

Skull-scratching Trivia | Sat. Oct 3. 7pm | Pebble Brook Golf Course Pavilion



Register your team today
BGCNI.ORG

Trick or Trivia

Sponsored by 

benefitting 



THE HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER

Your Hometown Newspaper

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 2026

ARCADIA | ATLANTA | CICERO | SHERIDAN | TIPTON
CARMEL | FISHERS | NOBLESVILLE | WESTFIELD



NEWS GATHERING PARTNER



LIKE & FOLLOW US!



TODAY'S WEATHER
Today: Mostly to partly sunny, hot and humid. Late afternoon shower and storm chance.
Tonight: Scattered showers and storms, especially late.
HIGH: 90 LOW: 69



paulpoteet.com

Joint 9/11 Memorial Ceremony marks 25 years since attacks

The REPORTER
Hamilton County and the City of Noblesville came together last Friday morning at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and to honor the nearly 3,000 lives lost in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Somerset County, Pa., that day.

The joint 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds included a presentation of colors by a Joint Honor Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence, remarks from local leaders, a benediction, and the playing of "Taps."

Speakers included Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Hamilton County Councilor and Carmel firefighter Tim Griffin, and No-



Photos provided by Hamilton County Government
(ABOVE LEFT) Stephen Foster performed "God Bless America" and "Taps." (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel fireman and County Councilman Tim Griffin speaks to attendees. (BELOW) Commissioner Christine Altman address the crowd. [Click here for more photos.](#)

blesville Police Chief Brad Arnold. Noblesville Deputy Mayor Matt Light led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Daniel Hester delivered the benediction, and Stephen Foster performed "God Bless America" and "Taps."

Fishers Health Department releases Community Health Assessment Report

Nearly 1,500 survey responses identify mental health, healthy living & aging well as priorities

Submitted
Fishers residents report strong overall health and quality of life, but a new Community Health Assessment identifies mental health as a top local priority and highlights the city's rapidly aging population.

The Fishers Health Department (FHD) released its 2025 Community Health Assessment on Friday, Sept. 11. The report is the culmination of a year-long analysis of primary and secondary data to assess the health and well-being of Fishers residents and how the FHD can provide the greatest impact. The assessment includes local, state, and national health data, nearly 1,500 community survey responses and input from over 60 focus group participants.

The assessment identifies three strategic priorities for FHD:

- **Mental Health Across the Lifespan:** Support mental well-being, especially among youth and young adults, through prevention, early support, and easier access to resources.
- **Healthy Living:** Help residents stay healthy longer through screenings, physical activity, nutrition, and chronic disease prevention.
- **Aging Well:** Support older adults through fall prevention, mobility, social connection, caregiver resources, and aging-in-place support.

"Creating a local health department gave Fishers the ability to better understand the health needs of our own community and respond in ways that make sense for our residents," Mayor Scott Fadness said. "As Fishers continues to grow and change, this information helps us make thoughtful investments that support quality of life for residents at every age."

Mental health is the most frequently identified health priority among residents and is reinforced by focus groups and local health data. While 92.4 percent of Fishers adults report moderate, good, or excellent overall well-being and 86.5 per-

cent said they are satisfied with life, 36.4 percent report anxiety and 25.2 percent report depression, highlighting a clear need for continued mental health prevention and support.

"Fishers has a strong foundation for health and well-being, and this assessment shows us where we can build on that," FHD Director and Health Officer Monica Heltz said. "The community's desires for more focus on mental health, aging well and healthy living came through clearly in both the data and what residents told us. This localized information will help us focus our efforts to provide value and services in the areas that impact our residents and achieve our goal of connecting people to prevention measures before poor health outcomes become a reality."

See Health . . . Page 2

Stuff that annoys me, part 3

In 2024 I brought you the elegantly titled column, *Stuff That Annoys Me: Part 1*. After that major success, in 2025, I followed it up with the also cleverly titled, *Stuff That Annoys Me: Part 2*. Although, I wish I had gone with *Part Deux*.

Well, now it is 2026 and I've been annoyed by a lot of things over the last year. So, without further ado, I present to you the next edition in the moderately offensive series . . . *Stuff That Annoys Me: Part Trois – Revenge of the Annoyed*. Or perhaps *Return of the Annoyed*. Or even *The Annoyed Strikes Back*. You know what, just insert the *Star Wars* title knockoff of your choice after *Part Trois*.

I'm going to start off with what I've seen on the road. Are you ever just driving along, minding your own business, when suddenly the car in the lane to your right and slightly ahead of you decides to make a turn? This seems like it should be no big deal and pretty standard. And then all of a sudden that car whips to the left (basically in your lane) just to make a sharper right-hand turn. Stop it, people. Turn radiuses of cars are pretty good in this day and age. You don't need to send me into a light pole just so you can whip your car to the left to make a right-hand turn, or vice versa. This isn't the Indy 500, going into turn 1 at 240 mph. Although, sometimes it feels that way on 116th Street.

I'm going to stay on the topic of traffic for one more complaint. The zipper merge. I have an irrational hatred for zipper merges. I understand if everyone does it correctly, it should run pretty smoothly. But no one does that, so let's put an end to it. Everyone saw the same "Lane Ends" sign two miles back. So, get over, Carl! Stop waiting until the very last second for the seas to part for you. All too often it looks like a game of chicken between the person waiting to get over and the person who is hell-bent not to let them. It does make for some entertaining viewing, but I won't participate.

COLUMNIST



TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

See Annoys . . . Page 2

Community **FIRST** Bank of Indiana

Community First Bank to hold Free Shred Day in Westfield

The REPORTER
Community First Bank (CFB) of Indiana will play host to a Free Shred Day open to the community on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 707 E. State Road 32, Westfield.

All are welcome to drive through the branch parking lot between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to drop off boxes of documents to be securely shredded with PROSHRED® Security. Freewill donations are welcome to support the O'Connor House.

There is a limit of five boxes to be shredded per vehicle, and the event will end at 1 p.m. or when the shred truck is full (whichever comes first). All documents will be shredded on-site and 100 percent of the paper is recycled. Three-ring binders cannot be shredded.

Over time, unused documents like medical records, credit card statements, and bills can build up in a home or office and pose a security threat. Ensuring that all these items are properly disposed of by using document shredding can prevent this personal information from falling into the wrong hands. CFB's Free Shred Days are a part of the bank's commitment to supporting its community.

Find the event details at CFBindiana.com/shred.

Sertoma Club donates to local flood relief



Photo provided

The Sertoma Club of Broad Ripple recently presented a check for \$5,200 to the Hamilton County Flood Relief organization recently as part of the club's charitable outreach. Most of the members of Broad Ripple Sertoma live in Hamilton County and wanted to support their neighbors impacted by the disaster. Sertoma raises money for local charities by hosting casino parties for groups. Pictured accepting the check are Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam (second from left) and Senator Todd Young (third from right), along with representatives of the Flood Relief organization and Sertoma members.

NYSA

NOBLESVILLE YOUTH SPORTS ALLIANCE

ONE COMMUNITY • 7000+ KIDS • 16 PROGRAMS

www.noblesvillesports.com @noblesvillesports

ANNOYS

Okay, enough road rage for today. Let’s move on to a topic that is near and dear to everyone’s hearts. Or technically ... butts. Toilet paper.

This isn’t about whether or not the TP is pillowy or sandpapery. Everyone knows you pay for what you get, so that is what it is. This is about how you place it on the roll. Are you an over-top person or an under-roll person? Some claim to be indifferent, but I don’t believe that viewpoint actually exists. There is no middle ground. So if you are an under-roll enthusiast, just know that you are the wrongest wrong person who has ever been wrong. And now you have to live in your wrongdom with your backwards crapper wrapper.

Now moving on to social media. I could regurgitate my annoyances here for hours and hours, but in the interest of time, I’ll cut it down to two or three specific issues that I have.

