provided by Fishers Fire Department

Reports show Hazel Dell bridge was in ‘very good condition’ before partial collapse

By MICHAELA SPRINGER WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

Recent inspection reports reveal the Hazel Dell Parkway bridge in Carmel was rated as “good” or “very good” condition before its partial collapse on Aug. 15.

Record rainfall and surging water caused severe damage to the Hazel Dell Parkway Bridge, south of 106th Street near Blue Woods Creek.

Indiana’s I-Team obtained bridge inspection reports from 2023 and 2025.

Most bridges in the country are required to be inspected at least every two years.

The 2023 inspection, conducted by United Consulting, noted the bridge deck and wearing surface (top layer) were in “good” condition.

Inspectors noted some “longitudinal and transverse cracks” in the concrete deck and surface.

Inspectors noted the bridge’s substructure or supports were in “very good” condition in 2023, noting only minor cracks.

The inspection also looked at how the creek flows underneath the bridge. Inspectors noted it was in “very good” condition, noting it was well vegetated.

In 2023, inspectors did not note any proposed improvements, writing “no major work needed.”

The 2025 inspection, authored by USI Consultants,



Photo by Circle City Broadcasting

The Hazel Dell Road bridge in Carmel on Aug. 19.



Photos provided by USI Consultants

Images from inspection reports showing key points of the Hazel Dell Parkway bridge in 2025, a year before the bridge’s complete collapse due to floodwaters on Aug. 15. The left photo shows the bottom of the beams and decks, and the right photo shows the first abutment.

also noted that the bridge was in “good,” “very good,” or “excellent condition.”

The 2025 inspection report also noted longitudinal and transverse cracking, honeycombing on beams, and minor cracks in concrete abutments.

Inspectors recommended Hamilton County, which maintains the bridge, remove brush and trees from near the bridge.

The bridge, built in 1998,

will need a total replacement because of the recent water damage.

While the area remains off-limits to the public, city officials said the work to stabilize the infrastructure is complete.

The project began when Carmel crews and local engineering partners built a temporary dam across the water flow. Officials said the barrier calmed the water around the pipes and eased

structural concerns.

The Indiana National Guard provided a second layer of protection. Two Black Hawk helicopter crews dropped 2,000-pound sandbags to create a backup barrier in case water breaches the first dam.

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A and E Marine comes to Fishers Fire’s rescue

Submitted by Fishers Fire Department

The catastrophic flooding affected many parts of Indiana, including Fishers, creating dangerous conditions for residents and first responders. Communities came together, and first responders across the state took decisive action to help those in need.

In the middle of the chaos and destruction, Fishers firefighters encountered an equipment issue that, under normal circumstances, could have significantly delayed their ability to conduct water rescues and evacuations.

Fortunately, A and E Marine stepped up when they were most needed.

When one of Fishers’ rescue boats required a motor replacement, the A and E team moved quickly to get them back in service. Their

responsiveness, expertise, and commitment to supporting public safety minimized downtime and allowed crews to quickly return to water rescue operations.

That quick turnaround made a difference. Once back on the water, firefighters were able to continue responding into flooded areas along the White River, reaching stranded residents, and assisting with additional evacuations, helping get people and their animals to safety when they needed it most.

This is what community partnership looks like. Local businesses supporting first responders ultimately help those first responders better serve the community.

Thank you to A and E technician, Ryan Seitz, for going above and beyond and helping Fishers firefighters stay ready to respond.

‘Rally for Relief’ drive-thru donation event coming to Lucas Estate in Carmel

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, the Carmel City Council, other city officials, Lucas Oil and One-Zone Chamber are joining together to hold “Rally for Relief,” a community-wide drive-through donation event to support Central Indiana families impacted by recent devastating flooding.

The event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at Lucas Estate, 11303 Ditch Road, Carmel.

Community members are encouraged to drive through and drop off non-perishable food, household items or monetary donations to benefit flood victims and support the Hamilton County

Harvest Food Bank and the Hamilton County Community Foundation.

“Carmel is consistently recognized as one of the best places to live because of our people,” Mayor Finkam said. “When our neighbors are facing hardship, our community comes together. That is who we are. This is an opportunity for Carmel residents to

once again show the generosity, compassion and willingness to help others that make this such a special place to call home.”

Katie Lucas said Lucas Oil will open the Lucas Estate for this event and join the community in supporting those affected by the disaster.

“Our family and the Lucas Oil team love this com-

munity and are proud to call Indiana home,” Lucas said. “When people in our community are hurting, we believe it is our responsibility to step up and help. We are honored to partner with Mayor Finkam and the City of Carmel to bring people together and support families as they recover and rebuild.”

“Rally for Relief” is de-

signed to make giving simple and accessible. Community members can drive through the Lucas Estate between 4 and 7 p.m. and drop off donations that will support local relief efforts. Special thanks to A Classic Party Rental for generously donating a large tent to keep volunteers and drop-off operations covered during the event.



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May we never see another one like this



(ABOVE) Flood waters were near the century mark on Friday afternoon, Aug. 14, when these photos were taken near State Road 19 and Logan Street in Noblesville. At that time, conflicting estimates were still coming in about when and how high the White River might actually crest. Photos courtesy Matt Schwarzkopf, skopfoto.com

Columnist photographs once-in-a-lifetime event



Reporter photos by Janet Hart Leonard

The Reporter's own Janet Hart Leonard took to the flooded streets on Saturday, Aug. 15, to see what a 100-year flood has done to her hometown. No living resident of Noblesville has ever seen anything like this. God willing, they never will again. While Federal Hill Commons and the Logan Street Kroger were the go-to sites for pictures, the view of Riverside Cemetery (top) is equally impactful. As you can also see, Potter's Bridge did survive, though it will not be open again until it is 100 percent safe.



Reporter photos

By Saturday afternoon, Aug. 15, the floodwaters had receded a few feet and downtown bridges were packed with onlookers and amateur videographers. (ABOVE) The Logan Street Bridge of Flowers is a well-built piece of solid American engineering, but we still question the wisdom of standing in the middle of it when water rushed only several feet below. (BELOW) The apartments near Federal Hill Commons were flooded, and residents were forced to evacuate, many without any place to go at a moment's notice.



Reporter photo by Biller Miller



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Super-saturated Saturday in Tipton



Reporter photos

Flooding was not limited to communities located along White River or its tributaries. The City of Tipton saw its own share of flooding, as you can see from these photos of the Tipton City Park on the west side of State Road 19 taken on Saturday, Aug. 15. There was also a temporary shelter for residents displaced by floodwaters before they receded enough for residents to return to their homes. (ABOVE RIGHT) On the east side of State Road 19, the area around Tipton High School, home of the Blue Devils, saw historic flooding as well. This shot, facing northwest, shows the formation of Lake Blue Devil and just how hyper-saturated the ground was across central Indiana. This newspaper has had no reports of damage to the high school building itself.

Flooding forces home evacuations in Carmel, Fishers & Noblesville after historic river peak

By Marguerite Incardone, Katie Cox & Gregg Montgomery
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The White River broke a 113-year-old record Saturday, Aug. 15, in Noblesville as flooding forced 170 people to voluntarily leave their homes.

Carmel, Fishers, and Noblesville issued state of emergency declarations Saturday, which allowed them to apply for recovery funds.

A news release from Carmel city government said 40 people were evacuated from 41 homes. Of those people, 12 were taken to Northview Church for shelter. Also, residents of Bickford of Carmel Assisted Living and Montessori Memory Care off 116th Street near Hazel Dell Road were evacuated as a precaution to another Bickford facility in Greenwood or Northview Church.

The flooding also caused sinkholes that later led to the collapse of a portion of Hazel Dell Parkway at Blue Woods Creek. Both directions of Hazel Dell Parkway south of 106th Street and the surrounding pedestrian paths were closed.

Fishers evacuated an unknown number of people from homes along Wapahani Drive, directly east of the White River, on Saturday morning, according to a Facebook post.

None of the Hamilton County cities have reported fatalities or serious injuries.



In addition to this impressive shelf cloud, Photographer TJ Whitmer of Circle City Broadcasting caught these drone pictures of Conner Prairie in Fishers.



(ABOVE LEFT) While the White River rose to record-breaking levels, flood waters did not pour into Downtown Noblesville as was previously feared. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Logan Street Kroger was fully surrounded by water from The White River over the weekend.

Along with the 170 residents in Noblesville, emergency workers helped move five dogs and one groundhog to safety.

The river crested early Saturday at 24.6 feet in

Noblesville, surpassing the 1913 record of 23.8 feet. By Saturday afternoon, the water level dropped to 23.6 feet, but officials estimate it will take weeks for the city to return to normal.

While Federal Hill Commons – a city park with a popular music stage and the site of weekly farmers’ markets – was designed to serve as a floodplain, the high water forced utility

workers to shut off power at a nearby apartment complex. Many other parts of Noblesville were also experiencing power outages at midday.

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inally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/weather/weather-stories/flooding-forces-home-evacuations-in-carmel-noblesville-after-historic-river-peak.

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I drove to the fairgrounds on Sunday, Aug. 16, to drop off a few items for people impacted by the historical floods in Indiana. I understood that 170 people, four dogs, and one groundhog were all rescued Saturday in our immediate area from the rapid, potentially deadly waters.

I parked the truck, grabbed my purse and several of the grocery sacks and trekked into Hall A. As I opened the door, one young gentleman hollered a big, “Can I help?!”, grinning ear-to-ear with a big, warm smile.

He was more than happy to lend a hand; he grabbed the sacks and said he would be right back to help me with the rest. As we walked together out to the parking lot, he asked how my day was going. I told him, “It’s sunny today and no rain, thank God for that!”

He agreed and I asked him how his day was going, to which he replied, “Well, I’m just trying to be helpful and kind and trying not to get in anybody’s way here today.”

To which I exclaimed, “I don’t think kindness can ever get in the way!” and thanked him for being so helpful to me ... and to our less-fortunate neighbors.

This is Hoosier hospitality. In each corner of our town, you can find every fruit of the spirit in some form or fashion:

“Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23, NLT)

If you’ve ever been treated otherwise, you don’t need to look far here for that gentle heart, a kind smile, or a strong handshake in our hometown.

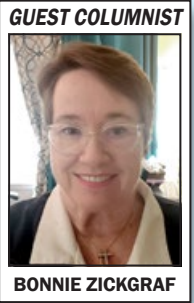
A place where neighbors help neighbors ... and beyond ... even ... the groundhogs.

Because all creatures and divine creation were lovingly and kindly shared with us first by our mighty God, so we can do exactly that. Love Him and love others.

Noblesville IS Hometown Indiana, and we are very truly blessed!

(Thank you, kind person at the fairgrounds and to those who rescue critters!)

Rev. Bonnie Zickgraf is a retired pastor, registered nurse, electroplater, and podcaster. She continues to serve various preschool, youth, and adult ministries, including the Nurses’ Honor Guard for the State of Indiana. She loves to laugh, write, eat, and pray! Send comments to bonniezickgraf@gmail.com.



GUEST COLUMNIST
BONNIE ZICKGRAF

Summer nostalgia

I am not sure if it is because I am addicted to nostalgia, or my disease robbing me of abilities that I am not ready to release, but I do not give up easily and let things go.

My stubbornness serves me well some of the time, but at other times it causes me great distress and gets me in a little bit of trouble.

When I was 11, my family moved from our house in town to a house in the country. One difference at our new house was that we had a larger yard, so we got a riding lawn mower. Mowing the lawn was a chore I liked because I got to drive something long before I got my driver’s license.

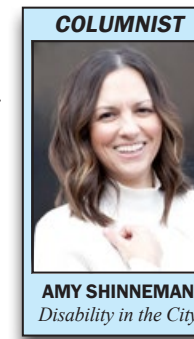
Mowing is something that my younger son took over many years ago at our home that we built behind my parents. There is a lot of grass to mow! Just like me, he found a chore he enjoys. We have been spoiled for many summers with him mowing our lawn.

He was out of town this weekend, and the lawn needed to be mowed, along with a long to do list before our trip to Australia for the marathon. My husband is buried with endless tasks, and I wanted to help ease his burden.

I had not mowed the grass in quite some time but felt confident that if he could get me on and off the riding lawn mower, that I could indeed check that task off our list. Anyone else love the feeling of putting a check mark beside a completed task?

He reluctantly agreed to “let” me do it. He never wants me to overdo it and is always looking out for my best interest. He also knows I sometimes take on things I should not, so that I feel like I am pulling my weight around the house.

It was not easy to get me on and off the lawnmower, but we did. It was like riding a bike, sort of. My lines were not as straight and neat as my son’s, but I gave it my best effort. It felt good to take on something that I used to enjoy.



COLUMNIST
AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Stressed, bored, or challenged?

One of my good friends is currently job hunting. Her company treats her well and she likes her co-workers, but she’s unfortunately quite bored most of the time.

Last month, I kept teasing her saying I’d love to change places with her. I worked on the biggest grant application of my life in July. When I fell ill a couple of weeks ahead of the deadline, I had to hand over the reins to another teammate on the project. I felt enormous stress and disappointment, which didn’t help my healing.

