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IU Health teams volunteer at Carmel's Coxhall Gardens

Staff from Carmel & Fishers hospitals take part in 'Days of Service'

The REPORTER

Team members from IU Health North (Carmel) and IU Health Fishers gathered at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel on Friday, Sept. 25, for the 18th annual Days of Service.

Volunteers spent the day enhancing the park through a variety of projects, including trail maintenance, improvements to flower and tree beds, facility upgrades, and other efforts designed to help beautify and strengthen the community space.

Days of Service is an annual IU Health initiative that brings team members together across the state to volunteer their time and talents in support of local organizations and community needs.

According to Caitlin Vendely, Community Outreach consultant for IU Health's Metro Region, the event provides an opportunity for team members to make a meaningful impact beyond the walls of the hospital.

"We know that good health starts long before someone walks through our doors," Vendely said. "Parks like Coxhall Gardens provide safe, welcoming spaces for physical activity, connection, and recreation, all of which contribute to healthier communities. By helping main-



Photos courtesy of IU Health

This project is only one of IU Health's Days of Service opportunities in Hamilton County.

tain and enhance these spaces, our team members are supporting opportunities for residents to stay active and improve their overall well-being."

The Coxhall Gardens project is one of multiple Days of Service opportunities taking place this year across Hamilton County. Additional volunteer efforts include assembling meal kits for Million Meal Movement, preparing Safe Sleep kits for families and supporting other community-focused initiatives.

Through these projects,



IU Health team members are helping create stronger, healthier communities while demonstrating that caring for people extends far beyond clinical settings.

10 fingertips down

It's 8:00 on a Monday morning, and I'm treating myself to a Bom Dia Breakfast at Bica Café in downtown Noblesville. The Crème Brûlée coffee is the icing on a rainy morning.

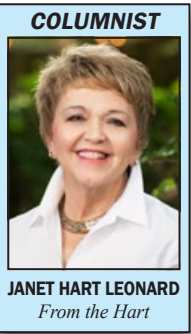
It's quiet. I love the sound of the rain. The atmosphere is perfect for writing. Some days just beckon me to sit and write, pushing the day's busyness and chaos aside for a few hours. I wonder if Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway, Laura Ingalls Wilder, or Charlotte Brontë ever had those days? You know, those days when, as a writer, you can't not write. My heart has so much to say.

I do not take lightly the fact that I have a voice, and as a columnist, I get to use it. I pray my voice is always kind, tender, and loving. Sometimes I feel passionate about something, and I stand 10 fingertips down, tapping away on my keyboard. How can I gently jerk a knot in the tail of those who won't listen to facts and reasoning? How can I express, kindly but firmly, that kindness, compassion, and inclusion should always be the right thing to do?

I've recently come to the conclusion that people will believe what they want to believe. They'll stand on a hill and die there, all the while hurting those in their path. They need to be right; they'll deny any hint that they are wrong. The hill of self-righteousness is a dangerous place.

Here go my 10 fingertips down. I pray, Lord, that the words of my mouth (and fingertips) and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight. It's not just a verse from Psalm 19; it's the prayer I pray whenever I'm writing.

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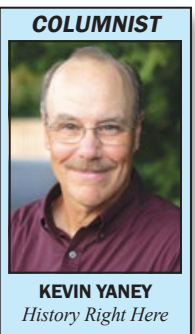


A look back at our Civil War past: the death of a Noblesville soldier

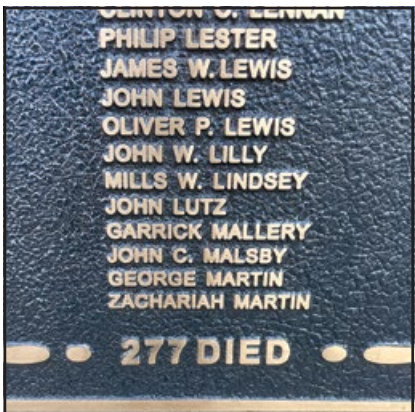
There is a small headstone in Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville. It is at the end of a line of family markers for the Mallery family. This military stone marks the grave of Garrick Mallery, a Civil War soldier who served with Company D of the Indiana 75th Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

It is unusual because it is a footstone – a prone-style stone rather than the upright marble stones issued to Civil War veterans. It is also unusual because Garrick Mallery died during the war and was interred in Noblesville.

Riverside Cemetery is the city's oldest graveyard, dating back to 1820. It is the final resting place of 75 veterans of the Civil War. The majority of these veterans survived the war, came back to live in Hamilton County, and were buried here. Two thousand, four hundred men from Hamilton County enlisted to fight during the war years of



Private Garrick Mallery died while serving with the 75th Indiana Infantry, a regiment that was heavily recruited from Hamilton County. He is listed on the Veterans Memorial next to the Hamilton County Courthouse. He was one of 277 soldiers from Hamilton County that died during the Civil War.



Photos provided by Kevin Yaney

1861 to 1865. Of those, 277 lost their lives during the war and, most of them, were buried at military cemeteries near where they fell. That is not the case with Private Garrick Mallery. His body was returned to Noblesville.

There are several modern legends about the Civil War that have been shaped by war movies, reenactments, or photos of old soldiers at reunions. The death of Garrick Mallery debunks some of these myths.

The first myth is that Civil War soldiers were middle-aged men. Garrick Mallery was 17 years old when he died. It was

not unusual for someone this young to enlist to fight. Teenagers and men in their early twenties fought this war. In fact, John Shay of Noblesville was only 12 years old when he also enlisted in the 75th Indiana as a drummer. If I put that in modern terms, Garrick Mallery would have been a junior in high school and John Shay a sixth grader in middle school when they signed up as soldiers!

The second myth is the majority of deaths were from battlefield casualties. Although battlefield deaths during the Civil War far outpace any

other war American soldiers have fought, diseases caused the death of over 400,000 of the 620,000 soldiers who died during the war. In other words, for every battlefield death, there were two caused by sickness. Garrick Mallery died of pneumonia in a regimental hospital in Scottsville, Ky. Scottsville did not have a battle, but there was a large Federal camp there for a time. Records show that 57 soldiers died of disease at Dumont Hill in Scottsville's military hospitals.

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Walden, now retiring, served Sheridan for more than 18 years

By STU CLAMPITT
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The Town of Sheridan's financial records and security have been handled under the watchful eye of Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Walden for nearly 19 years. She will retire from that office effective Friday, Oct. 2.

The Reporter spoke with Walden about her time in office, her decision to leave before her term would have ended on Dec. 31, 2027, and how anyone interested in becoming Sheridan's next Clerk-Treasurer can be apply to take responsibility for running that office until next year's election puts that decision in the hands of voters.

Walden took office on Jan. 1, 2008. During her tenure, all of Hamilton County has grown.