Ambiguous posting, also known as “Vaguebooking.” Very annoying. If you want to spill your entire life story onto Facebook, then fine. Go for it. I will most likely scroll right past it, but it doesn’t bother me. What does bother me is when someone posts something that no one could possibly figure out and then there’s no follow-up. Some examples would include: “Well, I wasn’t expecting that,” “I am so angry right now,” “Today has sucked,” “Prayers needed,” “Wow that was hurtful,” “Getting off social media, IYKYK,” and so on and so on and so on and so on.

from Page 1

While it is always my goal to ignore these kinds of attention-seeking posts, I am also a very nosy human. I need to know what’s going on, but I’m not going to be the one to ask. So, do me a favor. Just say what you mean so I don’t have to go on a deep-dive stalking adventure just to ease my curiosity. Thank you in advance.

My next complaint would be when someone posts a video or meme of some sort with the caption, “This, just this.” Sometimes they might even just post “This.” I realize this sunset meme that says “Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today” is the most profound thing you’ve ever seen, but I’ll be the judge of figuring out if your lazy passive-aggressive post is worth my time.

Finally, let’s talk about people that post that they want anyone who voted for (fill in the blank) or believes or doesn’t believe in (insert political issue here) to unfriend them. Don’t threaten me with a good time, Susan! I have way too many social media friends anyway. There’s almost nothing as thrilling as that sweet click of “Unfriend” when someone tells me to do so.

In conclusion, this has been the attempted humor and opinions of one. Yes, me. I am that one. And if you were offended then go ahead and unfriend me (see what I did there?).

The moral of the story is ... stay tuned in 2027 for Part Quatre!

Tim Rathz can be reached at 40somethinginfishers@gmail.com. Follow on Facebook or Instagram.

Young Millers support & encourage flood victims



Recently, students at Noblesville Schools wrote letters to Noblesville flood victims in coordination with **SERVE Village**. Thank you to these kind-hearted kids for such caring and inspirational notes.

Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

HEALTH

The findings from the assessment are already shaping FHD’s next steps, including mental health services and specialized health programming and social opportunities for residents ages 65 and older. In the coming days, the department will announce a new free mental health navigation service to help residents connect with resources and treatment options.

The findings from the assessment point to a shift in Fishers’ demographics: adults aged 65 and older are the city’s fastest-growing age group, increasing 188 percent between 2010 and 2024.

That growth is increasing the demand for fall prevention, mobility support, social connection, caregiver resources, and services that help residents remain independent as they age. FHD’s work in this area was recently recognized by the National Association of County and City Health Officials with a Model Practice Award for its Fall Prevention Program.

Healthy Living rounds out the department’s

three priorities. While Fishers performs well on many measures of physical health, obesity, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol still affect a significant share of adults. Heart disease and cancer remain the leading causes of death, reinforcing the importance of prevention, screenings and healthy habits that help residents stay healthier longer.

Access to health care is another area where the assessment found both strengths and opportunities. Nearly 97 percent of adult residents have health insurance and about nine in 10 have a regular health care provider. Still, more than 12 percent reported delaying care in the past

year, most often because of cost or difficulty getting an appointment.

The Community Health Assessment will help shape FHD’s Community Health Improvement Plan, which will outline specific strategies and actions for the coming years. The Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan are part of FHD’s initial accreditation efforts through the Public Health Accreditation Board process.

Read the full report at [Health.FishersIN.gov/CommunityHealthAssessment](https://www.health.fishersin.gov/CommunityHealthAssessment) and learn more about the Fishers Health Department at [Health.FishersIN.gov](https://www.health.fishersin.gov).

from Page 1

WILD, WILD WESTFIELD

[Fall Fest & Premier Chili Cook-Off]

Free Event

4-7 PM SATURDAY, SEPT 26

Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Live Music, Inflatables, Silent Auction, Balloon Twisters, Pony Rides, Fun Games, Great Food, Kids Train, Inflatable Maze, and Manny the Mechanical Bull!

Find Out More Here:

Event at CrossRoads Church at Westfield
19201 Grassy Branch Rd, Westfield

Hamilton County's Premier Chili Cook-Off

Bring a crock pot of your favorite chili to CrossRoads by 4:15 pm on Saturday, September 26, 2026

Participants must register their chili prior to the event.

4 Chili Categories
4 Winners of \$100

• Beef Chili • Poultry Chili

• Vegetarian Chili

• Other Meats Chili + Grand Prize Winner!

Register Chili Here >>>

For Our Neighbor is an effort of CrossRoads Church at Westfield to meet, know, engage, and serve our local neighbors, Find our more online at ForOurNeighbor.Life

TIPTON COMMUNITY THEATRE

Almost, MAINE

by JOHN CARIANI

Adult \$12 Senior/Student \$10 Child \$7

www.TiptonTheatre.com

Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm Sunday 2:00 pm

Tipton High School Auditorium

September 18-19-20

Thank you to our show sponsors

Tipton goes all-out for Pork Festival

The annual Tipton Pork Festival took place Thursday, Sept. 10 through Saturday, Sept. 12, and the downtown was as packed as ever! In addition to the juicy pork chops, festivalgoers enjoyed live music, carnival rides, booths from many local businesses and organizations, and of course, plenty of fair food. This popular end-of-summer festival is a great kick-off to a full fall festival season across Central Indiana. (Reporter photos by Bill Miller)





INDIANA UNCLAIMED
What will you find?

THERE ARE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WAITING TO BE CLAIMED.

Take a second to search for yourself, your friends and your family!

VISIT IndianaUnclaimed.Gov

TEXT "FIND" to 46220

SCAN our QR code here 





*Sheridan Phi Beta Psi's
annual Lasagna Dinner*

Adult Tickets: \$15 both pre-sale and at the door
Children ages 3 to 12: \$8 pre-sale and at the door
Tickets available from members and
at the Sheridan Public Library

Proceeds go to two \$1,000 medical studies scholarships for Sheridan High School seniors. The annual Lasagna Dinner is held in loving memory for Sheridan Phi Beta Psi sister Martha Rockey.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer calls for “better money management” at Carmel Clay Schools

Dear Editor:

Carmel school officials are trying to bully their way to more of the citizen's hard-earned money

In defending an eight-year, \$83 million (plus interest) referendum, school officials used the threat of lower educational outcomes for kids.

And all because the state reduced property tax an average of 10 percent.

The bullies forgot to mention:

- Flat-to-lower enrollments over the last decade.
- Their current \$350 million total debt obligation.
- An additional \$56.5 million (plus interest) bond in

- And a budget running at \$250 million a year

Perhaps Carmel really needs a school board and school superintendent with better money management skills.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

*Letters to the Editor do not reflect the opinions of The Reporter, its publisher or its staff. You can submit your own Letter to the Editor by email to **News@ReadTheReporter.com**. Please include your phone number and city of residence. The Reporter will publish one letter per person per week.*

Beth
Sheller
for
Hamilton
County Clerk
Trusted Experience
Paid for by Beth Sheller for Clerk

Westfield gearing up for Veterans Day celebration

The REPORTER

Westfield's Veterans Day Ceremony, presented by Citizens Energy Group, will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 East St.

The morning will begin with coffee sponsored by Mark Heirbrandt and breakfast provided by Westfield High School Foodies Rock from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., followed by the Veterans Day Ceremony at 8:30 a.m.

The program will feature special remarks, live performances, and meaningful tributes as the community comes together to recognize and honor the brave men and women who have served our country.

Veterans, their families, and members of the community are encouraged to attend. The Veterans Day Ceremony is free.



Photo illustration provided by City of Westfield

and open to the public.

**Student Poster,
Poem & Essay Contest**

Local students are invited to participate in the Veterans Day Student Poster, Poem & Essay Contest sponsored by T-Mobile Fiber.

Students are encouraged to use their creativity to explore this year's theme, "What Does Freedom Mean to Me, and How Have Veterans Helped Protect It?" and reflect on the

important role veterans
have played in protecting
the freedoms we enjoy.

The submission deadline is Oct. 30.

Poem contest winners will have the opportunity to share their poems, and the essay contest winner will be recognized and invited to read their winning essay at Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov 11.