Thankfully, the teammate soared as the leader. I helped her as much as I could, and she submitted the application packet a couple of days before the deadline. I was so grateful and relieved, I sent her a thank you card and treats.

Ever since the submission, I’ve gradually returned to what I consider my “normal” workday. And I’ve never been so thankful. My experience and my friend’s situation made me think about what an ideal career should be. I concluded it should fall somewhere in the middle, where we’re not stressed or bored, but *challenged*.



COLUMNIST
AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

I know it’s not possible to completely avoid boredom or stress in our careers. Even though I’m someone who constantly proclaims, “I love my job!”, I face stress at times as the owner of a fundraising consultancy. But most days, I wake up eager to get to my desk to see what challenges are ahead of me. I realize I’m quite fortunate to be in this situation.

For example, this month has been the opposite of July. We’re in the home stretch of a crowdfunding campaign for a new farm-themed playground for Cicero’s Community Park. The campaign ends Sept. 3, and we’re making great progress towards our goal of \$50,000 (shameless plug – check it out here: patronicity.com/ciceroplayground). If we reach our goal, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority will match it with another \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000.

I’ve been working with the Town of Cicero and their incredible volunteers to help us reach \$50,000. Dozens of businesses, nonprofits, community members, and oth-



Photo provided
Our columnist has enjoyed the challenge of raising money for Cicero’s new farm-themed Community Park playground.

ers have stepped up to help us reach the finish line. Every new “yes” – from \$25 to \$10,000 – has made me do a happy dance in my desk chair.

Yes, it’s taken countless letters, emails, phone calls, and meetings to get us to where we are now. But it’s been a truly joyous challenge, just like when I worked with the Town of Arcadia on their 2020 and 2022 campaigns.

It’s my sincere hope every one of my readers are doing challenging vs. stressful/boring work in their lives. We

spend so much of our time in our careers. Whether it’s having a respectful meeting with a supervisor to discuss changes, looking for a new opportunity, or starting your own company, I hope readers can make a change if needed to enjoy wonderful, challenging careers!

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

The power of showing up: where belonging begins

What if belonging doesn’t begin with an invitation? What if it begins with simply showing up?

This year, as I begin another year as a Compass mentor with Noblesville Schools, our theme is *The Power of Showing Up*. The more I thought about those four words, the more I realized how deeply they connect to something I have come to believe through my own journey: belonging begins when someone chooses to be present.

You don’t have to be perfect to be present.

Sometimes, a student doesn’t need another adult with all the answers. They need one more adult who will sit beside them, listen without judgment, notice when something feels different, and remind them, “You can count on me.”

That is the heart of Compass mentoring.

Our training brought together mentors with a wide range of experiences – from first-time volunteers to mentors who have been part of the program for five years. We may have different stories,



COLUMNIST
POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

professions, and life experiences, but we shared something important: a genuine passion to show up for students when they need another person in their corner.

And showing up is more than physically being there.

We learned about the difference between simply listening, focused listening, and global listening. Focused listening asks us to pay attention to the words. Global listening asks us to notice everything around those words – the body language, facial expressions, pauses, energy and tone.

Sometimes the most important part of a conversation is what isn’t being said.

A student’s “I’m fine” might mean many different things. Instead of assuming, global listening encourages us to pause, observe and gently ask.

We also explored the LASER-LIGHT approach: Listen deeply. Ask wisely. Speak empathetically. Establish common ground. Respond rather than react.

Those are more than men-

toring techniques. They are tools for building trust.

We talked about empathy versus sympathy, fight-or-flight responses, constructive feedback and even the “sandwich method” – begin with something positive, offer constructive feedback, and close with encouragement. The lesson isn’t about finding the perfect formula for every conversation. It is about remembering that how we communicate can determine whether someone feels corrected or cared for.

And sometimes, showing up means meeting someone exactly where they are.

Maybe the student walks into a meeting having had a difficult day. Maybe they are quiet. Maybe their energy is completely different from the last time you met.

Our job isn’t always to bring them to where we are.

Sometimes, our job is to meet them where they are.

That idea reminds me of *Taste of Community*. Community isn’t built because everyone arrives with the same story, the same culture, or the same perspective. It is built because people keep making room for one another.

Showing up says: *I see you.*

Listening says: *I want to understand you.*

Consistency says: *You can count on me.*

And together, those things create something powerful: belonging.

As I look forward to another year of mentoring, I am excited about the big moments and the small ones: the conversations, the questions, the challenges, the laughter, and even the moments when I may not know exactly what to say.

Because perhaps that is the most important lesson of all:

We don’t have to show up perfectly.

We just have to show up genuinely.

One conversation. One listening moment. One encouraging word. One student at a time.

Because sometimes, the person who changes someone’s day isn’t the person who has the perfect answer.

It’s simply the person who showed up.

And that is the power of showing up.

Belonging begins there.

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

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 177

In the midst of last week’s flooding, we once again witnessed the very best of Northern Hamilton County. The compassion shown by our neighbors, the willingness to do whatever is needed, and the overwhelming generosity of time, resources, and support have been remarkable.

I want to recognize the extraordinary response we have seen across our county, from Hamilton County Emergency Management, first responders, county and township officials, volunteers, community organizations, and our Hamilton Heights staff members who stepped forward without hesitation to help others. Their actions reflect a community that does not wait to be asked but simply shows up.

People from every corner of our community have stepped forward to support those facing hardship, underscoring that our greatest strength lies in our collective care and the deep sense of responsibility we share for



COLUMNIST
DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

one another. Many families will continue to feel the effects of this flooding long after the water recedes, and we are deeply grateful for every act of service, kindness, and care offered during these challenging days.

It’s my pleasure to introduce the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2026. This year’s honorees include 1975 Boys Basketball Team, Beth (Hoch) Sperry (*88), James Duncan (*91), Maria (Mitchell) St. John (*21), and Coach Chuck Reeves. These outstanding Huskies have made a lasting impact on our athletic legacy, and we’re excited to celebrate their achievements.

A special luncheon and induction ceremony will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia. Each inductee will receive a commemorative metal display, and their names and photos will be proudly featured in our Ath-

letic Hall of Fame located in the Athletic Center.

Tickets for the luncheon and ceremony are \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Mitch Street at mstreet@hhschuskies.org or call (317) 984-3551, ext. 1092.

Our friends at HOPE Family Care Center in Cicero are hosting its 3rd annual HOPE 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, Oct. 4. The event begins at 2:30 p.m. on the Hamilton Heights Cross Country course in Arcadia and is open to all ages and paces. Registration is \$35 and includes a T-shirt, with awards for top finishers; sponsorship opportunities are also available.

HOPE Family Care Center is a faith-based nonprofit offering free medical, dental, counseling, women’s health, mammograms, and diabetes education services to uninsured and under-served patients across Hamilton, Tipton, Madison, and Boone counties. Register or learn more at tinyurl.com/2026Hope5Kflyer.

Our partners as the Indiana

Association of School Business Officials (IASBO) and the Indiana School Public Relations Association (INDSPRA) have created a brief, easy-to-follow video that explains how Indiana public schools receive funding and how districts manage resources to support student success.

Understanding how schools are funded is an important part of supporting our students and our community. School finance can feel complex, but having a clear picture of how dollars flow to districts and how those dollars are invested helps all of us stay informed and engaged. I encourage you to take a few minutes to watch it and learn more about the financial structure that helps make our work possible. Watch the video at tinyurl.com/IndianaSchool-Funding.

In a week marked by challenge, your compassion and service have been a steady source of strength. Thank you for all you do to support our students, our families, and this remarkable community.

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A more perfect union

Airplane mode

The adult “We the People 101” course I took in 2023 was an eye-opener. I gained a more thorough knowledge and a much deeper appreciation for our U.S. Constitution. The Preamble to the Constitution, I believe, gives us some guidelines for preserving a civil society. So who are WE as Americans?

“We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity...”

The Preamble of the U.S. Constitution begins with “We the people of the United States.” WE are the agents of democracy. “In Order to form a more perfect Union.” Though we are a pluralistic society in 50 different states, WE are meant to be ONE nation – united not divided. We can try to solve our nation’s problems by respecting those with opposing views

and not labeling them “enemies” – instead finding “common ground” where we can agree and work together as Americans.

This government is to “form a more perfect Union.” How? We are to “establish Justice” in our laws and courts. We are to “insure domestic Tranquility” calmly conducting our domestic affairs. We are to “provide for the common defence” supporting our military.

Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, and Massachusetts are “Commonwealths” suggesting that the resources of the state are to benefit all. We see this ideal pragmatically in action these days in Indiana with the tremendous outpouring of support by law enforcement, emergency personnel, and elected officials for those who have lost homes and businesses due to flooding. We are grateful for the tireless efforts of those seeking the missing persons in the floods. Our hearts ache for the family and friends of those tragically lost in recent days.

Our empathy nourishes civility as well.

We are to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity.” We have the civic obligation to preserve these principles enshrined in the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution.

Likewise, the Preamble to The Constitution of the State of Indiana reiterates some of the same ideals espoused in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution:

“TO THE END, that justice be established, public order be maintained, and liberty perpetuated; We, the People of the State of Indiana, grateful to ALMIGHTY GOD for the free exercise of the right to choose our own form of government, do ordain this Constitution.”

The Preamble to the State of Indiana Constitution indicates that we value public order and justice and faith and freedom and we want to pass these values on to our posterity.

The recent “Hoosier Hospitality March” in Fishers emphasized the welcoming trait of Hoosiers. Approximately 1,000 people rallied in support of immigrants. Mayor Scott Fadness issued a statement to set the

parameters for the marchers “asking protesters to follow the law and exemplifying civil discourse.” (The Indianapolis Star, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026) The discussion of a serious subject in speech or writing, “civil discourse,” is necessary for us to get along and function as a community and as a country.

The Hoosier Hospitality March participants chanted as they walked through Fishers. The final line of the chant was “Immigrants are welcome here.”

We might add “Civility is practiced here.” Acknowledging the dignity of each individual and respectfully disagreeing promotes democracy.

“We the people” must continue the efforts “to form a more perfect Union.”

Let’s commit to achieving this goal, individually and together.

The UNITED States of America depends on it.

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

I heard a man recently who was discussing the freedom of putting people, negative stimuli, and situations that cause you stress on “airplane mode.” The man went on to explain that airplane mode doesn’t mean you have to block or abandon anything.

We all have a right to peace. Needing space does not mean that you don’t care. It means that you also happen to value your own peace and that you’re not willing to sacrifice it.

How much of what we do in life is out of obligation? How often do we find ourselves saying things like, “Well, we have to.” Do we actually have to, or have we just done it for so long that we forget we still have a vote?

Why do we put ourselves around people, things, and situations that only add stress to our lives? Why do we allow things beyond our control to take away from our peace?

You do not need permission to say no. It’s a complete sentence. There’s a lot of power in it.

You can be a team player without being a doormat. You can care for others without subscribing to drama. You can love people without allowing them to dictate your happiness. If you’re on a merry-go-round of things with people that are not making you happy, get off. It is not selfish; it is self-care. Make your mental health a priority.

Don’t ever give anyone who assumes the worst of you a front-row seat to your life. If someone in your life doesn’t see the value that you add to theirs, leave. If situations, people, jobs, or relatives are a drain on your mental health, take a step back.

Airplane mode doesn’t mean you don’t ever go back; it just means that you are giving yourself some time to pause.

Sometimes distance makes you realize what matters. Sometimes it provides you with clarity.

When are you the happiest? What is it you’re doing, and who are you doing it with? In contrast, when do you find yourself the most tense? When do you feel the most carefree? Who is it in your life who allows you to truly be yourself and value their time with you? Pay attention to this.

Not every situation requires a response. Sometimes that alone is a response.

It’s just like Mel Robbins and the “Let Them Theory.” Let them do what they want. You can see how it plays out and act accordingly for yourself. Let them, so you can figure out your next move.

What is it in your life that needs to be put on airplane mode? I encourage you to give yourself permission to do so.

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

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After mowing, I convinced my husband we needed a break, so we took a dip in my parent’s pool. For a while now, I have been thinking back on how active I used to be around that pool. One of my favorite “tricks” was my back dive. I did it repeatedly until I was exhausted when I was younger.

The pool has always been a very freeing place for me to be and is one of the reasons my parents took on that “fixer upper” in the country.

I voiced my sense of wonder to my family while we were there. “I wonder if I can still do my back dive?” Immediately they all said, “That is not a good idea,” which made me want to try it more.

I had my husband walk with me to the edge of the pool and I held onto him as I turned around. Instantly, it was clear to me they were right, not a good idea. They were all relieved.

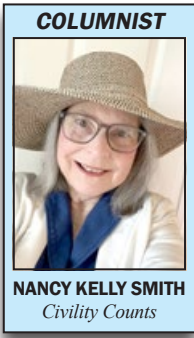
I turned around and dove forwards into the pool. I had not done that in a long time either. It felt good to do it again. My disability almost disappears when I am in the water, which explains why I spent countless hours in that pool growing up.

My parents called me a little fish, and my mom told me I would turn into a raisin if I did not get out. Then, when I became a mom, the pool was a place where I could hold my boys on my hip and spin them around doing a lot of things with them that I could not do on land.