"Back then, Westfield was still agricultural," Walden said. "Fishers wasn't nearly as big as it is now. Noblesville and Carmel have always been big, but Westfield and Fishers have really just exploded over my lifetime since I started as Clerk-Treasurer."

Walden became clerk-treasurer following a 27-year career in banking. She told The Reporter she had been given

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Walden

Remembering Ava Jean 12 years later

By STU CLAMPITT
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It was Nov. 8, 2014 at 8:05 p.m. when Julie Ridenour lost her daughter, Ava Jean. A train operated by the Indiana Transportation Museum (ITM) struck Ava's truck at a rail crossing in Tipton County.

On Sept. 9 of this year, Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad (NPHR) Executive Director Emily Reynolds and her team gave Julie Ridenour the moment of humanity and acknowledgement of loss that ITM never did.

ITM no longer exists. That train and that rail now belong to NPHR.

The Reporter was present

on Sept. 9 for the first rail bike ride along the tracks in Tipton. It was an event at which Ava Jean was remembered and the Ridenour family was given the opportunity both to be recognized and to build a positive memory of the rails by being the first family to pedal a rail bike along them.

The Reporter later spoke with Julie Ridenour about the accident that took her daughter's life, her family's long path to healing, and how NPHR is returning to Tipton with safety as the first priority.

"It was an absolute honor to be a guest, to be thought of," Ridenour told The Reporter. "Emily [Reynolds] did so well putting

everything together and making sure that we were comfortable and that we felt that Ava was remembered appropriately. I don't know everyone else by name, but it was put together very nicely."

When talks about using the rails again in Tipton County began, Ridenour said all she and her family had ever asked for was that it be done safely.

"Everything has been [safe] so far, and everything sounds like it's going to be in the future," Ridenour said. "Safety was our number-one concern. They're safe. So we were happy about the opportunity to be able to see our community grow."

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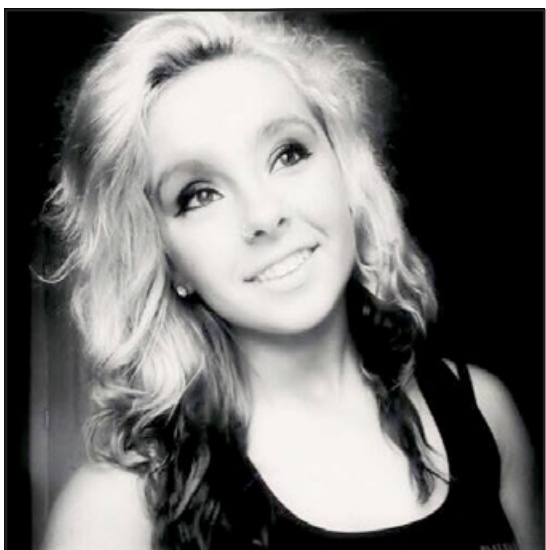


Photo provided by the Ridenour Family
The life of Ava Jean Ridenour was recently honored by NPHR and the City of Tipton.

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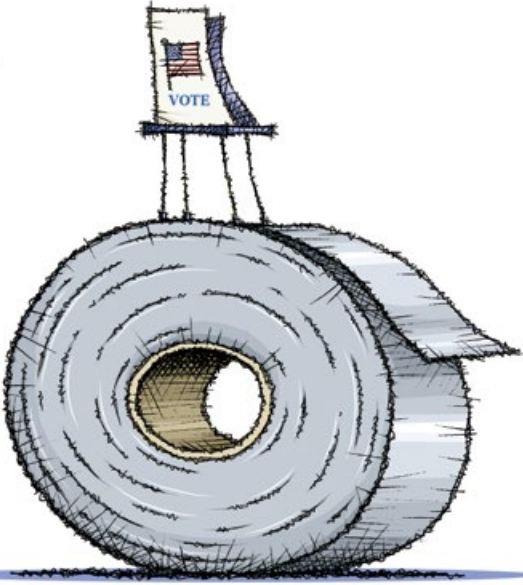
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Noblesville Lion Jim Connerley presented with 15-year Chevron, induct Ryan Wiltermood



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At their meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23, Noblesville Lions welcomed 25-D District Governor Mike Cariens as their speaker. (ABOVE LEFT) DG Careins (left) recognized Lion Joe Connerley with his 15-year Chevron award. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lion Jeff Kozicki (left) and DG Careins inducted new member Ryan Wiltermood (center).



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Ava JEAN

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The rail crossing where Ava lost her life did not, and still does not, have crossing arms. NPHR and the City of Tipton have promised to put arms there before a train uses those tracks again. In the meantime, rail bikes will only operate on the track when flaggers are on site to stop traffic as the bikes pass the intersection.

She called it a bittersweet experience to finally have Ava remembered and to see that while the rails are in use again, for now only with bikes, they are safer than before.

"It was very bittersweet and, I think, part closure," Ridenour said. "Real closure will come when the arms are put up for another train to go through. Not needing to worry about anything like that happening to anyone else will happen when the arms are put up – that's the main concern from here forward. Emily did give me her word that everything will be done safely and she believes as well that arms need to go up before a train would go through there."

Ridenour had not kept up with the closing of ITM and the purchase of the train and rail by NPHR. She finds NPHR to be caring and thoughtful.

"We have never been contacted through the Transportation Museum, ever," Ridenour said. "There was no message of condolence. There was no contact made whatsoever between or for them to us. I had asked to meet with the conductor at one point and they didn't respond. No one responded to me for anything."

Ridenour told The Reporter she thinks ITM was silent out of fear of admitting guilt, but that she was not asking for an admission, just a human acknowledgement of the tragic accident.

"I mean, it was an accident," Ridenour said. "They don't call them 'on purposes.' I understand it was an accident, but you could still be a kind human."

Twelve years later, kind humans are in charge of the train.

"I am so grateful for Emily and the way that she's done this," Ridenour said. "She's been so, so good. Leading up to the meeting with Emily, I had so much anxiety because I was afraid that things were not going to go well. You know, the 'what if, what if, what ifs.' Emily just brushed all of that right to the side from the very first five minutes meeting her and talking with her. She's just incredible. It was a good conversation. 'How can we make sure that your needs are met through this transition? And we don't want to be offensive. We don't want to be hurtful. We want your healing along with moving forward.'"

Ridenour just wants people to be safe.

"I don't want anybody, ever, to have to go through what I went through," Ridenour said. "I'm not hard to please. Just make it safe like they were supposed to do from the beginning. That's it. And she [Emily] gave me the assurance that that's all she wants as well."

Ridenour had no idea when she sent NPHR a message on Facebook about the rail bikes that she'd have this kind of connection with people from the train.