To submit a poster, poem, or essay, [click here](#).

Calling all Hometown Heroes

Are you a veteran who resides in Westfield or know someone who is? Event organizers are looking for local veterans to feature as Hometown Heroes during the Westfield Veterans Day Ceremony.

Please submit a photo of the veteran with full name and service branch by Oct. 30 to be featured on the presentation at the ceremony. To submit your photo, [click here](#).

Veterans & Athletes United auction returns to Cyntheanne Christian Church

The REPORTER

Cyntheanne Christian Church will play host to the 17th annual Veterans and Athletes United (VAU) Auction at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, a free, family-friendly event raising funds and awareness for veterans with disabilities.

There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be available.

Every dollar raised at the auction – 100 percent of proceeds – goes directly to VAU, an organization dedicated to supporting those who have served

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



Grace Green / File photo

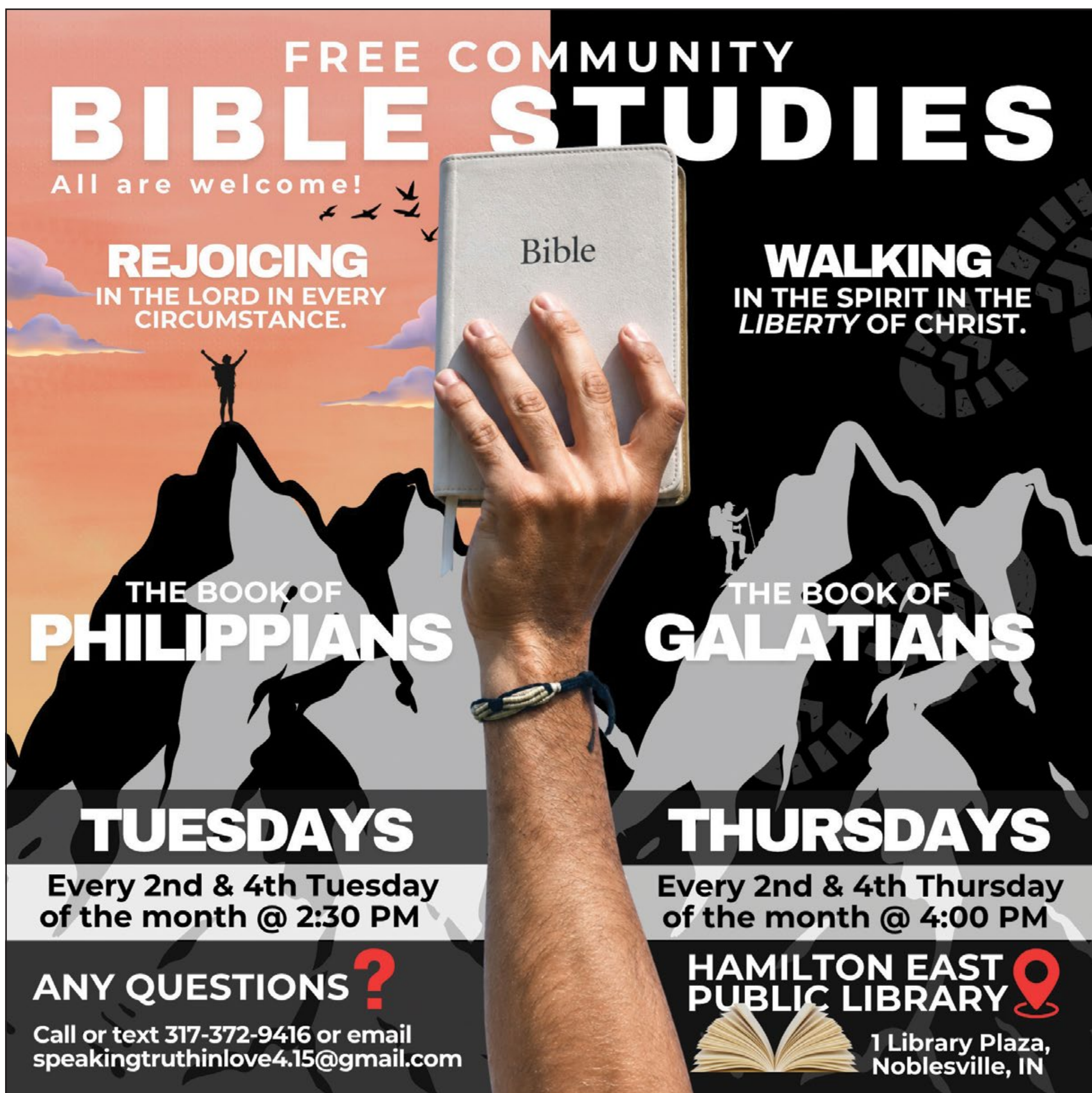
country. Visitors are invited to view the wall and read the names before or after the auction – a striking, visual moment of remembrance.

that photographs and films
well for media coverage.

"This auction is one way we can help these heroes regain some aspect of their

normal lives," Senior Minister Larry Renihan said.

Cyntheanne Christian Church is located at 13151 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers.



FREE COMMUNITY
BIBLE STUDIES
All are welcome!

REJOICING
IN THE LORD IN EVERY
CIRCUMSTANCE.

THE BOOK OF
PHILIPPIANS

TUESDAYS
Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday
of the month @ 2:30 PM

ANY QUESTIONS ?
Call or text 317-372-9416 or email
speakingtruthinlove4.15@gmail.com

WALKING
IN THE SPIRIT IN THE
LIBERTY OF CHRIST.

THE BOOK OF
GALATIANS

THURSDAYS
Every 2nd & 4th Thursday
of the month @ 4:00 PM

**HAMILTON EAST
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

1 Library Plaza,
Noblesville, IN

Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader: voting responsibly means being educated

Dear Editor:

In less than two months, Hamilton County voters will have the privilege of performing their most important civic duty by casting their vote in the midterm elections. In the 2022 midterm elections, only 48 percent of Hamilton County's registered voters (per the Secretary of State website) exercised their right to vote. That was down from 58 percent in the 2018 midterm elections.

I am urging all registered voters to get out and vote; and if you are not registered, get registered! Our privilege of voting is our opportunity to be heard. If you like what is going on, this is your opportunity to support those who are doing the work. If you don't like what is going on, this is your opportunity to make a change in who is doing the work.

Our privilege of voting carries with it the responsibility to cast an "educated" vote. Take the time to learn about for whom you are voting. Look past the "labels" (Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, conservative, liberal, independent, etc.) and what you hear in negative campaign ads or what one candidate has to say about the other.

Take the time to educate yourself about the candidate's character and the reasons they are seeking the position. Go to their websites and find out where they stand on issues that are important to you and the position they are seeking. Determine if they are going to be willing to work with their colleagues on the other side of the aisle and collaborate with them to develop legislation that is non-partisan. Determine if they are going to vote in the best interest of their constituents or if they are going to do what the party leadership tells them to do.

Are they going to represent you?

Voting is a privilege and it is your duty as a citizen. It is your part in the political process.

Come Election Day, do your duty. Exercise your privilege. Get out and VOTE!

Steve Vernick
Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

Jack Russell endorses Robyn Cook for Jackson Twp. Trustee

Dear Editor:

Experience you know. Leadership you trust.

I'm proud to personally endorse Robyn Cook for Jackson Township Trustee. Having served our community in several capacities over the years, I've had the opportunity to see firsthand what strong local leadership looks like – and the difference it can make in the everyday lives of our neighbors.

For the past 7 ½ years, Robyn has provided Jackson Township with experienced, steady, and committed leadership. She understands local government, she understands the importance of fiscal responsibility, and, most importantly, she understands the people and communities she serves. Robyn has built strong relationships throughout Jackson Township and Hamilton County and has consistently shown an ability to bring people together, find solutions, and get things done. Whether it's supporting public safety, responsibly managing taxpayer dollars, helping residents in need, or planning for the future, Robyn approaches the job with the experience and dedication our township deserves.