This weekend was another reminder to me that some things of the past are still possible, even if only for a day.

Until next time ...

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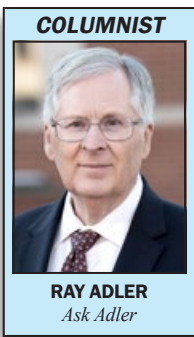
MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

‘Success Sequence’ bill seeks to make better citizens & reduce child poverty

The recently passed “Success Sequence” bill, requiring school instruction on being married before having children and other required topics, is geared towards implementing scientific discoveries on methods of reduction of child poverty.

Indiana now requires public schools to incorporate in its instruction the importance of 1) obtaining at least a high school diploma and acquiring additional training in preparation for the work force; 2) securing full time employment; and 3) waiting until marriage to begin having children.

Indiana law previously required other good citizenship instruction. Good citizenship instruction is defined to mean integrating instruction into the current school curriculum and it stresses the nature and importance of various items:



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1. Being honest and truthful.
2. Respecting authority.
3. Respecting the property rights of others.
4. Always doing the student’s personal best.
5. Not stealing.
6. Possessing the skills, including methods of conflict resolution, necessary to live peaceably in society and not resorting to violence to settle disputes.
7. Taking personal responsibility for obligations to family and community.
8. Taking personal responsibility for earning a livelihood.
9. Treating others the way the student would want to be treated.
10. Respecting the national flag and the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana.
11. Respecting the student’s parents and home.

12. Respecting the student’s self.
13. Respecting the rights of others to have their own views and religious beliefs.

The Department of Education is directed to make models of conflict resolution instruction to school corporations.

Beginning with the 2026/2027 school year, the civics education course must include:

1. Instruction on the roles and responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments.
2. The structures, powers, and functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government.
3. The meaning and significance of historical documents including the Ten Commandments, Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Constitution of the United States Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers.
4. The principles of federalism, separation of powers,

checks and balances, consent of the governed, ordered liberty, justice, the rule of law, limited government, natural rights, republicanism, and the equal dignity of all human beings.

Individual rights and responsibilities under the Constitution of the United States including the express, implied, concurrent, and reserve powers.

The electoral process and democratic participation.

A comparative discussion of political ideologies including communism and totalitarianism that conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy that are essential to the founding principles of the United States.

Sounds like Hoosier kids need to understand the rules that God laid out for human behavior and our wonderful Constitution.

Ray Adler is a longtime attorney with offices at The Adler Building, 136 S. 9th St., Downtown Noblesville. He is also one of the owners of The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper.

The most undervalued job I’ve ever witnessed

I spend my days as an attorney in Hamilton and Madison Counties with Adler Attorneys. Most weeks I work 50 hours or more by choice. My work is demanding – family law, Department of Child Services cases, criminal defense, civil litigation, contested estates, trusts, and property disputes. The stakes are high, the decisions matter, and the mental load is significant.

For a long time, I believed that my career was one of the most demanding jobs a person could have. Then our daughter was born.

Over the past several days, I’ve been home helping my wife recover while caring for our newborn and our almost two-year-old son. Those few days have completely changed my perspective on one of the most overlooked jobs in our society: being a stay-at-home parent.

Every morning seems to begin with a race against the clock. Before lunch I’ve already run multiple errands, swept and mopped the house, washed load after load of laundry, cleaned dishes more times than I can count, completed farm chores, helped care for our son, and tried to support my wife as she

recovers from childbirth only a few days before.

And then the afternoon begins. There is always another diaper to change. Another meal to prepare. Another mess to clean. Another crying child to calm. Another bedtime routine to navigate. Another night interrupted by a crying newborn. There are no coffee breaks. No lunch hour. No quiet office. No clocking out at five o’clock. The work simply continues.

As I’ve experienced this firsthand, I’ve come to appreciate something I don’t think our culture recognizes nearly enough: stay-at-home parents are performing work that is physically exhausting, emotionally demanding, mentally draining, and incredibly valuable.

Studies have attempted to assign a dollar value to this work: \$150,000 a year or more. I honestly believe that misses the point. You simply cannot place a price tag on raising children, nurturing them, comforting them, teaching them, and giving them the consistency they need during their earliest years.

What struck me even more wasn’t just the workload. It was the sacrifice. The morning before writing this, I realized

my wife had been awake feeding our daughter at 1 a.m., 3:30 a.m., and again at 5:30 a.m. while I slept through the night. She wasn’t complaining. She was simply doing what mothers do every single day. She is only days removed from giving birth, yet she continues putting the needs of our children ahead of her own comfort and rest.

That kind of sacrifice deserves recognition.

Another realization I’ve had during this time is how much children simply want your presence. When our son was born a couple of years ago, I only had three days at home before returning to work. This time, thanks to the support of Adler Attorneys, I’ve been able to take additional time away from the office. I am deeply grateful for that opportunity.

I’ve watched my son light up simply because Dad is home. I’ve seen how naturally he turns to his mother throughout the day – for comfort, for guidance, for reassurance. I’ve witnessed the bond that develops when a parent is consistently present during the ordinary moments of life. Those moments matter.

None of this is intended as criticism of families where both parents work. For many households, that’s not a choice – it’s a necessity. Working parents love their children just as deeply and

make extraordinary sacrifices of their own.

But I do believe we should stop undervaluing those who devote themselves full-time to raising children. Being a stay-at-home parent isn’t “not working.” It’s working all day. It’s sacrificing sleep, personal time, career advancement, and often adult conversation. And it’s doing all of that because you believe your children are worth it.

The longer I’ve been home, the more convinced I’ve become that one of the greatest gifts we can give children is our time. Whether that’s a mother staying home, a father staying home, flexible work schedules, or simply making intentional choices to be present, children benefit when loving adults invest deeply in their lives.

So today I’d simply ask you to do one thing. If your spouse is a stay-at-home parent, tell them thank you. Give them a hug. Recognize the countless things they do that often go unseen.

Because after just a few days of walking in those shoes, I can say with complete confidence that stay-at-home parents aren’t underworked. They’re undervalued. And in my opinion, they are among the true heroes of everyday life.

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HEPL’s ‘Show Your Library Card and Save’ returns with deals at more than 40 local businesses

The REPORTER

Library cardholders can save at more than 40 local businesses this September as Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) brings back its popular “Show Your Library Card and Save” campaign in celebration of Library Card Sign-Up Month. From Sept. 1 to 30, HEPL cardholders can show their library card at participating businesses to receive special offers, discounts, free items with purchase and other promotions. The campaign gives residents another reason to keep an active library card while encouraging them to discover and support local businesses throughout the community. Now in its third year, “Show Your Library Card and Save” has become a popular part of HEPL’s Library Card Sign-Up Month celebrations, connecting library cardholders with local businesses and giving participating businesses an opportunity to reach new and returning customers. “We love that this cam-

paign creates a benefit for everyone involved,” HEPL Director of Marketing and Communications Kelsey Sweet said. “Our cardholders get access to great deals, our local businesses get the opportunity to welcome new customers, and together we’re encouraging people to get out and explore all that our community has to offer. We’re incredibly grateful to the businesses that continue to participate and help make this campaign possible.” A complete list of participating businesses and their September offers is available at hamiltoneastpl.org, with offers also highlighted throughout the month on the library’s social media channels, email newsletters, and through outreach. **What’s your next chapter?** While “Show Your Library Card and Save” gives cardholders an extra reason to use their library card this September, HEPL’s broader Library Card Sign-Up Month campaign celebrates



Photos provided by Hamilton East Public Library

Whether you’re saving at a local business, discovering a new favorite book, or trying something completely new, your next chapter starts at Hamilton East Public Library.

everything a library card can unlock. This year’s theme, “What’s Your Next Chapter?”, recognizes that there are different seasons of life and that the library has something for whatever comes next. Whether it’s discovering a new hobby, planning an adventure, finding a next favorite author, learning a new skill, or exploring something com-

pletely unexpected, a library card can help open the door. Throughout September, HEPL will share reading and listening recommendations from staff and community members and invite patrons to share their own recommendations. “Sometimes the best way to discover your next chapter is through a recommendation from someone else,” Sweet said. “This

month is about encouraging people to explore, try something new and see where their library card can take them.” **How to get your library card** Residents who do not have an HEPL card can sign up at the Fishers or Noblesville library branch and begin taking advantage of everything the library has to offer, including the

“Show Your Library Card and Save” deals available throughout September. Adults who live in Delaware, Fall Creek, Noblesville, or Wayne townships can also apply for a digital library card through HEPL’s online application. For more information about getting a library card, participating businesses, and their offers, visit hamiltoneastpl.org.

VAU auction & Fallen Heroes Memorial Wall returning to Cyntheanne Christian Church

The REPORTER

Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers, will host the 17th annual Veterans & Athletes United (VAU) Auction starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. It’s a free, family-friendly event raising funds and awareness for veterans with disabilities. Every dollar raised at the auction – 100 percent of proceeds – goes directly to Veterans & Athletes United,

an organization dedicated to supporting those who have served. Items at the auction will include baked goods, crafts, jewelry, Amish items, unique items, and handmade wood items. The day’s centerpiece is the Fallen Heroes Memorial Wall, on public display in the church parking lot and bearing the names of service members who gave their lives in defense of the country. Visitors are invited

to view the wall and read the names before or after the auction. It’s a striking, visual moment of remembrance. “This auction is one way we can help these heroes regain some aspect of their normal lives,” Senior Minister Larry Renihan said. This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be available. *Veterans & Athletes United is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit run by*



veterans. The organization was founded in 2013 with a focus on providing much-needed support to disabled veterans and their family members through accessible retreats and adaptive sports and recreation. Learn more at vetsau.org.



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Carmel Arts & Design District and Midtown to host 19th Artomobilia

Submitted by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel invites community members and visitors to attend the 19th annual Artomobilia from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, an extraordinary event celebrating automotive design. Bringing together collector cars and enthusiasts, the signature event transforms the streets of the Carmel Arts & Design District and Monon Boulevard through Midtown.

This year’s showcase features nearly 500 original, period-correct, and enthusiast-owned automobiles, spanning historic classics, competition legends, modern exotics, and supercars. Spread across more than a mile of downtown streets, the event is designed to be explored on foot, with cars displayed the way they were meant to be seen. More than a traditional car show, Artomobilia highlights the craftsmanship, engineering, and creative vision behind world-class automotive design. Among this year’s highlights is a special guest display from Lane Motor Museum of Nashville, Tenn., home to the largest collection of European automobiles in America. Museum founder Jeff Lane will bring a selection of rare and unusual vehicles, including the one-of-a-kind 1932 Helicron, a propeller-driven French car that remains road-legal today. The morn-



ing begins with a low-speed parade as these machines drive into their display area along Range Line Road, offering a rare chance to see them in motion. The event also features marque-specific gatherings for Porsche, BMW, Lotus, and Mercedes-Benz, each hosted alongside its local enthusiast club, as well as select vehicles from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. Attendees can explore the expansive collection while enjoying Carmel’s local galleries, boutique shopping and dining options. Designed for serious collectors and design appreciators alike, Artomobilia offers an immersive community experience where motor vehicles are celebrated as true works of art. This year Artomobilia takes place alongside Carmel on Canvas merging the vibrant world of plein air painting with the sleek beauty of an array of cars. It will be an epic weekend that brings together art lovers and automobile enthusiasts for an unforgettable experience in Carmel. For additional event details, go to artomobilia.org.

Teter Organic Farm invites community to annual Farm to Table Dinner supporting local food security

Submitted

A delicious evening with a meaningful mission is in store this September as Teter Retreat & Organic Farm hosts its annual Farm to Table Dinner on Friday, Sept. 18, at the Harbour Trees Main Clubhouse. Tickets and sponsorships are now available for the event, which raises funds to support Teter’s year-round mission of providing healthy, organic food to our most vulnerable neighbors. At Teter Organic Farm, we believe food and community have the power to heal. “The Farm to Table Dinner is our cornerstone fundraising event,” said Katy Rogers, Director of Operations at Teter. “It sustains our year-round food security mission, and with rising demand, programs like Fueled for School and the local pantries we serve through the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank need our support more than ever.”



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Tickets are \$100 per person and include appetizers and a locally inspired three-course dinner with a choice of chicken or vegetarian entrée. Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for organizations, offering supporters the opportunity to make an even greater impact. Presented with the support of Sustainer Partner IDI Composites International and Mission Partners Hamilton County Community

Foundation and Jackie and Dave Cox, this year’s dinner will feature an elegant, locally sourced menu highlighting fresh vegetables grown at Teter Organic Farm. Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen will once again serve as the emcee for the evening. Special guests Tracey Horth Krueger, leader of the Hamilton County Food Resource Coalition; Tom Bayer, CPA, member of the Hamilton County Community Foundation Board of

Directors and a Teter volunteer; and Katy Rogers, Director of Operations at Teter Retreat & Organic Farm, will share stories about the growing need for food assistance and the life-changing impact of Teter’s food security mission. Teter Organic Farm donated more than 65,000 servings of fresh produce in 2025 through partnerships with the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and dozens of local food pantries and community meal programs. In 2026, the farm is working toward an ambitious goal of donating more than 70,000 servings of fresh, organically grown food to neighbors in need. Tickets and sponsorships are available at TeterOrganicFarm.com. Ticket sales will remain open until the event sells out or through Sept. 1, 2026, whichever comes first.