"How incredible is it that it started over a Facebook post?" Ridenour said. "And how incredible is it that we get to meet one of the gentlemen and hug him and love on him this evening and remember our daughter together? It's just amazing. I'm beside myself with all the emotions today. Was it an accident and was it preventable? Absolutely. But it wasn't malicious. No one was malicious. And that's what I have wanted to express to the gentleman for 12 years. There's nothing done on purpose. And we just want to love you because we know that it's going to be with you for the rest of your life as well. And that's hard."

When asked for anything else she would like to express to our readers, Ridenour's voice broke as she said, "John 3:16. Everything is possible with grace. With God, everything is possible because we prayed all the countless prayers that we've had over the last 12 years that we would get to meet and to hug. The engineers, the conductors from that night – just tell them how much we love them. And we've never blamed them one time."



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The Ridenour Family were grateful not only for the opportunity to have Ava Jean remembered, but also to build a positive memory on the rails.

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Sheridan High School welcomes eight foreign exchange students

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

This semester, Sheridan High School has the pleasure of having eight foreign exchange students join the student body: Aitana Fernandez Perez, Sergio Agenjo Quiroz, and Emma Jimenez Ollero from Spain; Askild Lindquist from Denmark; Ekaterina Kovaleva from Russia; Kahn Chi Hoang, Merve Koerner, and Nora Kohler from Germany.

Each of these students has been able to experience life as a Blackhawk by taking the typical classes and joining sports and clubs at the school. Six of the exchange students gave a sneak peek into their life in Sheridan, and how they have adapted to a different environment.

Askild Lindquist from Denmark shared that he always wanted to visit the United States and experience high school here. He shared that he is looking forward to knowing more about himself through this experience.

Merve Koerner from Germany shared that she got interested in enrolling in an exchange program because of her passion for traveling and connecting with people from different ways of life. She is looking forward to the opportunities that will open



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

for her and gaining ideas for her future.

Kahn Chi Hoang from Germany shared that she wanted to join an exchange program to see the fun teenage American high school life. She has been most surprised by how open everyone is in the United States. She shared that she is excited to improve her English, which can open many doors for her future.

Aitana Fernandez Perez from Spain shared that she joined the exchange program to improve her English and make new friends. Her first thoughts when she arrived in the United States and Sheridan were that people

were very kind and that it was a beautiful place to live. She is excited to improve her English and learn more about American culture.

Sergio Agenjo Quiroz from Spain decided to join the exchange program because he had heard of other people doing it. He shared that those individuals really inspired him because they had such a great experience. He shared that his experience so far has been surreal and almost like out of a movie! He also shared that everyone has been especially kind.

Finally, Nora Kohler from Germany shared that she was excited to try a new

experience. She is excited about how the entire experience will shape her future plans and career goals. She shared that an exchange program can influence you in a multitude of ways.

Exchange students at Sheridan are given a unique opportunity to do literally anything they want. They can join any sports or clubs; they can take different classes while learning and experiencing the culture of Indiana and the United States. Each of them has been able to take away something from this experience, whether it is just getting better at English or being able to learn something new.

Heights' Homecoming Week is underway

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Attention Husky fans and enthusiasts! Hamilton Heights High School's Fall Homecoming will take place on Friday, Oct. 2.

The days before Homecoming will be filled with various fun and spirit-filled activities to rally the Dawgs before the big game against the Benton Central Bison.

The festivities began with the Dancing in the Moonlight Homecoming Dance on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the North Gate by the Football field. Monday, Sept. 28 through Friday, Oct. 2 are designated "spirit" days where students and staff can participate and show their spirit. Monday is Adam Sandler Day, Tuesday is Nowhere to Wear This Day, Wednesday is Twin Day, Thursday is Class Shirt/Dress As Your Hallway Day, and Friday is Orange and White Day.

All grades will vie for bragging rights at the annual Powder Puff football game on Thursday, Oct. 1. The night will start with an inner squad scrimmage at the high school football field with the Unified Flag Football team at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Powder Puff game at 6 p.m.

Admission is free.

On Friday, a student pep session featuring the award-winning Hamilton Heights band, cheerleaders, and football team will be held at the football field from 2:10 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The parade line-up begins at 3 p.m. in the front high school parking lot. The Hamilton Heights High School Band and Amber Guard will lead the parade with the school song and impressive flag routine through the streets of Arcadia beginning at 4 p.m. Kick off is at 7:30.

Halftime Festivities include recognition of alumni from the classes of 1977, 1987, 1997, 2007, and 2017, followed by the presentation of the 2026 Homecoming Court and the crowning of this year's Homecoming King and Queen.

On Saturday, Oct. 3,



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation
Hamilton Heights High School's annual Homecoming is a long-standing tradition that involves students, faculty, staff, families, organizations, and businesses in the greater Northern Hamilton County area. This year's Homecoming Parade is set for 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2.

Hamilton Heights will honor and induct the Class of 2026 to the Athletic Hall of Fame with lunch (ticketholders only) at noon followed by the induction ceremony in the high school gymnasium.

Homecoming Parade Route

1. Illinois from the school parking lot – north to Main – turn left
2. West on Main to Dora – turn left
3. Dora – Parade stops – the high school band – will disperse and return to school on buses located at the middle school – athletes will join their respective teams
4. South on Dora to South Street – turn left
5. East on South to East Street – turn right
6. South on East Street to Franklin – turn left
7. East on Franklin to Illinois – turn right
8. South on Illinois – back to the high school

SOLDIER

On Nov. 23, 1862, Garrick Mallory became one of those casualties.

After the war, there was a large-scale effort to find all the remains of fallen soldiers and place them in a proper cemetery. The dead of Scottsville's cemeteries were exhumed and most of

them taken to the National Cemetery in Nashville, Tenn. Garrick Mallory was brought home to Noblesville and laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery.

If you are interested in more information on Noblesville's Civil War heritage, Kevin Yaney is leading

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a Civil War Walking Tour at Riverside Cemetery at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. You can register at yaney.net/history-tours.

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Letter to the Editor

Former Noblesville man offers encouraging words for victims of flooding

Editor's note: The Reporter generally does not publish Letters to the Editor in our weekly print edition, but given the topic and the fact that this gentlemen composed it on an actual typewriter and mailed it an envelope, we're making an exception.

Dear Editor:

My name is Jim Budnick. I lived in Noblesville from 1966 to 1972; graduating from NHS in 1970. I'm offering my support for any classmates and others recently flooded.

I moved back to "Mark Twain Country" in June of '72. Two weeks later, Hurricane Agnes stalled over the northern tier of PA. The NY counties of Steuben and Chemung were inundated with over 12 inches of rain. All that water flows behind my property. The Chemung River rose over 30 feet flooding my house up to the second floor. I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU AHE GOING THROUGH. Within 10 years three dams were built in PA to mitigate future problems.