I've known Robyn both personally and through our shared commitment to this community. I trust her judgment, respect her leadership, and know how deeply she cares about Jackson Township. There is still important work ahead as our communities continue to grow, and I believe Robyn is the right person to lead Jackson Township into its next chapter.

This November, I'm proud to support Robyn Cook for Jackson Township Trustee. Experience you know. Leadership you trust.

Jack Russell
Jackson Township resident

Letters to the Editor do not reflect the opinions of The Reporter; its publisher or its staff. You can submit your own Letter to the Editor by email to News@ReadTheReporter.com. Please include your phone number and city of residence. The Reporter will publish one letter per person per week.

Letter guidelines this election season

With the approach of the Nov. 3 General Election, the Hamilton County Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of the business day on Thursday, Oct. 22, and will be published on Friday, Oct. 23.

Letters in response to new topics published in our Oct. 23 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, Oct. 27, and will be published in our Wednesday, Oct. 28 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

Straight letters of endorsement will be accepted until Thursday, Oct. 29, and will publish on Friday, Oct. 30.

Please send your letters to News@ReadTheReporter.com. Letters to the Editor do not represent the opinions of The Reporter or our staff.



Carmel's Chinese Mooncake Festival Committee invites you to celebrate Sept. 19

Submitted by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel and the Chinese Mooncake Festival Committee invite residents and visitors to celebrate the annual Chinese Mooncake Festival (Mid-Autumn Festival) on Saturday, Sept. 19 at Midtown Plaza.

A cherished tradition symbolizing family, unity and gratitude, this free, family-friendly event offers an evening of rich cultural heritage, live music, traditional dance, seasonal treats, and the new Family Fun Zone.

The Family Fun Zone is a new addition this year that offers hands-on activities, storytelling, cultural experiences, and plenty of opportunities for kids to explore Chinese traditions while having fun. Other features include a photo station, "Make a Mooncake" with kinetic sand, a Year of the Horse scavenger hunt, Legend of the Mooncake story walk, Meet the Lions and a



Photo provided by City of Carmel

kids Dragon Parade.

The festivities begin with the iconic Dragon Parade at 6 p.m. along Monon Boulevard. Following the parade, stage performances at Midtown Plaza from 6:20 to 8:30 p.m. will showcase a range of cultural arts, starting with a Dragon Dance accompanied by solo drumming and traditional group dances.

Other performances and activities include: a traditional Chinese costume show, dragon and lion play, Kong Fu demonstration, instruments, songs blended with modern American performance art presented by volunteers from Carmel, Indianapolis, Lafayette, and Greenwood.

[Click here](#) if you are interested in volunteering at the Mooncake Festival.

Hazel Dell bridge demolition set as Carmel marks one month since historic flooding

By JACQUELINE WHITE WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Next week, Hamilton County will begin demolishing the damaged Hazel Dell bridge as Carmel continues to recover from historic August flooding along the White River.

Flooding along the White River wiped out Hazel Dell Parkway, threatening a city water main. Hamilton County officials previously said construction of the new bridge was expected to finish by the end of 2027.

The demolition will happen as three city wells remain disconnected a month

after the flooding.

Republican Mayor Sue Finkam wrote in a Monday statement that a 30-inch pipe that carries untreated water was still out of service. While officials develop permanent solutions, crews are building a temporary connection to restore the system.

Finkam wrote that the city is meeting current water demand and has stored water available.

Infrastructure repairs continue across the city. Workers will reconnect a



Finkam

12-inch water main during the upcoming bridge and road reconstruction projects. Additionally, the city is installing a new six-inch line along 96th Street to serve the wastewater plant.

The city is also deciding how to reroute Blue Woods Creek, which flows into the White River but reversed its course during the mid-August river crest. Once officials determine the new path, they plan to lower and reinforce two pressurized sewer lines to help prevent erosion from future storms. Finkam wrote that early testing on those sewer lines shows they are in good shape.

To help ease traffic during the years-long reconstruction process, the city has already opened a new roundabout at 106th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway. Hazel Landing Park remains closed.

"Our goal isn't to put things back together exactly as they were, but to rebuild them to be more resilient," Finkam wrote.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/carmel-flood-recovery-update.

The Dani Robinson difference

- What's the market value of my home?
- What is my process for buying a home?
- Who should I call for home repairs/remodeling?
- How do I learn about building a new home?
- Who should I call to refinance my home?
- Who should I call when I have someone who wants to buy my home?

Let's Talk

Talk To Dani Robinson
REALTOR®/BROKER/SRES

317.407.6969
DaniR@talktotucker.com
TalkToDani.com

Scan here to view Dani's current listings.

Talk To Tucker
REALTORS
F.C. TUCKER COMPANY

Looking for a place to call Home? - Talk to Dani!

13035 Wembly Road - Carmel 2,596 Sq Ft. \$525,000	30 Blue Water Drive - Cicero 924 Sq Ft. \$265,000
7818 Red Sunset Way - Avon 1,516 Sq Ft. \$294,900	9200 Wadsworth Court - Fishers 1,470 Sq Ft. \$299,900
	9109 Thrushwood Court - Indianapolis 2,149 Sq Ft. \$319,900

FOOTLITE MUSICALS

PERFORMANCE DATES

SEP 18-OCT 4

Thursday - Saturday at 7:30 PM, Sunday at 2:30 PM

Tickets Available At

FOOTLITE.ORG • (317) 926-6630 • BOXOFFICE@FOOTLITE.ORG

PIPPIN is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

Labor – Class I, I, III Position

The Cicero Street and Utilities Department has a full-time position opening for a **Labor-Class I, II, III**. The position will be responsible for a variety of duties involved with operating, repairing/maintaining the street, potable water and wastewater operations and facilities according to applicable rules, regulations and laws for the Town of Cicero. For a full job description, please visit the Town of Cicero’s website at www.ciceroin.org and click on the Government tab followed by the Job Opportunities tab. From here you will also be able to access the Town’s application, which will be required.

Applications will be accepted through October 9, 2026.

Please send application, along with any other pertinent documents to
Terry Cooper,
1159 Stringtown Pike, PO Box 391,
Cicero, IN 46034
or tcooper@townofcicero.in.gov



LIFETIME LEGACY LAWYERS Podcast

<https://lifetimelegacylawyers.com>

CLICK TO LISTEN

NOBLESVILLE, IN

Nickel Plate HERITAGE RAILROAD

20 **ESTD** 17

NEW! HOLIDAY LIGHT RAILBIKES

NOVEMBER 14–JANUARY 2

**BIKE THE RAILS FROM FOREST PARK
TO DOWNTOWN NOBLESVILLE**

MAKE A NEW HOLIDAY TRADITION!



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

NICKELPLATEEXPRESS.COM

Judicial Center expansion underway in Noblesville



Reporter photo

In preparation for the expansion of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center on the building’s west side, the entrance to the underground parking garage has been demolished. This picture was taken on Logan Street looking south toward Conner Street. First breaking ground in May of this year, the \$70 million expansion will add 133,000 square feet to the Judicial Center, including seven new courtrooms, upgraded security, and more public space. The completion is expected to come in 2028.

AARP Indiana to host virtual event discussing property taxes

Submitted

In Indiana’s current tax system, property taxes are crucial to the well-being of communities, but many older Hoosiers struggle to afford them. This is especially true when they are dealing with property tax increases on top of other rising monthly expenses like utilities, groceries, and health care.

Recent laws passed by the Indiana General Assembly aim to provide some relief. Join AARP Indiana, the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC), and Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM), for a virtual event at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, to help break down how communities will be impacted.

Participants will include:

- Larry DeBoer, Emeritus Professor, Agricultural Economics at Purdue University
- Jamie Bolser, Director of Government Affairs, AIC
- Campbell Ricci, Policy and Financial Resources Director, AIM

Visit events.aarp.org/propertytaxstate to sign up and receive the link or watch live on AARP Indiana’s **YouTube channel**.

Rokita celebrates end of ACLU’s years-long challenge to Indiana’s law protecting children from gender-transition procedures

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Monday, Sept. 14, that a federal judge has entered final judgment for the State, ending the ACLU’s more than three-year challenge to Indiana’s commonsense law banning gender-transition procedures for minors.