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Reflections on mini-Red Geranium Artisan Market

By Sherry Minton
FPC Mission Team Member

As the congregation sang “Amazing Grace” during worship on Sunday morning, Aug. 16, the words carried special meaning. After a weekend marked by historic rainfall, flooding, uncertainty, and countless last-minute decisions, we were reminded once again that God’s grace often shines brightest in the midst of life’s unexpected challenges.

The 11th Annual Red Geranium Artisan Market was shaping up to be another wonderful community event. As always, preparations by our Mission Team had been months in the making. By Friday afternoon, 16 indoor artisans were beautifully set up throughout Fellowship Hall, the balcony, and the parlor. Several outdoor vendors had already erected their tents in the parking lot, and the sunshine suggested we were headed for another successful market day.

Then Mother Nature had other plans.

By Friday evening, weather forecasters were predicting heavy storms and significant flooding throughout Hamilton County. Almost immediately, our planning team, led by Jennie Auble and supported by Kristin Roe, Debbie Wilson, Sherry Minton, Ann Crispin, and Kelly Wuerch, shifted into full-scale “Plan B” mode.

Vendors were notified of the changing forecast and encouraged to make decisions that prioritized their safety and protected their handcrafted products. Throughout the evening, cancellations began coming in as artisans weighed the risks posed by the worsening weather. Before dawn on Saturday morning, the difficult decision was made to cancel all outdoor market activities while continuing with an indoor-only event.

What could have been a disappointing cancellation became a powerful example of resilience, teamwork,

and faith. Despite being a scaled-down version of our traditional event, the “Mini Red Geranium” was a tremendous success. The Mission Team raised \$3,350 through booth rentals, while the Presbyterian Women Bake Sale generated an additional \$1,700-plus. Several vendors reported some of their strongest sales ever, and shoppers enjoyed a warm, welcoming indoor experience while the rain continued outside. Many visitors also took advantage of an impromptu tour of First Presbyterian Church led by Brian Wuerch, learning more about our church and its ministries.

Most importantly, this success would not have been possible without the dedication of nearly 50 church volunteers. Your flexibility, servant hearts, and willingness to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances reflected the very best of our church family.

While the storms created challenges for our event, they also brought hardship to many throughout Hamilton County. As our community begins recovery efforts, we are grateful for opportunities to support neighbors in need and share Christ’s love in meaningful ways.

A portion of the proceeds from this year’s event will support local mission efforts assisting individuals and families affected by the flooding in Noblesville, providing a tangible way for our church and community to come together in care and compassion.

The story of this year’s Red Geranium Artisan Market is not really about bad weather. It is a story of faithful volunteers, supportive vendors, creative problem-solving, and a church community that refused to let difficult circumstances overshadow its mission. Through uncertainty and change, God provided exactly what was needed.

Indeed, amid historic flooding and a weekend full of surprises, we found Amazing Grace.



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Who won the cornhole tournament? The kids!



The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville thanks everyone who made the 11th Annual Cornhole Tournament on Aug. 7 such a success, including title sponsor McGowan Insurance Group and West Bend. All the support and generosity helped raise \$21,350 to support meaningful, affordable programs for local kids. The Club couldn't do it without your generosity and willingness to support the community. Since Aug. 10, the Club's doors have been open, providing a safe, welcoming environment for more than 300 Club Kids. Thank you for investing in BGCN's mission and the next generation of leaders. Thank you also to RWJ Media for capturing these great photos from the day. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 3 for the Halloween-themed team trivia night, Trick or Trivia, at the Noblesville Moose Lodge.

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Beth Sheller named Hamilton County Republican Woman of the Year

Submitted

Hamilton County Elections Administrator Beth Sheller was recently named the 2026 Hamilton County Republican Woman of the Year. Beth was presented with the award at the Indiana Federation of Republican Women's Patriot Ball on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Sheller has been a dedicated public servant and Re-

publican leader in Hamilton County for more than 16 years. As the county's Elections Administrator, she has supervised 11 countywide elections and trained more than 10,000 poll workers, earning a reputation for professionalism, integrity, and excellence.

The Indiana Federation of Republican Women Member of the Year Award

honors an exceptional local member who demonstrates outstanding dedication, grassroots leadership, and an unwavering commitment to the Republican Party and her community.

Sheller's commitment to both her party and her community extends far beyond her professional role. She serves as Secretary of the Hamilton County Republican Women, Secretary of the Hamilton County Republican Party, Co-Leader of the Noblesville GOP Club, as well as a member of the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees. She is also currently a candidate for Hamilton County Clerk.

Sheller gives much of her time and energy to strengthening the Republi-



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Hamilton County Elections Administrator Beth Sheller (front row, left) was named Hamilton County Republican Woman of the Year for 2026. She was presented the award at the recent Indiana Federation of Republican Women's Patriot Ball.



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Maxwell Antonio Winston

April 29, 2026 – August 18, 2026



Maxwell Antonio Winston, Anderson, Ind., passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at Community Hospital in Anderson. He was born on April 29, 2026, to Marquez and Pearson (Newsum) Winston.

Max or Bubby, as Mom and Dad loved calling him, would light up a room, bringing joy and happiness with his larger-than-life smile. He touched your heart with his beautiful blue eyes. He gave as much of his attention and energy to everyone as he got. Max will forever leave his little footprints across our hearts and will always be loved and missed.

He is survived by his parents, Marquez & Pearson Winston; grandparents, Tia & Tony Dancier, Janet & Sidney Newsom, Marlon & Amandula Anderson, and Dion & Pepper Williams; along with an overwhelming support of loving family to include special great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, and extended family.

Visitation and services were held Monday, August 24, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Donna Belle Spencer

November 27, 1928 – August 15, 2026



Donna Belle Spencer, born on November 27, 1928, in Akron, Ind., passed away peacefully on August 15, 2026. She was a beacon of love and compassion in her family and community. Her charismatic personality and thoughtful heart touched everyone who had the privilege to meet her. She devoted her life to her family as a loving homemaker, always ensuring her home was a welcoming place filled with warmth and love.

Donna was a proud resident of Cicero. She was a loving wife to her late husband, John Spencer, whom she married on February 26, 1966. Donna enjoyed attending Omega Christian Church with her church family whom she loved, playing (and winning) Bingo, and competitive games of Farkle with her friends from Tipton. She was an ardent fan of Izakaya and jumped at every chance to each there. Donna loved basking in the sun, visiting the beach, and maintaining her beautiful flowers. Her collection of angels, coffee cups, magnets, and knick-knacks brought her joy, each item holding fond memories and stories.

Donna is survived by her loving children, Kevin Spencer, Kim (Russ) Spencer-Milkey, Janet (Greg) Murray, Paul (Leslie) Spencer, Brian (Carol) Spencer, and Brenda (Kurt) King. She is also survived by her daughters-in-law, Karen Umberger, Nancy (Robb) Webb, and Kathy Spencer, as well as her sister, Janice (Harold) Shewman. She was a dedicated mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and aunt. She cherished every moment spent with her family.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, John Spencer; parents, Orville and Doris Ellis; children, Larry Umberger, Twila Smith, Mark Spencer, and Jeff Spencer; her grandchildren, Ryan Milkey and Dana Murray; and her sister, Marcile Becker.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2026, at Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero. A funeral service in memory of Donna will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, August 28, 2026, at the same location with Pastor Neal Brown of Omega Christian Church officiating. All services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home in Cicero.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home to go towards funeral expenses.

We invite all who knew Donna to share their memories and upload photos to her memorial page. Donna's life was filled with love, laughter, and family; let us remember her in the same way. Your shared memories will serve as a comforting reminder of the beautiful life she lived.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Richard Lee “Dick” McCauley

October 30, 1942 – July 29, 2026



Richard Lee “Dick” McCauley passed away peacefully on July 29, 2026, at the age of 83. Born in Kokomo, Ind., on October 30, 1942, Richard was a longtime resident of Chatham Township, N.J., and later, Florida.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Anne Lester (Poekel) McCauley; his daughters, Elizabeth Anne Collard (Plandome, N.Y.) and Susan McCauley Warren (Corte Madera, Calif.); and his five grandchildren, Katherine Evelyn, Thomas Richard, and Julianne Elizabeth Collard, and Grace Elizabeth Hope and Charlotte Anna Dean Warren.

He is also survived by his brother, Michael McCauley of Yorktown, Ind.; his sister, Kay Berman of Los Banos, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Evelyn McCauley, and his sister, Ann Milfred.

Richard's life was defined by his devotion to family, faith, and a distinguished career in international telecommunications.

He was a 1960 graduate of Walnut Grove High School in Arcadia, where he served as senior class president. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Ball State University in 1964 and later obtained a Master of Business Administration in International Finance from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business (Executive MBA program, Singapore).

On October 28, 1972, Richard married Anne Lester Poekel. Together, they raised their two daughters in Chatham Township, N.J., and enjoyed an adventurous life living in Hong Kong, Paris, and Amsterdam. In his retirement, the couple cherished 15 years in the Lake Wales/Lakeland, Fla. area.

Richard compiled an accomplished executive career in corporate finance, beginning with Western Electric in 1967. His work with AT&T and Lucent Technologies took him across the globe, serving in roles including Chief Financial Officer in Hong Kong and Vice President of the ATTI Asia/Pacific Region in Beijing, China. He concluded his career as the Chief Financial Officer for Lucent's Europe, Africa, and Middle East operations, and following his retirement in 2001, served for 15 years as Treasurer of the Lucent Retirement Organization.

Service to others was one of Richard's defining qualities. For more than 60 years, he dedicated his time and talents to Theta Chi International Fraternity, mentoring generations of young men and serving in numerous international leadership roles. Initiated into the Delta Kappa Chapter at Ball State in 1962, he served as Regional Counselor, National Marshall, National Vice President, and President of the National Board of Trustees. In 1986, Richard received the fraternity's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, recognizing his exceptional leadership and lifelong commitment.

Richard will be remembered for a life marked by humility, compassion, and a deep commitment to helping others succeed. His legacy lives on in the family he loved, the friends and colleagues he inspired, and the countless lives he touched through his leadership and service.

A service celebrating Richard's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, August 28, 2026, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Essex Fells, N.J. A live stream will be available. Please email for the link: suemccauley@gmail.com.

Francis Edgar Slim

October 19, 1928 – October 28, 2025



Francis Edgar “Frank” Slim, 97, Pensacola, Fla., formerly of Connersville and Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at PruittHealth Rehabilitation – Pensacola following a fall in late September. Born in Birmingham, England, on October 19, 1928, he was the son of the late Francis and Maggie Slim.

Frank joined the Royal Marines in 1944 serving 24 years mostly as a Commando across the U.K., Hong Kong, Palestine, Malta, Singapore, and Borneo, earning the rank of Sergeant Major. In 1957, in Portsmouth, England, he married Daphne Gaynham, who preceded him in death in Noblesville in 2015.

After leaving the Marines in 1968, Frank began a new chapter in the British Foreign Service, serving seven years with postings in India, Poland, Egypt, and finally Washington, D.C. Frank and his family chose to emigrate and became American citizens. He remained in the D.C. area until retiring to Connersville in 1993, later moving to Noblesville in 2010. His final move was to Pensacola, Fla., where he spent his final years with his daughters.

Frank was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved woodworking, painting, traveling, and tackling homeowner projects. Before moving to Indiana, he built his own ‘ham’ station and enjoyed communicating with people around the world in Morse code and voice; but most of all Frank cherished time with family and friends.

He is survived by daughters, Beverley Slim of Pensacola, Fla., and Amanda Slim and husband Jeffery Schultz of Pensacola; grandchildren, Dana McCabe of Olympia, Wash., and Erik Slim of Pensacola; step-grandchildren, Sarah Schultz Shumaker and Jeffery Schultz; and great-grandchildren, Marshall and Juliette McCabe and Kieran Schultz.

The family welcomes friends to help celebrate Frank's extraordinary life from noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, August 28, 2026, at the Urban Winkler Funeral Home, 513 W. 8th St., Connersville. Light refreshments and British biscuits will be served. Frank will be laid to rest in Dale Cemetery.

Condolences: urbanwinklerfuneralhome.com

Patsy Ann Cox

October 20, 1940 – August 18, 2026



Patsy Ann Cox known to many by Nana, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at her home. She was born on October 20, 1940, in Roanoke, Va.

Patsy was a homemaker who loved her animals, going to garage sales with her family, gardening, and canning fruits and vegetables. Her habanero jelly was everyone's favorite.

Faith was at the very heart of Patsy's life. She loved the Lord deeply and had a boldness to speak about Him to anyone she encountered. She had a way of speaking into the lives of others, often without even realizing the impact her words had. Patsy was also very sensitive to the presence of the Lord and sought to follow His leading in her life. Her love for the Lord and for her family was evident to everyone who knew her.

Patsy is survived by four children; her sister, Hazel; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her dogs.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jerry Lee Campbell; mother, Elizabeth Ann Lily; husband, Robert Cox; children, Lora and Timothy; and her sister, Clara.