Nixon bailed us out with SBA loans and grants. I hope the President reiterates. Construction is his forte. As the planes hit the towers on 9/11, I was on Elmira's southside fabricating two large steel bridges for a golf course he owns in Briarcliff Manor, north of the city. The project was delayed because the only 500-ton crane available to set the bridges went to the WTC site. Trump expected perfection. We delivered.

Being older, your recovery will be challenging. Pace yourself. Rome wasn't built in a day. At 73, I've maintained my "youth" with vitamins, jogging 25 years, and above all, staying single. Back in third grade, Sister Cecelia thought I'd make a good priest. It's a Catholic thing.

Today, I'm embarking on two projects. First, my 100-year-old house needs an outside renovation. Secondly, the procurement and restoration of a seventies Triumph TR-6. In 1976, I bought a brand-new Mallard Blue TH-6 with electric overdrive. With the top down and girls onboard, many trips to Saratoga Springs and Lake Placid followed. Sadly, road salt ruined it.

I'm rambling, but the point is: I survived devastation to live another day and so will you. Disasters hit many people and the way you respond is what counts. Establish goals from day to day. Don't worry about the long term.

That's how I roll. News cycles come and go, flood waters recede, but Hoosier spirit endures forever. New Yorkers ask me: What is a Hoosier? My response: tenacity with a never-give-up attitude.

Back in high school, I delivered *The Daily Ledger* and *Indy Star* on Monument and Grant streets, seven days a week. As menial as that job was, it forged the Hoosier Tenacity I carry proudly with me every day.

In closing, if IU can deliver a football championship, I have no doubt you folks will recover better than ever. The best of luck from an Out-Of-State Hoosier ALWAYS.

Jim Budnick
Elmira, N.Y.
P.S. Ya know, maybe Sister Cecelia was right, I did. ACE three years of Latin in high school ...

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4-H Junior Leaders invite you to annual Halloween Carnival

The REPORTER

Come in costume and enjoy games, treats, hayrides, and more at the annual Community Halloween Carnival from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The Carnival will be held at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. This fun, family activity is offered at no charge.

Youth ages 10 and under should be accompanied

by an adult and are encouraged to come in costume to enjoy games, prizes, candy, refreshments, a haunted house, and a hayride. Hayrides begin at 6 p.m.

The evening is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders.

For more information on the Halloween Carnival, call (317) 776-0854 or go to [Facebook.com/events/1603936541461630](https://www.facebook.com/events/1603936541461630).

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WALDEN

a promotion at her bank, which she did not want and had in fact turned down.

“I refused it, but they went ahead and promoted me,” Walden said. “So I did it for about three years and just wasn’t happy. When I heard Connie Pearson was going to retire. I thought, maybe I’ll give this a try. So I ran and I was elected.”

Walden told The Reporter she has both enjoyed and found a deeper level of fulfillment in her role with Sheridan than during the final years of her banking career.

“I’m excited to see the growth coming and the changes happening,” Walden said. “There are improvements on Main Street and groups are getting very active to promote Main Street. We’ve done several of the Community Crossings grants to work on streets and things, which is great. A lot more needs to be worked on, but you can only do so much at a time. The Monon Trail extension is exciting now that it is all the way through Hamilton County. We see people bicycling on it all the time and then going through town.”

Walden spoke with a group of approximately 30 senior citizen ladies who rode their bikes up the trail and stopped at a coffee shop on Main Street.

“They came from Osborne Trails there in Westfield,” Walden said. “I’m so excited they could jump on the Monon right up here and have a destination to come and have coffee and a little snack or something.”

Walden told The Reporter she had originally planned not only to serve out this term, but to run for one more before retiring. She cited the growth, changes, and added stressors in the last few years as contributing to her leaving office early. Walden said her children pushed her to retire because they saw the level of stress she was under.

When asked what she will do after leaving office, Walden said that is a question she hears often.

“The first thing I’m going to do is I’m going to focus on me,” Walden said. “I took care of my parents for years, and they both have passed away. So I need to focus on me and take better care of myself. I want to get into an exercise routine and just do things that I’d like to do.”

Sheridan's next clerk-treasurer

By Indiana statute, since Walden is a Republican, the Hamilton County Republican Party has to fill her office within 30 days of her departure.

Now that Walden is leaving office early, her position will be filled through the end of 2027 by appointment. Under normal circumstances, that would be done through a caucus, but Sheridan has too few precinct committeemen (PCs) to hold a caucus at this time.

Because Beth Sheller is both Hamilton County Election Administrator and also Hamilton County Republican Party Secretary, The Reporter spoke with her about the process of filling Walden’s position.

FINGERTIPS

I have judged others by my own measuring tape. I have been wrong. I have declared the truth because someone I trusted said it was so. They were wrong, and, sadly, I was wrong. I live with the regret of those times. Lessons learned.

I stand on the hill of compassion and mercy. There, but for the grace of God, go I. I know the comfort of home, the love of family and community, and the security of feeling safe as I go about my day. Others do not have that privilege. I’ll use my voice for the underdog and those without a voice.

I pray my life is a welcome mat for all who cross my path. I will accept you as you are. I pray that whenever we disagree, we do so in a way that is agreeable. I will listen not just with my ears but with my heart. I may chuckle as I think: you have the right to be wrong in your thinking, but you’re still wrong. You may chuckle and think the same about me. I won’t argue, but I will tap a bit harder on my keyboard.

Sometimes my fingertips itch to say more about something I’m passionate about, but I feel a nudge to stop. God tells me, “Not now, daughter.” Other times, I feel the nudge to speak up after I’ve had time to steep my thoughts in grace and mercy.

If I am quiet as you come at me with harsh words and bitter ammunition, know I have a lot to say, but I realize I am wasting my words on someone deaf to reason or truth. As I said before, some will die on the hill of wrong before they are open to the thought that they might be wrong. I’ve stood on that hill. I’ve tumbled down it and landed in the manure below. It took a long time to scrub off the stench of my wrongness.

One thing I pray I am never guilty of is stirring the pot. My right to an opinion does not mean I need to express it. I pick my battles. If I go 10 fingers down on my keyboard, it is because I truly feel my voice matters and I need to share my thoughts with my readers.

I pray I can always stay humble and kind, yet bold, and not be afraid to be disliked or unfriended.

Yes, I will die on the hill with 10 fingertips down, declaring that I believe mercy, kindness,

Sheller told The Reporter that three PCs were removed from their positions on July 14 because they had moved out of Sheridan. Hamilton County Republican Party Chair Mario Massillamany will appoint new people to fill those elected positions, but since none have been appointed yet, Clerk-Treasurer Walden’s replacement will fall to Massillamany as well.