“We have won this critical fight against radicals who would otherwise impose this horrific practice on our kids for ideological and financial reasons,” AG Rokita said. “My office will keep standing between our children and those who would sacrifice their health, innocence, and well-being on the altar of woke gender ideology.”

In 2023, the General Assembly passed Senate Enrolled Act 480. The law prohibits physicians and other practitioners from providing gender-transition procedures to anyone under 18, including surgeries, cross-sex hormones, and puberty blockers.

The ACLU sued, and a lower court temporarily blocked the law. AG Rokita’s office appealed. In February 2024, the Seventh Circuit sided with the attorney general, lifted that block, and allowed the law to take effect. In November 2024, the Seventh Circuit again sided with the attorney general, reversed the lower court, and held that the law does not violate the Constitution.

That 2024 ruling already defeated the ACLU’s main challenge. After seeing no path forward, the ACLU abandoned the rest of the case. The district court today entered final judgment for the State and dismissed the remaining claims with prejudice.

Indiana’s commonsense law has already been in effect and protecting Hoosier children from these dangerous and irreversible procedures. This judgment does not change enforcement on the ground. It does, however, close the challenge for good.

Attorney General Rokita thanked Solicitor General James Barta and his outstanding team for their exceptional work and unwavering commitment throughout this hard-fought victory.

You can find the final judgment at [this link](#).



Rokita

PHI BETA PSI SORORITY LASAGNA DINNER

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25th, 5:00-7:00 PM
SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE
GLUTEN-FREE OPTION AVAILABLE



TICKET PRICES
Adults: \$15 pre-sale and at the door
Children (3-12 yrs): \$8 pre-sale & at the door
Tickets available from members and at Sheridan Public Library

Proceeds go toward two \$1000 medical scholarships for Sheridan seniors.

Our annual lasagna dinner is held in loving memory of our sister, Martha Rocky.

Noblesville State of the City address highlights city’s flood response, new Deer Creek District

Submitted by
City of Noblesville

On Thursday, Sept. 10, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen delivered his seventh annual State of the City address to a sold-out crowd, hosted by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce at Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile.

Mayor Jensen spoke about the city’s momentum, reflected on community support after the historic flood, and highlighted economic development opportunities, including Japanese investment, Ryan Fireprotection HQ2 expansion, and the brand launch for the Deer Creek District.

Flood relief

Mayor Jensen spoke about the historic flooding that devastated parts of Noblesville and Hamilton County and how the community showed up in force. SERVE Village quickly helped establish an emergency response center at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, joined by Noblesville City Departments, Hamilton County Community Foundation, Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, Good Samaritan Network, the American Red Cross, Hamilton County Emergency Management, and so many others who worked tirelessly to care for families facing some of their hardest days. The city will continue working with state and federal partners to secure the resources the community needs to recover, rebuild, and move forward together.

Deer Creek District

Mayor Jensen announced the launch of Deer Creek District, a new brand for one of Noblesville’s most vibrant and visible areas. Centered on the Exit 210 corridor, the brand brings together entertainment, hospitality, businesses, and attractions under a shared identity while honoring a name long woven into the community’s story.



Photo by Matthew Doudt Photography
Mayor Chris Jensen delivered his seventh address to a sold-out crowd at the Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile.

Deer Creek District is the result of a partnership between the city and Hamilton County Tourism and supports a broader vision for the area’s future. As investment and development continue, the brand will help create a stronger sense of place, offering residents and visitors a recognizable gateway to experiences unique to Noblesville. It also provides a foundation for future marketing, placemaking, and development efforts.

“Deer Creek is a name that carries tremendous recognition and positive memories for so many people,” Mayor Jensen said. “Deer Creek District allows us to build on that legacy while creating something new. This brand is about celebrating where we’ve been, embracing where we are today, and creating a destination that will continue to grow and evolve for years to come.”

Ryan Fireprotection HQ2 announcement

Mayor Jensen had the privilege of announcing Ryan Fireprotection’s plan to build a new headquarters building, “HQ2,” next to its current HQ in Noblesville. Ryan Fireprotection came to Noblesville in 2001, and as the company has grown

nationally, the city has remained home to its largest office.

The new headquarters represents the company’s continued investment in Noblesville and, most importantly, in its people. The expansion supports growth, collaboration, development, and the employee experience.

“Building HQ2 represents another major step forward for Ryan Fireprotection,” Ryan Fireprotection CEO Dan Ryan said. “As we continue to grow nationally, this new headquarters gives us the space to expand our capabilities and prepare to support what’s next. Noblesville has been a great home to Ryan, and we’re excited to continue investing in this community.”

Ryan Fireprotection President Kevin Ryan, who attended the State of the City, said, “Having the best people in our industry means creating an environment that reflects the caliber of talent we want to attract, develop, and keep at Ryan Fireprotection. This facility is an investment in that experience.”

Japanese investment & partnership

Mayor Jensen invited SMC Corporation of

America’s President and CEO Kelley Stacy and Toyota Automated Logistics CEO Americas Aaron Jones for a fireside chat to discuss Japanese investment and partnership in Noblesville and beyond. Together, the two companies have over 400 acres and \$400 million invested in America’s Hometown and are top private-sector employers in Noblesville, with over 2,000 employees combined.

In May, Mayor Jensen led an international economic partnership trip with a city delegation to Japan to visit SMC Corporation and Toyota Automated Logistics, part of Toyota Industries Corporation.

Both companies’ commitment and investment have had a significant impact on the city, state, and region, with the State of Indiana ranking first per capita for Japanese investment and over 70,000 Hoosiers working every day for Japanese companies.

Special thanks to Matthew Doudt Photography, Mork Productions for slideshow and videos, and Business Furniture + Co. for furnishing the stage.

Post-flood shopping

As of Wednesday the 9th, our entire home has new flooring – something called vinyl plank. It cost a lot of money, but it looks great and is totally water-proof (at least as described by the seller) because it is made of PVC material.

It was a big purchase but it is actually the gateway to many more purchases. Now the hunt is on for a bed (king-size please), and thus new bedding, pillows, comforters, etc. Now that we have a floor, we can order and install new cabinets in the kitchen, buy a new refrigerator, look at paint colors and purchase paint and painting supplies. Having a floor in place means we can get new furniture for the living room, the family room, the bedrooms.

In other words, an overwhelming flurry of shopping is on the horizon and nothing is more full of differing opinions than when a couple shops for household goods together.

I’m a guy, and in these matters I think primarily in terms of function. Looks are certainly in the mix, but function – indeed, ease of function – sits at the top of my considerations. Many/most guys are similarly wired. This is the basic reason why guys shop faster than ladies. Here’s something I need – seems to function well – looks okay. I’ll buy it.

Of course, ladies are wired entirely differently: We need an X. Let’s go look at a lot of X’s. What color X do you think is better? Which X do you like? I like that X, too, but what do you think of this X? I don’t want to make a choice of X’s today. Let’s come back and look at more X’s again later.

Mrs. K wants the same things as I do, but would

also like them to be pretty. Hence, our considerations can be a bit different so that if I were buying, say, a shower curtain, it might go like this: Him: “Look honey, it’ll keep the water in the tub – let’s get this one.”

Her: “That one is ugly. Let’s look at these and find one that matches the wall color and the floor and the towels.”

Needless to say, this is why we have a prettier home than if I were buying things alone. It’s about making our nest the best – a primal consideration for ladies, I think.

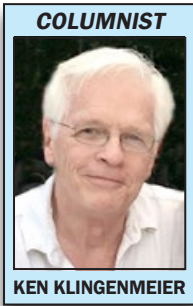
Now, bring this non-compliance of outlooks to the large and costly purchases we are looking to make to fill our empty home and ... there can be a whole big lot of differences of opinion and if we are not careful, it may become a bit of a problem.