A celebration of Patsy's life will be held at a later date. Her care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Joy Ann Mills

April 2, 1942 – August 18, 2026



Joy Ann Mills, 84, Noblesville, passed away peacefully into the arms of her Savior on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. She was born on April 2, 1942, to Everett and Ruby (Lundy) Ely in Pennington Gap, Va.

Joy retired from Best Lock Corp. She and her husband spent their time at their farm in Pennington Gap where they raised cattle, made hay, and enjoyed the company of numerous friends. Joy was a member of the former Beech Grove Church of the Brethren.

She is survived by her loving husband, James H. Mills; daughters, Lisa Phifer, Kathy Young, and Suzanne Mills; daughter-in-law, Robin Mills; sons, Timothy Young, and Mark (Jane) Mills; brother, Larry (Vickie) Ely; sisters, Mary (Bruce) Brooks, and Brenda (Bill) Iles; grandchildren, Evan Myers, Ashley Myers, Clayton Young, Kennedy Young, Jason (Katie) Mills, Molly (Ross) Hammonds, Jared (Caroline) Mills, Shelby (Daniel) Clayton, LJ (Ashley) Young, and Daniel (Bailey) Young; 11 great-grandchildren and one on the way next month; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and sisters-in-law.

In addition to her parents, Joy was preceded in death by her son, James Mills; daughter-in-law, Rhonda Louise Young; sisters, Marjorie Ruth McElroy and Linda Kay Parker; and her brothers, EJ Ely, Harold Ely, Wayne Ely, and Kenneth Ely.

The family would like to thank Anchor of Hope Hospice for their loving care of Joy.

Visitation and services were held Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Hack McPhee officiated. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gospel Grace Church, 9064 W. Grandview Blvd., Pendleton, IN 46064 (mygospelgrace.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Marvin K. Phipps

August 25, 1944 – August 18, 2026



Marvin K. Phipps, a humble and courageous man, passed away on August 18, 2026, at the age of 81. Born on August 25, 1944, in Gordon, Neb., Marvin was a man of great character and was known for his generosity and love for his family. He grew up in South Dakota and joined the United States Air Force right after high school. After serving his country, he moved to Cicero, where he resided until his passing.

Marvin was a successful salesman in the building materials industry until his retirement in 2009. Known for his professionalism and dedication, Marvin was a respected member of the Builders Association. Despite his busy career, Marvin found solace in his hobbies, which reflected his love for nature and sports. His beautiful yard and garden were testaments to his green thumb. He also had a love for fishing, often accompanied by his grandson Warren. Marvin also had a deep admiration for baseball, particularly for the NY Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals. His passion for Western culture was reflected in his collection of Remington art pieces and his enjoyment of old Westerns on TV.

Marvin was a loving husband to Laura Phipps, whom he married on September 2, 2006. His love extended to his family, his daughter, Kelly Hodgson; his sons, Christopher (Nicole) Hodgson and Jonathan Hodgson; his granddaughters, Audra DeLuna and Haley (Clark) Crumbacker; his grandson, Warren (Dawn) Gingrich; and his great-grandchildren, Oliver, Casey, Jane, and Cali. He is also survived by his brothers, Larry and Jim Phipps. Marvin's life was enriched by the friendships he formed, especially with Jesse (Shirley) Camacho.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Winifred Phipps; his sisters, Darlene and Arlene Phipps; and his ex-wife, Janice Phipps.

Marvin's wishes were for a simple cremation. The family will hold a private celebration of Marvin's life at a later date.

Marvin's care has been entrusted to Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home-Cicero. We invite you to share your memories of Marvin and upload photos to his memorial page, honoring the life of this generous, humble, courageous, and loving individual.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Eleanor Moffitt

February 14, 1928 – August 18, 2026



Eleanor Moffitt, 98, Carmel, passed away on August 18, 2026. She was born February 14, 1928, in the small town of Washington Court House, Ohio, to Daniel and Nelle Arnold Stuckey.

After graduating from Carmel High School in 1946, Eleanor moved to Dayton, Ohio, where she was promoted to secretary to an Air Force colonel at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In 1954, she married R. Lyman Moffitt and returned to Carmel.

Following Lyman's passing, Eleanor worked for two years as one of the first Guide/Interpreters at Conner Prairie Museum, where she served in the Conner House and the Trading Post. Once her children were in school, she began a 21-year career with Carmel Clay Schools. She worked as a secretary at Woodbrook Elementary and Carmel Junior High before retiring from the activities office at Carmel High School.

Eleanor was an active member of Carmel Friends Church. She was involved in Women Aglow, the Order of St. Luke, the United Society of Friends Women (USFW), Progressive Arts Club, the Carmel Clay Historical Society, and the Carmel High School Alumni Association.

Eleanor took art lessons from Melinda Spear-Huff in Sheridan where she learned the love of painting. She also took porcelain painting lessons and created delicate pieces of art.

Eleanor's family shaped Carmel's landscape. Her father sold his farm on the west side of Carmel, and a portion of it became Crooked Stick Golf Course. Later, Eleanor sold her family home on the east side of Carmel, and the first roundabout in Carmel was built at River Road and Main Street. In 1950, Eleanor's father, Dan Stuckey, ran for political office as a trustee and was instrumental in moving the Clay Township boundary to the White River in Carmel.

She will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered.

She is survived by her three children, Scott (Kristen), Cynthia (Richard), and Jacquelyn (Christopher); grandchildren, Ryan (Ashley), Matthew (Allie), Stephen (Jessica), Christian Scott, Kathryn, and Sarah; great-grandchildren, John Ryan, Robert, Murphy Jo, and Merritt Lyman; step-grandchild, Jamie; and great-grandchild, Nuala.

She was predeceased by her parents, Daniel and Nelle Stuckey; her stepmother, Martha Stuckey; and brother, Eugene Stuckey.

Family and friends will gather for visitation at 10 a.m. Friday, August 28, 2026, at Carmel Friends Church, 651 W. Main St., where Eleanor was a longtime member. The Funeral Service will begin at noon at the church.

Eleanor's final resting place, alongside her husband, Lyman, will take place in Carmel Cemetery with a private family committal.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Senior Home Companions, A Home for Mom/Gloria Metzler, and Legacy Hospice. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Carmel Clay Historical Society or Purposeful Design (Christian Ministry).

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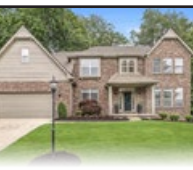


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Hamilton County Parks celebrates beam signing for new Indoor Archery Facility

Submitted

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) celebrated a major milestone in the development of its new Indoor Archery Facility at Strawtown Koteewi Park, 11909 Koteewi Drive, with a beam signing ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 12, bringing community partners, elected officials, archery leaders, and project supporters together to mark the next step in the facility’s construction.

The beam signing represents an important moment in a project more than a decade in the making. The new facility will provide a year-round destination for archers of all ages and skill levels while expanding Hamilton County’s ability to host regional, national, and international competitions.

“This project started as an idea 12 years ago, when we recognized that Indiana needed quality archery facilities that could provide a place for people to learn, practice, and compete,” said Tony Girt, a longtime leader in Indiana archery and HCPR’s private-sector partner for the facility. “This new facility is going to give our competitive archers a place to practice year-round and continue developing their skills. Indiana has always produced great archers, and this is going to advance that even more.”

The project is supported in part through a grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. HCPR Director Chris Stice recognized the continued support of the DNR and its role in making the project possible.

The facility is also the result of a broad network of public and private partnerships. Stice recognized the support of the Hamilton County Commissioners, Hamilton County Council, Hamilton County Park Board, Indiana DNR, project engineers and contractors, Hamilton County Sports Authority, Hamilton

County Tourism, and HCPR staff.

“Projects like this don’t happen without strong partnerships,” Stice said. “The public-private partnership is a key part of what makes this possible. We are fortunate to have partners who believe in Hamilton County, believe in parks and recreation, and are willing to help us create opportunities that benefit our community.”

Girt noted that more than 100,000 people have participated in archery opportunities through the partnership over the past 12 years, including individuals who were picking up a bow for the first time or returning to a sport they enjoyed as children.

The new facility will also strengthen Hamilton County’s position as a destination for sports tourism. Strawtown Koteewi Park already attracts archery tournaments that draw competitors from across the United States and internationally. Recent tournaments have brought hundreds of visitors to the area, and the addition of the indoor facility will increase the park’s capacity to host larger tournaments and provide opportunities for year-round competitions, bringing more athletes, families, and visitors to Hamilton County.

“This is another example of the diversity of recreation that Hamilton County has to offer,” Stice said. “From elementary school students and recreational archers to high school competitors, national-level athletes and Olympic sports, Hamilton County continues to build a reputation as a place where people can come to participate and compete at a very high level.”

The facility will provide Indiana archers with something they have long needed: a dedicated, year-round indoor training and competition space. During the winter months, when shorter days and unpredictable



Photos provided by Hamilton County Parks & Recreation
(TOP) Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Director Chris Stice speaks at the beam signing ceremony for the indoor archery facility. (ABOVE LEFT) USA Archery member Mandy Boggs of Noblesville signs the indoor archery facility beam. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) HCPR Director Chris Stice, Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Tony Girt, Commissioner Christine Altman, and Commissioner Steven Dillinger stand by the signed beam.

weather can limit outdoor training, athletes will be able to maintain consistent practice and continue developing their skills.

The facility’s competitive opportunities are already reflected in the accomplishments of local archers. Mandy Boggs, a member of Team USA, is preparing to represent the United States and Hamilton County at the Reinhart World 3D Championships in Yankton, S.D. This will be her second opportunity to compete as a member of Team USA.

“This is a worldwide sport,” Girt said. “We have people coming here from across the country and from other countries to compete.

We are excited that they will no longer have to search for a building that is large enough to accommodate these events. This facility was designed with those tournaments in mind.”

Stice added, “When you walk in, we want it to feel like a place where professionals and champions are made. It would be like going into Lucas Oil Stadium, where the facility has banners around it with iconic statements that represent our community, inspiring words, championship aspirations and gold medals. We want to see gold medals show up here, and we want to provide a space for that training – not only for the body, but for the mind and

the spirit to grow.”

The Indoor Archery Facility will add another year-round recreational and competitive opportunity to Strawtown Koteewi Park, complementing the park’s existing archery range, equestrian center, aerial course, seasonal tubing hill, and educational offerings.

As construction continues, Stice said the facility represents an opportunity to create something that will inspire generations of archers. He concluded the

ceremony with a quote that will adorn one of the central beams in the facility:

“May every arrow launched here carry forward the spirit of conservation, sportsmanship, and community.”

Construction of the facility is underway, with completion anticipated by the end of 2026. Strawtown Koteewi Range is located at 11909 Koteewi Drive northeast Noblesville as part of the Adventure Area of the park.

Westfield launches Age-Friendly Community Survey

Submitted by
City of Westfield

Westfield city officials ask residents to share their experiences and priorities through a new Age-Friendly Community Survey. The survey is open now through Dec. 31, 2026.

The survey will help the city better understand how well Westfield supports residents as they age and identify opportunities to improve the community’s overall livability. Residents of all ages are encouraged to participate, especially older adults, caregivers and family members who help make decisions on behalf of an older resident.

“Westfield is growing, and the needs of our residents are changing along with it,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “This survey gives residents an opportunity to tell us what is working well, where challenges remain and how we can continue building a community where people can live, stay connected and succeed at every stage of life.”

According to Westfield’s recently completed special census, the percentage of residents aged 55 and older has continued to increase. Residents aged 55 and older represented 19.5 percent of the city’s population in 2010 and has grown to 28.6 percent based on the 2025 Special Census.

The Age-Friendly Community Survey asks residents to provide feedback on several areas that affect quality of life, including:

- Housing options and

accessibility

- Parks, sidewalks, public spaces, and community buildings

- Transportation, walkability, and parking

- Health care, wellness programs, and community support services

- Social activities, volunteer opportunities, and civic participation

- Access to local news, programs, and community information

Survey results will help the city establish a baseline for how well Westfield currently meets the needs of older residents. The information will also help identify service gaps, prioritize future programs and investments, support funding decisions, and measure progress over time.

The survey is based on principles developed through the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, which encourages communities to plan for residents of all ages and abilities. Age-friendly planning can include improvements such as safer crossings, accessible public spaces, housing choices, transportation options, health and wellness resources, and opportunities for residents to remain active and connected. Individual responses will remain anonymous, and survey results will be reviewed in summary form.

Residents can complete the survey online at westfieldin.gov/aarpsurvey.

The deadline to complete the survey is Dec. 31, 2026.



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Noblesville School Board commits to lower, incremental referendum rates

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees has formally committed to a lower than projected referendum rate for 2027, and a slow progression of increases, should the current referendum proposal be supported by voters this fall.

The board signed an official resolution at their meeting Tuesday night committing to a 38.5-cent rate for 2027 and a slow progression of no more than 4-cent annual increases during the referendum period.

Under this model, the average annual monthly increase over eight years (for a \$350,000 median home) is **\$1.88 more per month** than what residents are paying currently.