“There’s only one PC there in Sheridan right now, which in turn allows Mario to be the one to appoint,” Sheller said. “So there won’t be a caucus. It will just be that Mario will appoint the replacement.”

That appointment will come from the pool of people who apply for the position, but that application process is also different due to the lack of PCs.

Ordinarily, those applying have to fill out forms at the Election Office to be placed on the caucus ballot, and thus to be voted on by PCs. In this instance, people can simply send an email to Sheller, in her capacity as county GOP secretary, at Beth@HamiltonCounty-GOP.org.

“I know people get super confused on that, because they’ll bring in the forms and everything to me, and I just accept them here, usually, for running a regular caucus,” Sheller said. “But [this time] it’s not an election administrator thing. Typically, we’d set up the caucus and I probably would have already notified the PCs at this point. But there won’t be one. When

the chair appoints, they don’t even fill out any paperwork to do that. Typically they would have 72 hours ahead. They’d have to give me this paperwork saying I’m running in the caucus. It’s just so very different when they’re appointed.”

It is likely the appointment will be made on Oct. 2 so Sheridan will not have a gap in clerk-treasurer service.

Walden said she is willing to talk to those who would like to know the details of how the clerk-treasurer’s office runs now, so they will not step into a job they know nothing about.

State statute spells out the duties of a clerk-treasurer, but every town is different. In Sheridan’s case, Walden said there is a lot of work involving payroll, utility billing, and collections.

Anyone who would like to speak with Walden with questions about the position should email her at ewalden@sheridan.in.gov.

Those interested in being considered to fill the remainder of Walden’s term as clerk-treasurer for Sheridan should email Hamilton County Republican Party Secretary Beth Sheller at Beth@HamiltonCounty-GOP.org.

Walden asked that we end this article with her personal thanks to Sheridan.

“I just want to thank the community, my residents, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as clerk treasurer,” Walden said. “I’ve appreciated it. I’m just trying to be as open and transparent as I could be with people. And I love my community.”

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Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

compassion, and love will triumph over meanness, wrongness, and hate. A loud, hate-filled, self-righteous voice will eventually sink into a pit of manure. The stink will linger for a long time. It’s sad when the stench of manure is spewed on others.

When people do not care about the collateral damage their opinions and decisions cause ... Our society has a major problem. Our children are watching and listening.

No fences. No right to be cruel. No holier-than-thou basking in self-righteousness. No boxes where mercy and grace are never allowed.

Perhaps my 10 fingertips down onto my keyboard are getting braver. Is there such a thing as soft bravery? I hope so.

I’ll let my 10 fingertips rest this week. Next week? Well, stay tuned. There’s a hill I’m willing to die on.

In the meantime, I’ll finish my Creme Brûlée coffee.

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Hamilton County Council wraps up 2027 budget hearings

New courts & public safety center drive staffing needs

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Council recently completed two days of hearings on the proposed 2027 budget, with much of the discussion focused on staffing two new courts and the county’s new Public Safety Center scheduled to open next year.

County Financial Consultant Mike Reuter opened the Sept. 1 hearings by giving Council members the “lay of the land,” outlining the revenues and resources available heading into 2027. The county has a cash balance of approximately \$115 million and is projected to receive approximately \$15.4 million in interest income.

“Hamilton County re-

mains in a strong financial position, but we’re operating in a different environment than we have in years past,” County Council President Brad Beaver said. “Property and income taxes remain our largest revenue sources, but assessed values declined this year. It makes careful budgeting and long-term planning even more important as we look ahead.”

Much of the proposed new spending is tied to facilities and services coming online in 2027. Hamilton Superior Courts 8 and 9 are



Beaver

scheduled to begin operating in January, requiring additional staffing throughout the justice system. In addition to the two judges to be elected in November, requests include four new employees in the Clerk’s Office, seven employees for the two new courts, two deputy prosecutors and one support position in the Prosecutor’s Office, and three additional Sheriff’s Office employees for the Judicial Center.

The county is also preparing to open its new Public Safety Communications

Center in 2027. The \$85 million, three-story facility will provide 108,000 square feet for 911 dispatch and emergency operations. Later in 2027, the new Public Safety Training Center will be available to serve multiple municipalities and towns police, fire, and EMS. At least seven new Buildings & Grounds employees have been requested to help operate and maintain the new facilities.

The final 2027 budget is scheduled to be adopted at a special session of the Hamilton County Council on Oct. 19 before being sent to the State of Indiana for approval. Once approved, it will take effect Jan. 1, 2027.

Tipton County voters can hear from their Sheriff candidates

Submitted

Tipton County voters will soon get to hear directly from sheriff candidates Matt Tebbe and Craig Henderson.

The public is invited to attend at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Tipton High School Auditorium, 619 S. Main St., Tipton. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on the west side of the building.

It will be conducted as a public-information event, not a campaign rally. The Indiana State Fraternal Order of Police will originate and secure the questions and provide the neutral moderator. The forum will

be narrowly focused on the duties, responsibilities, and current challenges of an Indiana county sheriff and law-enforcement agencies.

Both candidates have agreed to participate in a public forum where members of the community will have an opportunity to meet the candidates, hear them address questions, and learn more about their views on issues facing Tipton County.

Important note: Campaign signs, literature, fundraising, and distribution of campaign materials will not be permitted inside the forum room.

Carmel Fire Chief Joel Thacker to depart

The REPORTER

Carmel Fire Department Chief Joel Thacker will depart from his position effective Friday, Oct. 23, with Deputy Chief Lucas Ray stepping in as interim chief.

“Chief Thacker has provided dedication and leadership to our fire department and the entire Carmel community,” Mayor Sue Finkam said. “I am grateful for his service, particularly his effort in securing vital equipment and technology upgrades and leading local flood recovery responses and I wish him the best in his next chapter.”

Thacker started as Carmel Fire Department Chief in September 2024, and under his leadership the department has achieved several key milestones, including:

- Acquired a fifth ambulance to enhance EMS response capabilities
- Upgraded essential fire and EMS equipment and integrated emerging technology to support firefighter safety and efficiency
- Instituted a lateral hiring process and prioritized officer development programs
- Led the coordination of Emergency Operations Center flood recovery efforts

After leaving his role as fire chief, Thacker will return to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to lead the agency’s newly created Office of Cybersecurity, according to IDHS.

The City of Carmel will begin a search process to select a candidate to lead the department. Interested candidates can view the job posting and application details at tinyurl.com/ywe84udz.



Thacker



Finkam

School budget proposal season

HSE Schools presents proposed 2027 Budget

Submitted by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Hamilton Southeastern Schools presented its proposed 2027 budget to the Board of School Trustees on Wednesday, Sept. 23, outlining a spending plan that is approximately \$15 million lower than the district’s 2026 budget.