One truly amazing thing about our time together is that in 30 years Mrs. K and I never, and I mean NEVER, have had a shouting argument about anything. We’ve had our differences of feelings, needs, and opinions – but we are not people who find it necessary to have a loud discussion of those matters. We just don’t go there.

So maybe, shopping for all these household goods together – with our build-in sets of contrasting values and styles – just maybe, it will be some of the biggest tests of differing ideas we will ever go through.

Actually, we tend to agree on many/most things along those lines. And when there is a true conflict of ideas, one of us will find a way to give in. And most importantly, we never celebrate getting our way!

Well, hardly ever ...



COLUMNIST

KEN KLINGENMEIER

Thanks for reading
The Reporter!

American Bank of Freedom

www.americanbankoffreedom.bank



Save time and open your account online!

Certificate of Deposit Specials

3 Months

3.65%
APY*

6 Months

3.65%
APY*

12 Months

3.65%
APY*

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is current as of this issue and subject to change at any time. APY assumes that interest remains on deposit until maturity. Minimum deposit of \$1,000 to open this account with a maximum deposit of \$240,000 per account. Minimum balance requirement of \$1,000 to earn interest. A penalty will be imposed for early withdrawal. Fees may reduce earnings. Accounts may be subject to other fees, contact your local branch to learn more.

APPLIES TO NEW DEPOSITS ONLY.

American Bank of Freedom, Member FDIC.

Stop by or call your local branch today to learn more!

14611 N. Gray Road
Westfield, IN 46062
(463) 622-2930



BUSINESS CARDS

Hello,
Hamilton
County



paulpoteet.com

PASTO ITALIANO

Martini Monday \$10 specialty & well martinis

Tito's Tuesday \$7 single Tito's drinks & \$10 double Tito's drinks or martinis

Wine Wednesday 1/2 priced bottles of wine

Tito's Thursday \$7 single Tito's drinks & \$10 double Tito's drinks or martinis

Note: entrée required for all specials

Live music Wednesday and Fridays

3150 E. SR 32
Westfield

Reservations Recommended

317-804-2051

Arvin Masonry

Historical tuckpointing

Foundation repair & replacement

All things masonry

Noblesville 317-645-7460

Noblesville Roofing & Restoration

Phone (317) 223-4587

Email: dhbs@comcast.net

NOBLE BUSINESS ADVISORS

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Wendy Stevens CPA, CGMA, MSA

Certified Business Advisor

Phone | 317.281.9063 • Fax | 317.219.0510

wendy.stevens@wstevenscpa.com

52 South 9th Street, Suite 3 • Noblesville, IN 46060

www.wstevenscpa.com

W. Stevens LLP DBA Noble Business Advisors

Green Avenue

GRANT\$ & MORE

• Grant Research

• Proposal Writing

• Planning

• Other Fundraising

Your Road To Fundraising Success!

(317) 750-1204

www.greenavenue.info • amys@greenavenue.info

Explore, Play, and Connect with Hamilton County Parks & Recreation!

Beautiful trails, playgrounds, and special events.

myhamiltoncountyparks.com • 317-770-4400

Scan me!



ReadTheReporter.com

Wanda Lyons

(317) 345-3960

Lyons-Realty.com

LYONS REALTY



Spartz says Congress must listen to voices besides Big Tech on AI

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Rep. Victoria Spartz said Monday in Indianapolis that Congress needs to act quickly on artificial intelligence and listen to more independent voices.

The Indiana Republican joins a growing list of lawmakers from both parties who say the federal government needs to pass comprehensive regulations for AI. Spartz said Big Tech firms like the startups OpenAI and Anthropic, known for the chatbots ChatGPT and Claude, and Google parent company Alphabet have not been honest with Americans about the potential dangers of the technology.

“I think Congress needs to have an honest conversation and push back on Big Tech on this issue,” Spartz said. “They haven’t been honest on this issue and,

honestly, you know, it’s very hard to drag them to the table, but we have to drag them to the table.”

Last week, Jacob Coxon quit his job as an AI researcher at Anthropic after working for three years at that company and OpenAI. He posted on X, formerly Twitter, that neither company acts responsibly.

“The people building AI earnestly believe that it could kill us all by the end of the decade,” Coxon wrote. “If anything, many executives and senior researchers will couch their phrasing in the press to sound sensible – but I hear the same people express fear privately. No other human activity poses this level of danger.”

Concerns about the technology span party lines. House Democrats sent a letter to Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., demanding he



Photo provided
U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz, R-Ind., said Sept. 14, in Indianapolis that Congress needs to act quickly on artificial intelligence and listen to more independent voices.

cancel the House’s fall recess so members can work on AI legislation. Rep. André Carson, one of two Indiana Democrats in Congress, said he wants House leadership to vote on Democratic-backed AI legislation.

“The Republican majority must bring Democrats’ AI Civil Rights Act

to the House floor,” Carson said. “It’s abundantly clear we need to better regulate AI to protect Americans – not make tech billionaires even richer.”

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/congresswoman-spartz-demands-ai-regulation.

CCPR’s Extended School Enrichment recognized for commitment to child safety

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation’s (CCPR) **Extended School Enrichment (ESE)** program has earned **Partner in Prevention (PIP)** status from **Darkness to Light**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child sexual abuse.

PIP recognizes organizations committed to creating safer environments for children through prevention. To earn PIP status, more than 90 percent of ESE management, staff, and volunteers completed Darkness to Light’s Stewards of Children, a trauma- and evidence-informed training that teaches adults to prevent, recognize, and react

responsibly to child sexual abuse.

“The safety and well-being of the children in our care is at the heart of everything we do at ESE,” ESE/SCS Director Jennifer Brown said. “Earning this designation reflects the work our staff does to create spaces where children are protected, supported, and able to thrive.”

ESE is celebrating its 20th year of partnership with Carmel Clay Schools, providing quality after-school care to the Carmel Clay community. Through this partnership, CCPR offers ESE at 11 elementary schools across Carmel. Each day, students explore



Photo provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

a variety of clubs and activities – ranging from STEM and art to sports and other hands-on activities – that encourage curiosity and lifelong learning.

Achieving PIP status builds on CCPR’s continued commitment to providing safe, high-quality programs

for children and families. CCPR’s Summer Camp Series is accredited by the **American Camp Association (ACA)**, and the agency as a whole is nationally accredited through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).



Huston



Jeter



Lopez



Smith



Shonkwiler

Local Republican lawmakers encourage students to apply for House internships

The REPORTER

Hamilton County legislators are encouraging local students to apply for the Indiana House Republican Internship Program for the 2027 legislative session.

House Speaker Todd

Huston (R-Fishers) said this paid, full-time internship is open to college students, recent graduates and students in law or graduate school from January through April.

“For young Hoosiers interested in government and

public service, there are few experiences more valuable than the House internship,” Huston said. “This opportunity helps students launch careers, build connections, and discover the impact they can have in shaping the future of our state.”

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said interns work in the Statehouse in downtown Indianapolis full-time Monday through Friday during the legislative session and gain practical knowledge of state government through active participation in the legislative process.

“An internship at the Statehouse gives students a head start that can pay dividends long after the legislative session ends,” Jeter said. “The skills, relationships and experience they gain can help prepare them for whatever career path they choose.”

State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) said positions are available in legislative operations, policy, and communications.

“Indiana has some of the best and brightest students in the country, and we want to give them an opportunity to put their talents to work,” Lopez said. “Our internship program brings young people into the conversation

and gives them a meaningful role in the work happening at the Statehouse.”

State Rep. Hunter Smith (R-Zionsville) said this spring semester internship gives interested students opportunities to interact with state legislators, state agencies, and private sector organizations, as well as participate in a weekly speaker series featuring Indiana civic leaders.

“The best way to learn about government and the policy issues impacting Hoosiers is to actively participate,” said Smith, a member of the House Education Committee. “Our interns get to step into the process, work alongside the people making decisions and see the impact of their work firsthand.”

“The legislative process can seem complicated from the outside, but our interns get an inside look at how state government really works,” said State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler (R-Noblesville). “They leave with better understanding of how decisions are made and the important role they can play in their communities.”