“We wanted to clarify our commitment to the public in writing,” said Christi Crosser, president of the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees. “If the referendum is approved, we will not use more than what we need and do not believe we will need the maximum 57 cents at any time during the referendum period. The referendum rate would increase by 1.5 cents in 2027, and after that would not increase by more than 4 cents in any given year. This ensures we continue to adequately fund our schools without any big jumps in costs for our taxpayers.”

The state requires school districts to list a maximum referendum rate on the ballot and for Noblesville Schools it will show 57 cents as the maximum rate.

“That number was really a worst-case scenario we had to go with months ago based on the information we had at that time,” Crosser said. “We’re pleased to have been able to lower our projected rates based on the latest assessed value information that we received earlier this month.”

The district is seeking an increased rate due to recent SEA1 property tax legislation that reduced funding for schools. The district must increase the

referendum rate to continue to receive a comparable amount of money. But, thanks to SEA1 property tax deductions for homeowners, this does not mean a large increase for taxpayers.

“The ballot language is misleading in a sense because it implies there will be a big increase for taxpayers,” Crosser said.

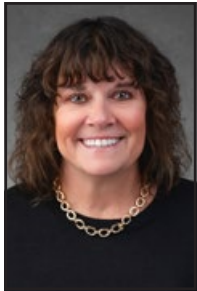
“Since we’re not using the full 57-cent amount, the actual increase over what people have been paying already is very small.”

The district recently introduced a calculator for residents to learn exactly what this means for them.

The calculator shows taxpayers how much they are paying for the current 2018 referendum and how much they would pay over the life of the proposed 2026 referendum, including growth in property values and referendum rates over time.

Residents can also attend community information meetings and open office hours in the coming weeks to learn more about the referendum and get answers to their questions.

The calculator, meeting list, board commitment and answers to frequently asked questions can all be found on the district’s website at noblesvilleschools.org/referendum.



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— COURT NOTICE —

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Superior Court #2)
R8529 8/24/26, 8/31/26

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

Public Notice of Petroleum Release, Spill or Overflow
Local health departments are required by statute (IC 13-23-16) to inform the public of the discovery of released regulated substances at an underground storage tank site or above ground storage tank, in the surrounding area or a spill or overflow. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was notified on August 20, 2026 of such an incident from the owner or operator of the Westfield Washington Schools facility located at 17303 Ditch Road in or near Westfield, Indiana in Hamilton County.
For further information on the Petroleum Remediation Program, please go to <https://www.in.gov/idem/tanks/>.
Or contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (317) 232-8900 or by e-mail at LeakingUST@idem.IN.gov.
R8530 8/24/26

— FISHERS —

NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that on August 17, 2026, the Common Council for the City of Fishers, Hamilton, Indiana (“City”), meeting in a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with Ind. Code §36-4-3-5.1, passed Ordinance No. 072026G, annexing approximately 11.54 acres located outside of but contiguous to the City, generally known as the Buckhaven (the “Annexed Territory”). This Annexation Ordinance is available for review at Fishers Municipal Center, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. If you have specific questions please contact:
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R8510 8/20/26, 8/24/26

NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
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City of Fishers Community and Economic Development Department
planning@fishersin.gov
(317) 595-3155
R8511 8/20/26, 8/24/26

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R8512 8/20/26, 8/24/26

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Westfield Washington Schools has determined to enter into a lease agreement and issue one or more series of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$146,530,000 to fund the remaining (i) renovations and construction of additions to Westfield High School, (ii) renovations and construction of additions to the current Westfield Middle School, (iii) renovations and construction of additions to the current Westfield Intermediate School, and (iv) further renovation of and improvements to facilities in the School Corporation, including maintenance improvements and site improvements, and the purchase of equipment, technology, real estate and buses (collectively, the “Projects”). The preliminary determination hearings for the Projects were originally held by the Board of School Trustees on November 12, 2024, and December 17, 2024.
Dated: August 17, 2026
/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Westfield Washington Schools
R8425 8/17/26, 8/24/26

Notice Regarding Division of the Common Council of the City of Westfield, Indiana into Legislative Body Districts
Pursuant to Ind. Code §36-4-6-3 and Ind Code §3-5-10-7, the Common Council (“Council”) of the City of Westfield (the “City”) is dividing the City’s legislative body districts into six (6) single member districts on or before December 31, 2026 for the election of Council Members in 2027 and thereafter. In order to accomplish this division, the Council has adopted Redistricting Guidelines which are available upon request in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer, Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 from 8:00 am to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The division of the Common Council into legislative body districts will be accomplished pursuant to the following schedule:
August 31, 2026 by Noon Last Day for Members of the Public to Submit Objections or Written Comments Regarding the Redistricting Guidelines to the Office of Clerk-Treasurer.
September 9, 2026 by Noon Deadline for Plans Submitted by the Public. Redistricting Coordinator Makes Draft of City Districting Plan Available for Examination by the Public at the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer.
September 14, 2026 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing for Purpose of Reviewing and Evaluating Draft of City Districting Plan and Plans Submitted by the Public and Introducing on First Reading an Ordinance Preliminarily Approving a Plan. Written comments on any plan must be received by Clerk-Treasurer by 4:30 pm this day.
September 28, 2026 7:00 p.m. (tentative) Public Meeting for Purpose of Making Revisions to Plan to be Adopted by Council and to Adopt an Ordinance Approving the Plan on Final Passage (actual meeting date confirmed at September 14th hearing)
Within 30 days of Adoption Filing of a Certified Copy of the Ordinance Establishing Districts with the Clerk of the Hamilton County Circuit Court no later than Thirty (30) Days After the Ordinance is Adopted Pursuant to Ind. Code §36-4-6-3(k).
Each of the meetings set forth above will be held in the Council Chambers of the Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and shall begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. The public’s participation in the redistricting process is welcomed. All Council meetings are open to the public. The public is invited to submit proposed districting plans that comply with the Redistricting Guidelines adopted by the Council. A Public Plan Submission Kit (including census data) is available during normal business hours in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer set forth above. In order to be considered by the Council, redistricting plans submitted by the public must comply with the Redistricting Guidelines and must be submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer by Noon on September 9, 2026.
R8466 8/17/26, 8/24/26

NOTICE OF EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT
Pursuant to IC 36-7-14.5-24, notice is hereby provided that on August 4, 2026, the City of Westfield, Indiana Redevelopment Authority (the “Authority”) and Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated (the “Underwriter”) executed and delivered a Bond Purchase Agreement whereby the Authority agreed to sell and the Underwriter agreed to purchase all of the Authority’s (i) Lease Rental Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A, in the aggregate principal amount of \$26,665,000, with a final maturity date of January 15, 2051 and (ii) Lease Rental Revenue Bonds, Series 2026B (Federally Taxable), in the aggregate principal amount of \$13,335,000, with a final maturity date of January 15, 2036 (collectively, the “Bonds”). No action to contest the validity of the Bonds may be brought after the fifteenth day following the publication of this notice.
CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
R8500 8/21/26, 8/24/26

Westfield City Council
Notice is hereby given that the Westfield City Council, being the governing body of the City of Westfield, will conduct a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, and in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed 100% voluntary annexations.
• Ord. 26-53; The Reserve and Village at Ironstone Annexation; The proposed voluntary annexation consists of twenty-two (22) parcels approximately 480.4 acres +/- . The area to be annexed is generally located north and south of 206th Street, east and west of Horton Road, and adjacent to the existing corporate limits along portions of the southern boundary of the collective parcels. The Hamilton County tax identification numbers are Parcel No. 08-05-14-00-00-003.000; 08-05-14-00-00-003.002; 08-05-14-00-00-004.000; 08-05-14-00-00-009.000; 08-05-14-00-00-017.001; 08-05-14-00-00-018.000; 08-05-14-00-00-021.000; 08-05-14-00-00-021.001; 08-05-14-00-00-022.000; 08-05-14-00-00-028.000; 08-05-15-00-00-011.000; 08-05-15-00-00-013.000; 08-05-15-00-00-014.000; 08-05-22-00-00-008.000; 08-05-22-00-00-010.000; 08-05-22-00-00-011.000; 08-05-23-00-00-001.000; 08-05-23-00-00-003.000; 08-05-23-00-00-004.000; 08-05-23-00-00-009.000; 08-05-23-00-00-009.002; and 08-05-23-01-01-001.000.
The properties will be annexed into the City of Westfield Corporate limits.
Written remonstrances against the proposed annexation may be filed at any time before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the offices of the Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana.
At the public hearing, the City Council will hear any person who has filed a written remonstrance during this filing period, and receive and hear any remonstrances or objections from persons interested in or affected by the voluntary annexations.
At the public hearing, the City Council will also determine whether the proposed voluntary annexation is reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Ordinance and whether the Ordinance, as amended, conforms to the Westfield-Washington Comprehensive Plan.
A more detailed description of the areas under consideration for 100% voluntary annexation may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, or by calling (317) 804-3170.
Dated this 20th day of August, 2026.
R8523 8/31/26

PUBLIC NOTICE
Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions:
• 2609-PUD-13 Northpoint PUD Amendment VI - The Shoppes District; Southeast corner of State Road 38 and N. East Street; Westfield Petroleum, LLC by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC, requests a PUD amendment to permit a gasoline service station on 6.74 acres +/- in the Shoppes District of the Northpoint Planned Unit Development (PUD) District
• 2609-PUD-14 Hidden Oaks PUD; Generally 1/2 mile west of the intersection at Little Eagle Creek Avenue and W.166th Street & generally south of the intersection at Mule Barn Road and State Road 32; The Lang Family Farm Trust, represented by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC, requests a change in zoning for 496.76 acres +/- from the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-family Rural District to the Hidden Oaks Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
• 2609-PUD-15 Westchester PUD, Amendment I; Generally located on the South side of 161st Street, and about a 1/2 mile East of Towne Road; Janice Cohoat Trust, represented by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC, requests an amendment to the Westchester Planned Unit Development (PUD) District ordinance to allow the construction of a single-family home, pertaining to 1.88 acres +/- in the Westchester Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
• 2609-PUD-16 Grassy Branch at Bridgewater PUD, Amendment I; Generally located West of the intersection at Carey Road & Club Estates Drive; Wedgewood Building Company, LLC, represented by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC, requests an amendment to the Grassy Branch at Bridgewater Planned Unit Development (PUD) District ordinance to allow the construction of four (4) single-family homes, pertaining to 8.33 acres +/- in the Grassy Branch at Bridgewater Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3150, option 5.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfieldin.gov
R8524 8/31/26

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Plan Commission
City of Noblesville, Indiana
The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Application No’s LEGP 0160-2026 and LEGP 0161-2026 on Monday, September 21, 2026 beginning at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060**. The application submitted by Albert Johnson (Owner) and JDF Greenfield, LLC (Joe Farr) is for the change of zoning from R1 Single-Family Residential to PB Planned Business and the adoption of a preliminary development plan, ordinance including waivers for 3.87 acres located at 10113 E. 191st Street to be known as “Millers Crossing Planned Development Area” for the creation of two lots with one remaining vacant and the other for a proposed Wawa Convenience/Fuel Center, all within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana. A live stream meeting will be available on the City’s YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Plan Commission.
Copies of the proposals are on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 S. 10th Street for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page www.noblesville.in.gov.
Agendas and Minutes, Plan Commission – September 21, 2026 prior to the meeting date. A list of each of the appointed officer’s name, the appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards
NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary
R8520 8/24/26

— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) SS: SUPERIOR COURT)
KRIEG DEVAULT LLP,) CAUSE NO. 29D07-2606-CC-007198)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
TRANSITIONS RECOVERY, LLC,)
Defendants.)
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Transitions Recovery, LLC
This Summons is to the Defendant, Transitions Recovery, LLC, named above, and to any other person, organization or entity who may be concerned. You are notified that you, the Defendant named above, has been sued in the Hamilton Superior Court in Hamilton County, Noblesville, Indiana in an action entitled Complaint, Cause No. 29D07-2606-CC-007198 by the above-named Plaintiff Krieg DeVault LLP. This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to you, whose current addresses, locations and/or whereabouts are unknown to the Plaintiff and/or its attorneys. The named Plaintiff is represented by Joshua D. Hague, and Hilary K. Leighty of Krieg DeVault, 111 Congressional Blvd., Suite 400, Carmel, Indiana 46032. The nature of this lawsuit, litigation and/or Complaint against you is: Complaint for breach of contract.
An Answer or other response in writing to the Complaint must be filed by you and/or your attorney on or before thirty (30) days after the third (3rd) notice of this suit is published. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demand by the Plaintiff.
If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written Answer or response. An answer is considered filed when it is received in the office of the Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, (317) 770-8800. The method you choose to deliver the answer to the Clerk is up to you; however, you should be able to prove that you filed your answer. If you have a claim against the Plaintiffs arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.
Dated: 8/17/2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
CLERK, HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
R8509 8/24/26, 8/31/26, 9/7/26

THE GRIMES FAMILY LIVING TRUST, DECEASED
Upon the death of Helen I. Grimes, late of Noblesville, Hamilton County, IN on July 6, 2026, the Trustee of The Grimes Family Living Trust requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MICHAEL B. GRIMES, Trustee, 1441 Orchard Hill Lane, Rydal, PA. 19046.
R8527 8/24/26, 8/31/26