The advertised 2027 budget totals approximately \$325.9 million with a predicted budget of \$323.9 million. It is common practice to advertise the budget a little higher than expected to protect against unknown factors prior to the final budget order. According to Assistant Superintendent of Finance Tim Brown, the decrease in this year’s proposed budget reflects several factors, including spending reductions as identified through the district’s Budget Task Force, changes in revenue, debt payments decreasing, and the proposed replacement operating referendum.



Kegley

“We’ve spent a lot of time over the past year looking at where we can reduce costs and operate more efficiently,” Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. “That work is making a difference. We know there are still financial challenges ahead, but we’re bringing forward a budget that is about \$15 million lower than last year while keeping our focus on students and the classroom.”

Work by the Budget Task Force identified nearly \$8 million in projected savings that helped better balance the district’s 2026 budget and allowed HSE to reduce planned spending in several areas for 2027.

Compared with the 2026 budget, the projected 2027 spending plan includes:

- A \$7.4 million reduction in the Education Fund, which supports classroom expenses including teachers, instructional staff, and supplies.



- An approximately \$8 million reduction in the Debt Service Fund primarily due to some debt falling off. The district is proposing to maintain the same Debt Service Fund tax rate, while the Debt Service Exempt rate is projected to decrease.
- A \$1.1 million reduction in the Operations Fund, which supports expenses such as transportation, maintenance, and central office operations. This is made possible due to cost savings and more expenses being moved to G.O. Bonds.
- A \$1.3 million increase in the Referendum Fund, which includes additional funding budgeted for behavioral health and traffic control. The referendum levy included in the proposed budget is contingent on the outcome of the replacement operating referendum on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The district continues

to face financial pressures heading into 2027, including declining enrollment, increasing health insurance costs and higher mandatory teacher retirement contributions.

Based on current projections, the district’s maximum tax rate for 2027 is expected to be \$1.1912, compared to the 2026 rate of \$1.1476. Brown notes that despite declines in assessed valuation, the proposed budget maintains a flat debt service tax rate and a reduced debt service exempt rate compared to 2026.

The proposed budget will continue through the public budget process. The Board is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2027 budget on Oct. 14, with adoption scheduled for Oct. 28.

For additional information on the district’s finances, community members can review budget materials available at hseschools.org/finances.

Tipton Schools highlights strong financial stewardship in 2027 budget presentation

Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.

At Tipton Community School Corporation’s (TCSC) annual budget hearing on Sept. 22, Business Superintendent Scott Jaworski shared an overview picture of the district’s financial health and the priorities guiding the 2027 budget. He outlined how TCSC funds instruction, operations, transportation, and long-term facility needs through five state-defined funds (Education, Operations, Debt Service, Rainy Day, and the Operating Referendum) each with its own revenue source and spending restrictions.

The Education Fund, supported entirely by state tuition dollars, remains the backbone of classroom instruction, covering teacher salaries, student services, academic programs, and curricular materials.

The Operations Fund, funded by local property taxes and transfers from Education, supports transportation, maintenance, utilities, technology infrastructure, and districtwide operations.

Jaworski highlighted several financial pressures shaping the 2027 budget, including property tax

caps that reduce local revenue by more than \$1 million, rising operational costs, and the need to maintain aging facilities. Despite these challenges, the district maintains positive cash balances across all funds and continues to meet all debt obligations on schedule. The Debt Service Fund remains stable, with predictable semi-annual payments for past construction and facility improvements. The Rainy Day Fund also remains strong, providing more than \$2 million in reserves for emergencies and long-term capital needs.

He also shared TCSC’s multi-year capital and transportation plans. Over the next three years, the district will complete scheduled parking lot repairs, athletic facility updates, restroom renovations, and technology upgrades. The five-year Bus Replacement Plan ensures the district replaces buses responsibly as they reach the end of their 12-year service life. These plans



reflect a long-term strategy to maintain safe, functional, and modern learning environments while managing costs carefully.

Overall, Jaworski emphasized that TCSC’s 2027 budget is built on fiscal responsibility, transparency, and a commitment to students. The district continues to prioritize classroom instruction, student support services, and essential operations while navigating state funding formulas and local tax limitations. The proposed budget positions TCSC to remain stable, meet its obligations, and support the programs and services that families and students rely on every day.

You can watch the meeting and review the power point presentation and related documents at tcsc.k12.in.us/our-district/board/livestream. The Board will finalize and adopt the budget at its Oct. 13 meeting.

Taxpayer takeaway

For taxpayers, the 2027 budget shows that

TCSC is managing its resources carefully while keeping its focus on students. Even with rising costs and more than \$1 million lost to statewide property tax caps, the district continues to fund classroom instruction, transportation, maintenance, and student services without taking on temporary loans or overspending.

The proposed tax rates remain stable and predictable, with each fund serving a specific purpose: Operations keeps buses running and buildings maintained, Debt Service pays for past construction, and the Referendum Fund, if supported by voters, helps preserve programs and staffing that would otherwise be at risk. All district funds show positive cash balances, and long-term plans for buses and facility improvements demonstrate responsible planning rather than reactive spending.

In short, taxpayers can feel confident that TCSC is using every dollar intentionally, transparently, and with a clear priority: protecting the quality of education for Tipton students while maintaining strong financial discipline.

Bright Smile Dental Care of Fishers notified of security breach

Submitted

Bright Smile Dental Care, Ltd., 9931 Eller Road, Fishers, recently became aware of a ransomware security incident that potentially involved patients’ personal information.

An investigation determined that the affected data was encrypted, and Bright Smile believes there is a low likelihood that any of the data was compromised. Out of caution, however, Bright Smile is providing notice of the incident.

Information that may have been involved included patient names, dates of birth, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, insurance information, information about dependents, health in-

formation, and in some cases, social security numbers.

Bright Smile has notified potentially affected individuals, is implementing additional security measures, and is offering complimentary credit monitoring services to individuals whose social security numbers may have been involved.

Additional information about the incident, including steps individuals can take to protect their information, is available at brightsmiledentalcare.net/data-security-notice.

If you have questions, please call (877) 871-0436 (toll free) or email Bright Smile at brightsmiledentalcare@hotmail.com.

Get behind the wheel of a Westfield school bus!

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) invites prospective bus drivers to a Drive the Bus hiring event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the WWS Transportation Center, 17900 Towne Road.

Attendees will have the opportunity to get behind the wheel of a school bus and drive around the Transportation Center lot alongside members of the WWS training team.

The event is designed to show that becoming a bus driver is more approachable than some may think. No previous school bus driving experience is necessary, and

WWS provides paid training to help new drivers prepare for the role and earn the required credentials.