Applications are available online at indianahouseRepublicans.com/internship and are due by Oct. 31.

Largest federal employee union endorses J.D. Ford for Congress

Submitted

The American Federation of Government Employees has announced its endorsement of J.D. Ford for election to the U.S. House representing Indiana's 5th Congressional District in the 2026 elections. The general election is Nov. 3.

J.D. Ford was raised in a working-class family as the son of a union truck driver and an assisted living administrator, with grandparents who served as local officials. Ford learned early on that public service is about people, not power. He served two terms in the Indiana State Senate, where he fought to lower the cost of lifesaving medication, strengthen public education, and ensure every Hoosier gets a fair shot. He's running to bring a working-class perspective to Washington

and make life more affordable for every Indiana resident.

"J.D. Ford has a proven track record in the Indiana Senate for standing and fighting alongside working families," AFGE District 6 National Vice President Arnold Scott said. "We need a member of Congress who is going to stand with federal workers, and with his track record we have no doubt J.D. will have our back. In meeting with our members, we were impressed that he is already knowledgeable and very concerned about the attacks federal workers have faced, and that is why AFGE is proud to endorse J.D. Ford for Congress and looks forward to working with him once he's elected."



Ford

More than 48,300 federal employees live in Indiana – caring for veterans, supporting the military, and getting Social Security recipients their benefits accurately and on time.

AFGE is the largest federal employee union in the country, representing more than 820,000 federal and D.C. government workers in all functions of government. AFGE represents nearly 46,000 federal employees in District 6, which includes Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio.

AFGE previously endorsed Reps. Frank Mrvan (D-Ind.-01) and André Carson (D-Ind.-07) for reelection to their seats representing Indiana in the U.S. House.

Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana Political Action Committee endorses Danny Lopez for State Representative

Submitted

The Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana Political Action Committee (IPFFPAC) has endorsed Danny Lopez in his reelection campaign for Indiana State House District 39.

"Danny Lopez has always maintained a commitment to the issues that impact the delivery of Fire and Emergency Medical Services in Indiana and the wellbeing of our members, and we are proud to support him in his reelection campaign this year," Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana (PFFUI) President

Tony Murray said. "We look forward to continuing to work with him to enhance public safety and protect the communities we serve."

The PFFUI represents more than 9,000 professional fire fighters, paramedics, EMTs, and 911 Telecommunicators across the state of Indiana. The organization protects the wellbeing of its members and their families and strengthens the safety and vibrancy of the communi-



Lopez

ties they serve. "The professional fire fighters, paramedics, and EMTs that make up the PFFUI play such a critical role in making Indiana communities special, and I am honored and so grateful to them for their support and counsel as we strive to preserve the safety of these communities across our state," Lopez said.

Learn more about Danny and join his campaign at LopezForIndiana.com.

Indiana Professional Fire Fighters endorse John Ruckelshaus for State Senate

Submitted

Indiana Senate candidate John Ruckelshaus has announced an endorsement from the Indiana Professional Fire Fighters' Political Action Committee.

Ruckelshaus, a former State Senator, will be on the ballot for the General Election on Nov. 3.

"This endorsement reflects our confidence in your commitment to the issues that matter most to Indiana's professional fire fighters, paramedics, EMTs and the communities that we serve," said the official letter of endorsement signed by Anthony L. Murray, President; Hank Harris, Vice President; and Cody

Leever, Political Director for the organization.

Ruckelshaus humbly accepted the endorsement.

"Fire fighters, paramedics, and EMTs are quite literally the lifeblood of every community, no matter how big or small," Ruckelshaus said. "We all need them, especially on what is typically one of our worst days while faced with an emergency. Our emergency personnel truly unite all of us and I am humbled by their support and vow to all I can at the Statehouse to ensure their commitment to safety



Ruckelshaus

is supported by our government."

The letter of support added: "Through our discussions with you, we know that you are willing to listen thoughtfully and carefully consider issues that impact the delivery of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and the well-being of our members. We know that you endeavor to represent your constituents in the same manner."

You can learn more about the candidate ruckelshaus4senate.com and by following him on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ruckelshaus4senate).

Spartz requests federal review of LEAP water project financing & environmental oversight

Submitted by Office of U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) has requested that the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General (EPA OIG) conduct an independent review of federal oversight and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing for the Citizens – Lebanon Water Supply Program associated with Indiana's LEAP Research and Innovation District.

The Indiana Finance Authority has approved financing through Indiana's federally capitalized DWSRF for a major regional water infrastructure program designed to provide up to 25 million gallons of water per day to Lebanon from the White River watershed. Citizens Energy Group sought approximately \$560 million in DWSRF financing for the program, with approximately \$104.8 mil-

lion in initial financing closed in December 2024.

"Economic development is important, but it must be done responsibly and transparently," Rep. Spartz said. "When hundreds of millions of dollars in federally capitalized financing and critical water resources are involved, taxpayers and communities deserve accountability. We need an independent review to make sure federal requirements were properly followed and the long-term impacts on existing communities, agriculture, future economic development, and our water resources were adequately evaluated."

Federal DWSRF regulations restrict funding for projects needed primarily to serve future population growth and establish environmental-review requirements for projects receiv-



Spartz

ing assistance. Rep. Spartz is asking GAO and EPA OIG to review whether the Citizens-Lebanon projects meet federal DWSRF eligibility requirements; whether appropriate environmental reviews were conducted; whether the entire 25-MGD program and its combined water-resource impacts were adequately evaluated; and whether EPA Region 5 provided appropriate federal oversight.

"Federal drinking-water programs should protect existing communities and public health – not become a backdoor subsidy for large economic development projects," Rep. Spartz said. "GAO and EPA OIG should independently review the facts and determine whether federal law and proper processes were followed."

[Click here](#) to read Rep. Spartz's letter.



Wed Sept 9 - Girls Soccer

5:30 pm **Westfield vs Noblesville** | Girls JV Soccer | HCTV Sports

6:45 pm **Fishers vs Hamilton Southeastern** | Girls Soccer | Southeastern Sports

7:00 pm **Westfield vs Noblesville** | Girls Varsity Soccer | HCTV Sports

Thurs Sept 10 - Volleyball

7:20 pm **Heritage Christian vs Covenant Christian** | Varsity Volleyball | Indiana SRN

7:30 pm **Fishers vs Hamilton Southeastern** | Volleyball | Fishers Sports Network

Fri Sept 11 - Football

6:45 pm **Sheridan vs Clinton Central** | IHSAA Football | Bragg Sports Media

6:50 pm **New Palestine HS vs Mt Vernon HS** | IHSAA Football | Indiana SRN

6:50 pm **Covenant Christian vs Heritage Christian** | IHSAA Football | Indiana SRN

6:50 pm **Cathedral vs Chatard** | IHSAA Football | Indiana SRN

7:00 pm **Westfield vs Noblesville** | IHSAA Football | HCTV Sports

Sat Sept 12 - Volleyball and Girls Soccer

9:00 am **Lake Central vs Hamilton Southeastern** | Volleyball | Southeastern Sports

10:00am **Homestead vs Fishers** | Girls Soccer | Fishers Sports Network

5:30 pm **Crown Point vs Fishers** | Girls soccer | Fishers Sports Network

Tues Sept 15 - Boys Soccer and Volleyball

5:30 pm **Zionsville vs Noblesville** | JV Boys Soccer | HCTV Sports

6:00 pm **Hamilton Heights vs Noblesville** | JV Volleyball | Noblesville Sports

7:00 pm **Zionsville vs Noblesville** | Varsity Boys Soccer | Varsity | HCTV Sports

7:30 pm **Hamilton Heights vs Noblesville** | Varsity Volleyball | Noblesville Sports



Available on the Web www.HCTV1.com

YouTube www.HCTV2.com

On your Roku TV or Roku Device Search for HCTV1

On your Amazon Fire TV or Device Search for Hamilton County TV



United Way of Central Indiana launches statewide health plan to strengthen human services nonprofits

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana is launching a new group health plan open to human services nonprofits and all local United Ways across the state of Indiana.