29D03-2608-EU-000353
Hamilton Superior Court 3
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT 3)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
DONNA L. SNIDER,)
DECEASED)
George G. Slater, Attorney)
SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC)
600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128)
Carmel, IN 46032)
317-571-9600)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton)
County, Indiana.)
Notice is hereby given that Amanda)
K. Ferill was on 8/14/26, appointed)
Personal Representative of the Estate)
of Donna L. Snider, deceased, who)
died on July 20, 2026.)
All persons who have claims against)
this estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the clerk of this Court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice, or within)
nine (9) months after the decedent’s)
death, whichever is earlier, or said)
claims will be forever barred.)
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on)
August 17, 2026.)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)
R8516 8/24/26, 8/31/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2608-MI-9511)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
SHA KEELA LEANN GAINES)
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that)
Petitioner, SHAKEELA LEANN)
JACKSON, pro se, filed a Verified)
Petition for Change of Name to)
change her name on her birth)
certificate from SHA KEELA LEANN)
GAINES to SHAKEELA LEANN)
GAINES.)
The petition is scheduled for hearing)
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on)
November 20 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: August 13, 2026)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court)
R8508 8/24/26, 8/31/26, 9/7/26

29D01-2608-EU-336
Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29)
CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE +)
ANTRIM)
10765 Lantern Rd., Ste. 201)
Fishers, IN 46038)
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 572-1609)
Case No: 29D01-2608-EU-)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton)
County, Indiana. 29D01-2608-EU-336)
Notice is hereby given that Kathy)
L. Parsons was, on August 4, 2026,)
appointed Personal Representative of)
the Estate of HERMAN H. PARSONS,)
deceased, who died June 4, 2017.)
All persons who have claims against)
this Estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the Clerk of this Court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this Notice, or within)
nine (9) months after the decedent’s)
death, whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred.)
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on)
August 4, 2026.)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk of the Superior Court of)
Hamilton County, Indiana)
R8525 8/24/26, 8/31/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2608-MI-9997)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Kathleen S. Brown)
Petitioner)
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME**
Kathleen S. Brown, whose mailing)
address is: 328 Whispering Willow)
Ct., Noblesville, IN 46060, in the)
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby)
gives notice that Kathleen S. Brown)
has filed a petition in the Hamilton)
County Circuit Court requesting that)
name be changed to Kathleen Susanne)
Ramseyer.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: December 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.)
Kathleen S. Brown)
Petitioner)
Date: August 16, 2026)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk)
R8526 8/24/26, 8/31/26, 9/7/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2608-MI-10064)
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Taylor Denise Dean)
Petitioner)
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME**
Taylor Denise Dean, whose mailing)
address is: 11701 E 266 St., Arcadia,)
IN 46030, in the Hamilton County,)
Indiana, hereby gives notice that)
Taylor Denise Dean has filed a petition)
in the Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that name be changed to)
Taylor Denise Trietsch.)
Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: December 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.)
Taylor Denise Dean)
Petitioner)
Date: August 20, 2026)
Kathy Kreag Williams)
Clerk)
R8528 8/24/26, 8/31/26, 9/7/26



“Not everything has a reason,
but everything has a cause.”

– Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1988

“The world needs ditch diggers too.”
 – Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1990

— TIPTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
CO-DP-21-26 Tipton Energy Storage, LLC

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission, on the 3rd day of September, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tipton County Courthouse, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-DP-21-26: Tipton Energy Storage, LLC., petitioner and Campbell Family Limited Partnership II, owner, requests approval of a development plan in order to construct a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the AG Agricultural zoning district.

The property is more fully described as:

The Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range 4 East, EXCEPT 56.16 acres off of the whole North end thereof, containing less said exception One Hundred and Six (106) acres, more or less; in Tipton County, Indiana;

ALSO EXCEPT: Part of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East, Tipton County, Indiana and more specifically described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 8, Township 21 North, Range 4 East marked by an iron pin; thence East on and along the South Section line of said Section, One Thousand One Hundred Thirty-three point Zero (1133.0) feet to the point of beginning marked by an iron pin; thence East on and along said South Section line, Two Hundred Twenty-seven point Zero (227.0) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence North 1°4'0" West, Three Hundred Seventy-seven point Zero (377.0) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence, West parallel to said South Section line, Two Hundred Twenty-eight and Twenty-two Hundredths (228.22) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence South 1°15'20" East, Three Hundred Seventy-seven and Three Hundredths (377.03) feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.97 acres;

ALSO EXCEPT: part of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 8, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Quarter; thence South 89°58'54" East 1133.00 feet along the South line of said Quarter; thence North 01°15'20" West 377.03 feet; thence South 89°48'20" West 180.62 feet; thence North 00°31'47" West 324.23 feet; thence South 01°42'18" West 698.22 feet to the point of beginning, containing 16.57 acres, more or less.

Containing, after said exceptions, 87.46 acres, more or less.

ALSO: Part of Section 17, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, cicero Township, Tipton County, Indiana described as follows:

Commencing at the North Quarter corner of said Section marked by an iron rod in concrete in the center of S.R. 28; thence North 89°36'15" East (assumed bearing) 70.00 feet along the North line of said Section to the Northeast corner of a parcel described in Deed Record 125, page 449 and the point of beginning; thence North 89°36'15" East 2258.86 feet along said North line to the Northeast corner of said Section marked by an iron rod in concrete; thence South 00°19'04" West 2644.10 feet along the East line of said Section to the East Quarter corner thereof marked by a 1 inch diameter rebar; thence South 00°25'57" West 2643.52 feet along the East line of said Section to the Southeast corner thereof marked by a 1 inch diameter rebar; thence South 89°25'54" West 663.42 feet along the South line of said Section to the Southwest corner of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section; thence North 00°40'40" East 1319.81 feet along the West line of said East Half to the Northwest corner thereof; thence North 89°27'20" East 521.33 feet along said North line to the West line of a parcel described in Deed Record 125, page 532; thence North 02°17'06" East 164.29 feet along said West line; thence North 11°54'57" East 122.76 feet along said West line; thence North 31°53'22" West 175.56 feet along said West line; thence North 44°35'40" West 96.12 feet along said West line; thence North 81°56'24" West 44.21 feet along said West line; thence North 60°33'48" West 83.87 feet along said West line; thence North 16°07'10" East 64.92 feet along said West line; thence North 59°36'47" West 50.94 feet along said West line; thence North 83°45'58" West 70.85 feet along said West line; thence North 30°27'14" West 25.44 feet along said West line; thence North 22°19'24" West 108.10 feet along said West line; thence North 29°53'46" East 89.82 feet along said West line; thence North 12°57'09" West 305.68 feet along said West line; thence North 72°27'18" West 93.24 feet along said West line; thence North 36°50'57" West 54.02 feet to the North line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section; thence North 89°25'47" East 1059.79 feet along the North line of said Quarter to the center of said Section; thence North 00°42'11" East 1318.01 feet along the West line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section to the Southeast corner of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section; thence South 89°30'08" West 1107.76 feet along the South line of said Half; thence North 00°18'15" West 1319.16 feet to the North line of said Section; thence North 89°34'30" East 775.92 feet along said North line to the Northwest corner of a parcel described in Deed Record 155, page 449; thence South 00°35'36" West 283.02 feet along the West line of said parcel to the Southwest corner thereof marked by a 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence North 89°34'30" East 425.00 feet along the South line of said parcel to the Southeast corner thereof marked by a 5/8 inch diameter rebar with yellow cap stamped "Wyatt Johnson"; thence North 00°35'36" East 282.98 feet along the East line of said parcel to the point of beginning, containing 385.15 acres, more or less.

The property is located on or near the Northwest corner of the intersection of Old State Rd. 28 and C.R. 400 West, Tipton, Indiana.

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

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing during normal business hours. The hearing may be continued from time to time.
Tipton County Plan Commission
R8499

8/21/26, 8/24/26

— ARCADIA —

TOWN OF ARCADIA
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Arcadia Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on September 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Arcadia Town Hall located at 208 W. Main St., Arcadia, Indiana 46030, in order to hear the following petition concerning parcel 03-03-18-00-00-016.301, which is 1.82 acres and is located at 27431 Mosbaugh Rd, Arcadia, IN:

1. Docket No. BZA-2026-DOC-003: A "Variance from Development Standards" concerning Section 156.040(D)(7)(b) of Title XV of the Town of Arcadia Zoning Ordinance in order to encroach onto the minimum required side yard setback in an Agricultural district for the construction of a barn. Petitioners seek to construct a barn y-five and five inches (5.5) feet from the property line whereas the ordinance requires a setback of thirty-five (35) feet. Project Address: 27431 Mosbaugh Rd, Arcadia, IN
Parcel# 03-03-18-00-00-016.301

The petition may be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Town of Arcadia Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia, Indiana 46030.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Town of Arcadia Plan Commission at PO Box 578, Arcadia, IN 46030. Comments may also be dropped off in the Arcadia Utilities payment drop box located 1208 W. Main St., Arcadia, IN. Comments may also be emailed to jennifer.pickett@arcadia.in.gov. Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be entered into the record of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner's Name: Christopher and Ashely Oaks

R8502

8/24/26

— CICERO —

Public Notice

The following will be sold for charges:

8280 E 216th St CICERO on 9/11/2026 @ 12:30PM

- 2017 KIA KNDPMCAC5H7239348 \$1,810.00
- 2007 TOYOTA 2T1BR30E87C807314 \$1,810.00
- 2013 FORD 1FM5K8AR9DGA34135 \$2,115.00
- 2011 DODGE 2D4RNSDGI1BR741329 \$1,810.00
- 2006 CADILLAC 1G6DW67766020339 \$2,036.00
- 2000 FORD 1FMYU60XXYU81726 \$1,810.00
- 2001 DODGE 3B7HF13231G237645 \$1,935.00
- 2013 FORD 2FMHK6C8XDBD20542 \$1,700.00
- 2019 DODGE 2C3CDXGJ9KH696658 \$1,810.00

R8481

8/24/26

Sale of Surplus Vehicle

Notice is herby given that the Town of Cicero proposes to sell the following vehicle:

- 2015 Ford Explorer
- Approximately 93,500 miles
- Vehicle VIN# 1FM5K8AR6FGC51550
- The Town of Cicero reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to stop the sale before it closes.

Deadline to Submit Bid: The bidder should submit in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Bid for Ford Explorer" no later than 4pm on October 6, 2026. Please mail or hand-deliver your bid to: Clerk Treasurer, Town of Cicero, PO Box 650, 331 E Jackson Street, Cicero IN 46034. Bids may also be presented on the night of the opening prior to 7pm. Bids will be opened at the October 6, 2026, meeting of the Cicero Town Council at 70 N. Byron Street, Cicero IN 46034.

Bid Proposal: Bidder understands that the bid is for the vehicle in an As-Is condition and there are no expressed or implied warranties. The Bidder agrees that this bid shall remain valid for a period of seven (7) days from the due date, and the successful bid may be accepted at any time during this seven (7) day period. Bids not accepted within said seven (7) daytime period shall be deemed rejected.

Time Completion: The Bidder agrees that if awarded the contract, he or she will pick up the vehicle within five (5) business days from the time of notification.

Method of Payment: The Bidder agrees that the acceptable method of payment shall be cash, certified check, or money order.

General Agreements: The Bidder agrees that he or she has examined this Notice of Bid, had the opportunity to examine the vehicles, had the opportunity to review other relevant documents which may have been requested by Bidder, and that he or she has carefully prepared for his or her bid. The Bidder states that the amount set forth in his or her bid is correct and that no mistake or error has occurred in the bid or commutations. The Bidder agrees he or she will make no claim for reformation after the scheduled closing time to the receipt of proposals. The sale of said vehicle shall be made to the highest responsible and responsive bidder. The Town of Cicero expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Rhonda Gary, Cicero Clerk Treasurer

R8503

8/24/26

Notice

Buckethead LLC, 1520 Bayswater Lane Cicero,IN 46034 has applied to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Law Enforcement, under IC 14-15-7-3, and 312 IAC 5-3-1, for a permit to conduct a waterski tournament for charity. This event is scheduled to be held on October 3, 2026 with a rain date of October 4, 2026 on Morse Reservoir, in Hamilton County.

An interested person may do either or both of the following:
(A) File a petition with the central office of the division requesting an informal hearing. The petition must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) individuals who are at least 18 years old and who reside in the county where the event will occur. A hearing under this clause is governed by 312 IAC 2-3.

(B) Request the division to notify the petitioner in writing when an initial determination is made to issue or deny the license. Following the receipt of notice under this clause, a petitioner may request administrative review of the determination under 312 IAC 3-1.

R8504

8/24/26

— NOBLESVILLE —

Notice

15203 Stony Creek Way on 9/11/26 @ 10am 2022 Freightliner Cas 126 VIN 3AKJHHR8NSNA1222 starting at \$24367.74

R8478

8/19/26, 8/24/26

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RECORDS

Meeting date: Thursday, August 20th, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Location: Hamilton County Clerk's Office,
One Hamilton County Square Suite 106
Noblesville, IN 46060

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Hamilton County Commission on Public Records will meet Thursday, August 20th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the PR-1 forms that were submitted by various agencies requesting destruction of specified records. This meeting will be held in the Hamilton County Clerk's Conference Room, Suite 106, in the Hamilton County Judicial Center, Noblesville, Indiana.