“Driving a school bus can seem intimidating until you actually get behind the wheel,” Director of Transportation Michael Reinhardt said. “This event gives people a chance to try it in a comfortable environment, ask questions, meet our team, and see if it might be the right fit for them.”

Staff will be available throughout the event to answer questions about driving for WWS, training, and the application process. Prospective drivers who are ready to take the next step can complete an application on site.

‘Food is Medicine’ initiative launches to improve community health through nutrition

The REPORTER

A coalition of health-care, nonprofit, agricultural, and community organiza-



Hunt

Facilitated by Riverview Health and made possible through the collaboration of Teter Retreat and Organic Farm, Hamilton County Community Foundation, Hamilton County Health Department, Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, and partners from the Indiana Wellness Coalition, the program recognizes the critical connection between nutrition and overall health.

“At Riverview Health, we know that health extends far beyond the walls of a healthcare facility,” said Alex Hunt, Director of Employer Services at Riverview Health. “Access to nutritious food is one of the most important factors influencing health outcomes. This program allows us to support patients in a meaningful way by addressing a fundamental need that can have a lasting impact on their health and quality of life.”

The initiative was developed through months of planning and partnerships among organizations committed to advancing community wellness. The collaboration demonstrates how healthcare providers, community leaders and local food systems can work together to address social determinants of health and improve outcomes for residents.

“As a family doctor, I see every day how important healthy food is for my patients. Being part of the Food is Medicine program helps us do more than just

write prescriptions – we can also help patients improve their diets,” said Dr. Eric Marcotte, Chief Medical Officer and practicing family physician at Riverview Health.



Marcotte



Nix

“By combining regular medical care with access to fresh, healthy foods, we can help people better manage conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity. This program also helps patients who may not always have enough healthy food. It shows our commitment to caring for the whole person and improving the health of our community.”

The program aligns with the mission of the Indiana Wellness Coalition, a community partnership focused on improving the health and well-being of Hamilton County residents through collective action, education, and innovative health initiatives.

Through the six-month program, participating healthcare providers will work closely with eligible patients to support their health goals while ensuring consistent access to healthy foods. The initiative is expected to provide valuable insights into how nutrition-focused interventions can improve health outcomes and strengthen community wellness efforts.

“This initiative demonstrates what is possible when organizations across different sectors come together with a shared purpose,” said Julie Nix, President and CEO of Riverview Health. “By addressing food insecurity through collaboration and innovation, we are helping create healthier futures for the individuals and families we serve.”

To learn more about the Indiana Wellness Coalition, visit riverview.org/wellnesscoalition.

Indiana’s Pre-1996 Teachers’ Retirement Fund to be funded a decade earlier than projected

Submitted by Office of Speaker Todd Huston

Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) applauded the announcement on Thursday, Sept. 24, at Interim Study Committee on Pension Management Oversight that Indiana’s Pre-1996 Teachers’ Retirement Fund is expected to be fully funded a decade earlier than projected.



Huston

The Pre-96 fund supports pension payments for Hoosier teachers hired before July 1, 1995. It was designed to be a “pay-as-you-go” model where benefits are paid out as they come due. The fund supports nearly 52,000 retired teachers and will support approximately 3,900 additional currently active teachers.

Huston said additional payments on top of the annual appropriations will make the fund fully vested by 2028 instead of 2038, saving future taxpayers the need to cover over \$1 billion annually in defined

benefit costs.

“Indiana’s fiscal discipline is delivering real benefits for Hoosier educators and taxpayers,” Huston said. “Through increased annual contributions to the teachers’ retirement fund and additional one-time investments, Indiana has strengthened retirement security for our teachers, saved our schools billions and reduced a major long-term cost for taxpayers.”

The General Assembly has earmarked nearly \$14 billion to the Pre-96 fund in the last decade. More than \$4 billion of that was additional contributions.

Indiana continues to maintain one of the lowest debt burdens among all states. According to S&P Global Ratings, Indiana has the fourth-lowest net tax-supported debt per capita in the country.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) represents House District 37, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

Strawtown Koteewi Park hosts new Nature Journal Club

Submitted by Brenda Myers

Fall is a great time to get out and connect with nature. Now, a new free program called Nature Journal Club encourages participants to pay closer attention, grow their curiosity and connect science and art through a shared community is available at Strawtown Koteewi Park in northeast Hamilton County.

Nature Journal Educator James Todd, Indianapolis, leads the new group the third Wednesday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Taylor Center for Natural History, 12308 Strawtown Ave., Noblesville. The program is an expansion of the Indiana Nature Journal Club which also meets in Indianapolis at Holliday Park the first Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“I had always loved being in nature, but this nature journaling program provided me with a guided practice that helped me learn to slow down, observe and connect with the natural world around me,” said Todd, who has taught similar programs throughout Indiana.

Todd began journaling about eight years ago and enjoyed it enough to seek his educator certification through the Wild Wonder Foundation as a way of sharing its benefits with others.

He stresses that the ability to write or draw are not important for this program. What matters is the willingness to stop, listen, observe and be open to learning.

“Participants report they feel refreshed after they spend time journaling, and that’s the goal,” Todd



Photo provided

James Todd is a Nature Journal Educator who leads the club meetings each month at the Taylor Center for Natural History in northeastern Hamilton County.

said. “To slow down and simply be.”

The new free class was funded with a generous grant from the Wild Wonder Foundation, where Todd is certified, and includes program instruction.

Because it is based at the Taylor Center, it meets

rain or shine year-around, but reservations are needed and can be made at tinyurl.com/HCPRprograms.

Journals and pencils are available, or participants can bring their own preferred tools. Camp stools also are provided for outdoor journaling activities.

SERVE Village receives Fishers Century Club’s quarterly award

Nonprofit recognized for work supporting Hamilton County flood victims

The REPORTER

The Fishers Century Club selected SERVE Village as the recipient of its quarterly crowd-giving funds during the Club’s meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15. The meeting focused exclusively on local nonprofit organizations that stepped forward to help Hamilton County residents affected by the recent flooding.

SERVE Village helped coordinate the community’s flood response, bringing together volunteers, government agencies and nonprofit partners to assist residents throughout Hamilton County. Its efforts included organizing cleanup and “muck-out” teams, distributing essential supplies and connecting affected families with available resources. Those efforts are ongoing today as cleanup across the county continues.

“SERVE Village stepped up when our community needed it the most,” Fishers Century Club Founder Adam Kallick said. “They brought people and resources together, organized volunteers, and helped families begin the difficult process of cleaning up and recovering. Our members wanted to recognize that incredible response and provide additional support for the important work that continues.”