More than 40 organizations representing over 1,000 employees have already expressed interest.

The plan, Indiana UNITY Health Alliance, is a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA), which allows multiple employers to join together to offer health and wellness benefits. By pooling resources and benefits, employers can offer more robust benefits and flexible plans at lower costs to both employers and employees.

"This will give small nonprofits access to the benefits of being part of a large



group health plan that they may not otherwise have access to," said Jennifer Gallagher, United Way's chief financial officer.

This will allow more nonprofits across Indiana to hire and retain talented employees, potentially reduce healthcare costs, and save on internal benefits administration – and keep more of their resources focused on serving the community.

Interested nonprofits can learn more by [signing up to attend one of three virtual information sessions](#),

scheduled for 2 to 3 p.m. Sept. 17, 24, and Oct. 1. Proposed rates will be available, and open enrollment meetings will be held, in October.

Pending approval by the Indiana Department of Insurance, the plan will go into effect Jan. 1, 2027.

Establishing the Indiana UNITY Health Alliance has been in the works for about two years and is part of United Way's mission to support and strengthen the human services nonprofit sector.

See Plan . . . Page 10

ADLER attorneys

136 SOUTH 9TH STREET
SUITE 400
NOBLESVILLE, IN 46060
317-773-1974

1010 WEST 8TH STREET
SUITE 5
ANDERSON, IN 46016
765-642-2080

CONTACT US



RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE at the Historic Adler Building. Contact Kim Watson at 317-773-1974 for details.



Meeting Notices

The Westfield Board of Public Works & Safety meeting, originally scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026, has been rescheduled to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2026, in the same location.

The Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus Board of Trustees will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026, in the Sue Ellspermann Board Room at the Ivy Tech Hamilton County campus, 300 N. 17th St., Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, 2026.
A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Osprey Pointe Pavilion at Morse Park & Beach, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) (i). For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction including a purchase.
A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.
A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at [youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville](https://www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville) and also at [youtube.com/@HamiltonCountyTelevision](https://www.youtube.com/@HamiltonCountyTelevision).

Each year, the Hamilton County Reporter requests government entities to notify us of public meetings as their Open Door Law notification under I.C. 5-14-1.5-5. The Reporter publishes these notices as a public service in our Tuesday through Friday digital editions. Meeting notices for Open Door Law compliance can be sent to PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com.

FISHERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wanas Group is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of the Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with a proposed building addition and associated site improvements located at 14500 E 96th Street, Fishers, IN 46055. Runoff from the project site will discharge into the storm sewer system, then into the proposed dry detention system, where it ultimately discharges into the Springs of Cambridge – Bee Camp Creek Regulated Drain which drains into the Geist Reservoir. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. at twallace@cecinc.com or 317-655-7777.

R86709/15/26, 9/21/26

NOBLESVILLE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Drees Premier Homes (900 E 96th St, Ste 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240) is submitting an NOI letter to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5, to discharge stormwater from construction activities for the following project: Rollingwood Section 1. More specifically, the project is located in the NW Quarter of Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 6 East, bordered by Prairie Baptist Rd to the west and 146th Street to the north in Noblesville, Indiana. Construction activity is scheduled to commence in September 2026, and construction should be completed by May 2028. Run-off from the site will discharge to Mud Creek. Questions or comments should be directed to: Jacob Pierce, Drees Premier Homes, 900 E 96th St., Ste 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240, 317-295-7109

R86719/15/26, 9/21/26

PUBLIC NOTICE DEADLINE

3 p.m. Friday

for Monday publication

PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

IDOLATRY FORBIDDEN

But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the Lord your God and obey him. For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath.

THE LORD IS GOD

Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other: Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of? Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived? Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?

Deuteronomy 4:29-34 (NIV)

PLAN

from Page 9

Nonprofits have long faced challenges offering affordable, high-quality healthcare, which in turn makes it difficult to attract and keep employees.

“A strong nonprofit sector is essential to strong communities,” said Fred Payne, president and CEO of United Way of Central Indiana. “By bringing organizations together around a shared solution, we can strengthen their ability to invest in their people, build organizational capacity and focus more of their resources on their missions.”

The health plan will include medical, dental, vision, and life insurance, long-term disability, short-term disability, an Employee Assistance Program, Health Savings Account, Flexible Spending Account, and telehealth benefits.

United Way’s goal is to have at least 500 employees across the state covered by the plan in its first year.

The plan will have a Board of Trustees composed of people from, and elected by, participating organizations. United Way of Central Indiana will be responsible for day-to-day operations of the plan.

For more information, visit mewa.uwci.org.

Janet Kay Bragg

June 4, 1950 – September 9, 2026



Janet Kay Bragg, 76, passed away at her home in Noblesville on September 9, 2026.

Janet was born in Hamilton County on June 4, 1950, to Edwin and Catherine Matherly. She was one of four kids, growing up with siblings, Phillip Matherly, Carol Franklin, and Libby Calvin. Married to Ronald Bragg on April 3, 1971, they had and raised three kids: Christina Gilley, Jonathan Bragg, and Jennifer Medler. Janet adored her four grand kids, Nolan, Macie, Gilbert, and Grace. She also loved spending time with cousins, nephews, nieces, and all family members near and far.

Janet will be warmly remembered as a Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Servant of Christ, teacher, musician, and beloved friend to many. She dearly loved her Country, Christ, and music and combined these loves to direct numerous patriotic musicals, as well as adult and children’s musicals, along with dear friends and church members. Janet also participated in Jail Ministry Outreach, led Bible Bowl teams for her Church, and planned and organized many Bible studies over her years.

Visitation for Janet will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow directly after the service at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](https://www.randallroberts.com)

DH HARTLEY - DUNNICHAY

Funeral Homes

SERVING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH GOD’S GRACE

Pre-Arrangements Celebrations of Life Grief Support Monuments

Honoring, Remembering, & Celebrating

317.984.3614

www.hartleyfuneralhomes.com

The Reporter’s policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Submit obituaries under 500 words online at ReadTheReporter.com/obitform.



Randall & Roberts

Funeral Homes

317-773-2584

Our family has been serving Hamilton County since 1953

1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville
1150 Logan Street, Noblesville
12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers

HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER

Contact Information

Email

News@ReadTheReporter.com

Web Address

ReadTheReporter.com

Publisher Stu Clampitt

765-365-2316

Subscription Inquiries

Subscribe@ReadTheReporter.com
765-585-9519

Advertising & Public Notices

Ads@ReadTheReporter.com
765-365-2316

Mailing Address

136 S. 9th St., Suite 12
Noblesville, IN 46060

IMPROVED PRICE!

LAKEFRONT!

20971 Shoreline Unit 410 NOBLESVILLE

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

Listed at \$299,900

NEW LISTING!

9919 FOUNTAIN COVE DRIVE INDIANAPOLIS

This 3 bed, 2.5 bath beauty near Geist Reservoir offers an open concept floor plan, new roof, carpet, and remodeled primary bath. Enjoy the versatile living spaces, updated kitchen, spacious fenced-in backyard, and a heated golf simulator garage!

Listed at \$299,900

SOLD!

18532 ORIENTAL OAK COURT NOBLESVILLE

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

Listed at \$559,900

SOLD!

18149 ATLANTIC ROAD NOBLESVILLE

Own this charming 1.5-acre country retreat! Features 2,000+ sq ft, 4BR, 2BA, and a new roof. Enjoy a cozy fireplace, spacious kitchen, and fenced yard. Perfectly located near Hamilton Town Center and I-69.

Won't last long!

Listed at \$274,900

SOLD!

2513 SHERIDAN COURT CICERO

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

Listed at \$339,900

“SPEAK TO DEAK!”

Jennifer

Peggy

The Deakyne Team REALTORS®

317.695.6032 JENNIFER | 317.439.3258 PEGGY

SpeakToDeak.com

Talk to TUCKER REALTORS

F.C. TUCKER COMPANY