/s/Kathy Williams, Hamilton Co. Clerk and Secretary to the Commission
R8390

8/20/26, 8/24/26

— NOBLESVILLE —

Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Noblesville will receive sealed bids from those interested in purchasing one (1) Snyder Industries 10,000-gallon vertical tank, one (1) Snyder Industries 6,000-gallon vertical tank, and two (2) Snyder Industries 4,000-gallon vertical tanks from the City of Noblesville Street Department pursuant to IC 5-22-22-5. Bids will be received at the Clerk's Office, 16 S. 10th Street (Noblesville City Hall), Noblesville, Indiana. Bids will be opened and read aloud by the Board of Public Works and Safety at 9:00 A.M. at their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, in the Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. Questions about the tanks should be directed to Patty Johnson, Director of Street Department at Pjohnson@noblesville.in.gov or by calling 317-776-6348.

R8488

8/17/26, 8/24/26

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

Lennar Homes of Indiana, LLC (11555 N. Meridian St., Ste. 400, Carmel, IN 46032) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management with their intent to comply with the requirements of Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with The Parks at Crossroads Section 1 - Offsite project, located at approx. 11400 E. State Road 32, Noblesville, IN 46060. Run-off from the project site will be discharged to Stony Creek. Questions or comments should be directed to Shayan Soltanian of Lennar Homes of Indiana, LLC at 765-335-4966.

R8496

8/24/26

— CLAY TOWNSHIP —

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO
CLAY TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Ind. Code §36-6-9 et seq. (the "Act"), the Township Board of Clay Township of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Township") will be holding a public hearing on September 15, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Avenue, Carmel, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing will be to consider and approve a Capital Improvement Plan (the "Plan") setting forth the nature and amount of proposed expenditures and the potential source of all revenues to be dedicated to the capital improvements identified in the Plan as required by the Act.

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have the right to be heard. The Plan, as finally approved, will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance as required by the Act. Taxpayers requiring special accommodations to attend the public hearing should contact the office of the Clay Township Trustee at (317) 846-2773 no later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

Dated: August 31, 2026 Paul Hensel, Clay Township Trustee
R8501

8/24/26

— CARMEL —

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R8497

8/24/26

— FISHERS —

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE BY CITY OF FISHERS COMMON COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Fishers, during a regular meeting, on August 17, 2026, approved and adopted Ordinance No. 072026, An Ordinance Adding Chapter 120 (Designate Outdoor Refreshment Areas) to the City of Fishers Code of Ordinances. This Ordinance added Chapter 120, Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas, and added a Penalty under §120.99 and the Schedule of Fines under §36.08 as follows:

§120.99 ENFORCEMENT.

Citations for violation of this chapter may be issued by the Fishers Police Department or the Department of Planning, Community and Economic Development. Each person in violation of this chapter shall pay a fine to the city's Ordinance Violations Bureau in the sum and amount set forth in § 36.08. If the violation is not paid, an enforcement action may be filed by the City Attorney's office in the Fishers City Court.

§36.08 SCHEDULE OF FINES

VIOLATION - DORA	CODE SECTION	FINE	IF NOT PAID AFTER 30 DAYS
All sections	120.99	\$250	\$500

R8505

8/24/26

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE BY CITY OF FISHERS COMMON COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Fishers, during a regular meeting, on August 17, 2026, approved and adopted Ordinance No. 072026B, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 91 (Animals) of the City of Fishers Code of Ordinances. This Ordinance amended Chapter 91, Animals, by amending the Penalty under §91.99 and the Schedule of Fines under §36.08 as follows:

§ 91.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person violating referenced sections of this chapter shall be considered to be committing a city ordinance violation and may be fined under the fee schedule in § 36.08.

(B) Any other violation that falls within this chapter is punishable by a minimum fine of up to \$500.

(C) Any violation of this chapter is subject to the Ordinance Violations Bureau. A person in violation may admit their violation and pay their civil penalty to the city's Ordinance Violations Bureau or may appear and deny their violation and request a trial. If the person in violation denies the violation, fails to satisfy the penalty assessed after having entered an admission of violation or fails to deny or admit the violation, the case will be filed in the City Court.

(D) Violations of any offense listed in this chapter, not covered under penalty as a city ordinance violation, are punishable under Indiana Code, either as an infraction or misdemeanor.

(E) In the event that an animal is impounded by animal control pursuant to this chapter, and in addition to any other penalty set out in division (A) of this section or court costs, the owner shall be responsible to reimburse the city for the cost associated with providing shelter for each impounded animal at an animal control facility or the Hamilton County Humane Society. The money shall be deposited in the General Fund of the city subject to appropriation to Animal Control Fund. To recover an animal impounded under this Chapter, the animal shall not be released to the owner until the owner has paid all expenses associated with impounding and caring for the animal.

(F) The sections of this chapter are intended to encourage the humane treatment of animals. Therefore, any court having jurisdiction of violations of this chapter is encouraged to use the court's deferral procedures to assist the public to conform the treatment of animals within the city to the terms of this chapter.

(G) A violation of a section of this chapter shall be cited by adding the appropriate section or subsection to the citation.

§36.08 SCHEDULE OF FINES

CODE SECTION	VIOLATION – GENERAL REGULATIONS	FINE	IF NOT PAID AFTER 30 DAYS
91.03	Duties and responsibilities	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.04	Permanent identification	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.05	Restraint of animals	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.06	Public nuisance animal	Up to \$250 per occurrence and the animal may be impounded	\$500
91.06	Feral cats	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.07	Dangerous animals	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.08	Animal bites and quarantine	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.09	Commercial animal establishments	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.1	Disposition of deal animals	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.11	Cruelty; neglect; abandonment	Up to \$250 per occurrence and the animal may be impounded	\$500
91.12	Vaccinations	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.13	Vehicular collision	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.14	Interfering with Animal Control/ Humane Officer	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.16	Animal waste	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.18	Animals in vehicles	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.19	Animal sacrifice	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.2	Sterilization of dogs and cats	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500
91.22	Service animals in public buildings	Up to \$250 per occurrence	\$500

R8506

8/24/26

— SHERIFF SALES —

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 2 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D04-2509-MF-010682 wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation was Plaintiff, and John M. Schmitt III a/k/a John M. Schmitt and Darcie K. Schmitt 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 **24th 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 265 IN AVALON OF FISHERS, SECTION TWO A, A SUBDIVISION, IN THE TOWN OF FISHERS, IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200400085143, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

More commonly known as 12889 Ari Ln, Fishers, IN 46037-3286
Parcel No. 29-11-25-006-027.000-020

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

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.

8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400

Indianapolis, IN 46250

(317) 237-2727

Fall Creek
Township

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

NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

R8442

8/10/26, 8/17/26, 8/24/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2603-MF-003775, wherein Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Unknown Heirs at Law and Devises of Micheal E. Lindsay a/k/a Micheal Eric Lindsay a/k/a Mike Lindsay, deceased, Latoya Lindsay, Virginia Lindsay, Harry Lindsay, Melissa Anne Pavlak and Unknown Occupants 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 **24th day of September, 2026**, at **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** local time, of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

LOT NUMBERED 43 IN SUNBLEST FARMS, SECTION 11, AN ADDITION IN THE TOWN OF FISHERS, IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGES 124-125, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

More Commonly known as: 11717 Madden Lane, Fishers, Indiana 46038
Property ID Number: 29-10-36-315-037.000-006

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana

Delaware Township
Township of Property Location

11717 Madden Lane
Fishers, Indiana 46038

Street Address

/s/ Andrew Kraemer

Andrew Kraemer, Plaintiff Attorney

Attorney No. 14872-71

Johnson, Blumberg and Associates, LLC

Sheridan didn't let rain stop the annual Jeep Invasion

The REPORTER

On Aug. 1, the Sheridan Education Foundation, Inc. (SEFI) held its annual Jeep Invasion, the main fundraiser for the educator grants SEFI distributes. Despite the rain and bad weather, 134 Jeeps along with many Sheridan community members attended the event.

All afternoon and evening long, the Jeep Invasion held strong. With enthusiasts playing Jeep trivia, Jeep owners were then honored with awards such as the oldest Jeep, the Jeep that traveled the farthest, and best set of wheels.

The local vendors also braved the weather. Attendees were able to enjoy food, shopping, and community while the Bishops Band took the stage and provided live entertainment. A total of \$29,000 was made in profit for SEFI.

The profits made from the fundraiser go directly toward the educator grants for Sheridan Community School educators. These grants help provide supplies, services, and enhanced learning opportunities for students at SCS.

The Jeep Invasion could not have happened without the help and support from the Sheridan Police, Fire, and Street departments, the Sheridan Town Board, Sheridan Community Schools, and the multiple businesses and community members. The event also could not have happened without this year's Platinum sponsors. They included:

- AVS&R
- Brimberys
- Burlington Promotions
- Central Outdoors
- Charleston's
- CSO
- Daughters Property Group
- EMC Precision
- First Bank Midwest
- First Farmers Bank and Trust
- Gaylor Electric
- Greeks
- Hamilton County Tourism
- Legacy Images
- Lyons Realty
- Neff Family
- Olympus
- Patton Auto
- Sheridan American Legion
- Sugar Boo Properties
- Waitt's
- WKRP Indy

Next year's Jeep Invasion is scheduled for Aug. 7, 2027. The event



Photos provided

will once again feature the Bishops Band along with old and new activities, vendors, awards, and, as always, community spirit. Since the grants began in January 2024, the SEFI has

been able to award more than \$60,000 to SCS educators. These funds have helped provide science equipment, reading materials, agricultural education supplies, audio and video

equipment, iPads, whiteboards, calculators, art supplies, and so much more. The 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that is the Sheridan Education Foundation, Inc., helps

educators promote student engagement and learning. So please, come out in 2027 for another day of Jeeps and helping support Sheridan educators and students.

Cancer Care Cup raises \$35,628 at 10th Golf Outing

The REPORTER

Cancer Care Cup celebrated its 10th annual Golf Outing on July 30, raising \$35,628 to support oncology patients across Indiana.

The annual event brought together golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and community supporters for a day focused on making a meaningful difference for individuals and families facing cancer. Funds raised through Cancer Care Cup will provide financial assistance to Indiana oncology patients experiencing financial hardship during treatment, as identified and referred by their oncology social workers.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make our 10th Annual Golf Outing such a success," Cancer Care Cup President Branden Voegerl said.

"Raising \$35,628 means we can provide much-needed support to oncology patients during some of the most challenging moments of their lives. Our sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and donors continue to show what is possible when a community comes together with a common purpose."

For the patients who receive assistance, that support can provide much-needed relief when unexpected expenses become overwhelming.

"Cancer Care Cup was able to support me when I was unable to cover my rent after my surgery. I've been on FMLA and my check was not enough to cover; and they helped make sure I did not fall behind. It was a huge relief to not have to stress about how I was going to get caught up with late

fees." – Oncology Patient

Cancer Care Cup is grateful to the sponsors, golfers, volunteers, donors, and supporters who helped make this year's event possible. Their generosity directly contributes to providing assistance to Indiana oncology patients when they need it most.

About Cancer Care Cup

Based in Westfield, Cancer Care Cup is a nonprofit organization committed to helping ease the financial burden of cancer for oncology patients in Indiana. Through donations and community fundraising events, Cancer Care Cup provides financial assistance to eligible patients facing expenses during their cancer journey.

Since its founding, Cancer Care Cup has provided assistance to oncology pa-



Photos provided by Cancer Care Cup

Cancer Care Cup Volunteer Board members celebrate the \$35,628 raised for Indiana oncology patients at the 10th Annual Golf Outing. (From left) Thomas McLean, Branden Voegerl, Karen Keinsley, Ric Cabrera, Brian Smith, Shallon Vandervort, Danny Terril, and Gina Terril.

tients in more than 42 Indiana counties. In 2026 alone, the organization has already helped more than 43 oncology patients with financial assistance during their

cancer treatment. The support provided by Cancer Care Cup can help patients and their families manage essential expenses during a time when their fo-

cus should be on treatment and recovery. For more information about Cancer Care Cup or to make a donation, visit cancercarecup.com.

Marching Huskies have strongest showing of the year at Indiana State Fair Band Day

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

The Hamilton Heights Marching Huskies wrapped up their 2026 competitive season with a proud and memorable performance at the Indiana State Fair Band Day Competition.

Performing first out of 35 bands, the ensemble delivered what many felt was

their strongest show of the year. Although they did not advance to finals, the students left the field knowing they had performed at their absolute best.

This season's success reflects the dedication of an exceptional group of students, the leadership of a remarkable senior class, and the hard work of returning and first-year

members alike. The instructional staff, parents, and volunteers played an essential role – from rehearsals and logistics to props, equipment, and unwavering support.

The Marching Huskies will present one final performance of "Like a Moth to a Flame" at halftime of the varsity football game on Friday, Aug. 28.



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

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