The final donation total is expected to be in the \$3,000 to \$4,000 range. Contributions are still being collected from those who were unable to attend the meeting. Once the final



tally is completed, the Fishers Century Club will present SERVE Village with a check representing the full amount raised.

“The flood didn’t create the Village, it revealed it,” SERVE Village’s Broad President, Michelle Schmidt said. “We are incredibly proud of what SERVE Village helped coordinate, but even more proud of the community that showed up for one another. Thank you Fishers Century Club for being part of the village, we are so grateful!”

Those who would still like to participate may contribute through the Fishers Century Club’s online Grapevine giving platform at tinyurl.com/OnlineGivingFCC.

The meeting also produced a new opportunity to support each organization presented to the club. Mike Pratt, who runs the popular Vicious Biscuit in Fishers, attended the meeting and, after learning more about the club and charities, offered to host future dine-to-donate events benefiting the organizations presented, including those not selected as the quarterly winner.

The Fishers Century Club is a local crowd-giving organization that meets quarterly to hear presenta-



Photo illustration provided by SERVE Village

Even as the flood was occurring, the good people of SERVE Village jumped in and began helping anyone affected. That work continued long after the water receded.

tions about area charities, vote on a recipient and combine individual contributions into a larger community gift. All funds collected go directly to the selected nonprofit. The next quarterly meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 at The Club Coworking, 9800 Crosspoint Blvd.

For more information and a list of previous winners, please visit fisherscenturyclub.com or visit Facebook.com/fisherscenturyclub.

About Fishers Century Club

The Fishers Century Club, founded in 2021, is a group of individuals committed to making a positive impact on the local commu-

nity. Through collective giving and active participation, the Club aims to support and uplift deserving charities, ultimately contributing to the betterment of Fishers and the local community. The Club has donated approximately \$80,000 since its inception.

About SERVE Village

SERVE Village connects volunteers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and government partners to meet community needs. During the recent Hamilton County flooding, the organization coordinated volunteers and resources to help residents with cleanup, recovery, and other immediate needs. More information is available at servevillage.org.

Indiana Orthopedic Institute appoints Jennifer Worthy as chief operating officer

The REPORTER

Indiana Orthopedic Institute (IOI) announces the appointment of Jennifer M. Worthy, MBA, as chief operating officer, bringing more than two decades of healthcare leadership experience to the growing physician-led orthopedic organization.

As chief operating officer, Worthy will help lead IOI through its next stage of growth, with a focus on building scalable operations, strengthening organizational infrastructure, supporting physicians and staff, and ensuring that growth continues to be anchored in quality, value, and the patient experience. In addition to its flagship Noblesville facility, IOI operates centers in Terre Haute and Fort Wayne and clinics in Greenwood and Brazil, Ind.

Most recently, Worthy

served as Executive Vice President of Revenue Optimization for Healthcare Outcomes Performance Company (HOPCo), where she directed enterprise-wide revenue cycle



Worthy

transformation across a large, national network of orthopedic providers. Before HOPCo, Worthy held executive and senior leadership positions with WebPT, Tenet Healthcare, and Mid Coast Hospital. Earlier in her career, she served in a leadership capacity with Central Maine Orthopaedics, a large private orthopedic practice with 30 providers, outpatient physical therapy, and an ambulatory surgery center.

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nior leadership positions with WebPT, Tenet Healthcare, and Mid Coast Hospital. Earlier in her career, she served in a leadership capacity with Central Maine Orthopaedics, a large private orthopedic practice with 30 providers, outpatient physical therapy, and an ambulatory surgery center.

For Worthy, the opportunity to join IOI represents both a professional milestone and a return to where her healthcare leadership career began.

“I started my healthcare career in orthopedics more than 20 years ago, at a time when the value of orthopedic care felt very simple: help people keep moving and get back to the lives they wanted to live,” Wor-

thy said. “More than two decades later, I believe that mission matters more than ever. IOI is special in every sense of the word because there is an opportunity here to bring together exceptional clinical care, true physician leadership, operational excellence and value in a way that puts the patient at the center of all of it. For me, this is a full-circle moment. I am incredibly excited to work alongside this team of world-class surgeons and staff to build what comes next and move IOI into the future.”

Worthy earned both her Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Purdue University Global. She is an active member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and holds multiple healthcare finance and revenue cycle credentials.

Noblesville group brings global Pokémon GO weekend to Forest Park

Submitted

When Niantic runs Pokémon GO Wild Area: Global on Nov. 14 and 15, most cities will experience it entirely through a phone screen. Noblesville will have a park full of people.

Shiny Hunters of Noblesville, a free Pokémon GO community group that meets three to seven times a week around the city, will hold a two-day gathering at Forest Park Shelter 5 from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. both days. The event is free. There are no tickets, no registration, and no dues.

The group’s July event drew roughly 900 people to Forest Park over a weekend, and organizers say a good share of them were families who don’t play the game at all.

“We built this so you don’t have to know what a raid is to have a good afternoon,” said Eric Knutson, who organizes the group. “Bring the kids, get a corn dog, get your face painted, wander the trails. Nobody checks your level at the door.”

The weekend’s activities include free face painting with eight Pokémon designs created for the event, free character headbands, and a hidden Poké Ball hunt in which five balls are placed around the park each day and finders can trade them in for \$10 to \$50 in in-game



currency. A 15-prize raffle lets participants choose which prize their tickets go toward rather than drawing at random, and children too young to check in still receive tickets. Drawings are at 5:30 p.m. each day.

The first 100 attendees each day receive a free “survival kit” containing an event patch, an in-game item code and extra raffle tickets. The count resets on Sunday.

Three local vendors are on site: Blue Smoke BBQ, Fenny’s Hot Dogs, and Café Huesca, a mobile coffee cart appearing Sunday only. Both shelters have phone charging stations.

The event is held in partnership with Noblesville Parks and Recreation. Shiny Hunters of Noblesville is an official Niantic Community



Approximately 900 people came to Forest Park in Noblesville to look for Pokémon during one weekend in July. Obviously, the folks in these photos are but a small sample of that crowd.

Photos provided

Ambassador group. Details, maps, and up-

dates are at inshinyhunters.com/go-wild-2026.

Roger Harvey of Westfield named 500 Festival Board Chair

The REPORTER

The 500 Festival has announced its newly elected Board officers and incoming Board Directors for the 2026-2027 year. The new leadership will help guide the organization as it continues its mission of celebrating the spirit and legacy of the Indianapolis 500 while producing life-enriching events and programs that make a positive impact across Indiana and beyond.

Among those new Board officers is Roger Harvey of Westfield, who will serve as Chair.

The 500 Festival Board of Directors, comprised of 33 community leaders, act as trustees, representing the organization within the community. Committed to bettering the organization, members serve on various committees that enhance the 500 Festival’s events and programs. The 2026-2027 Board leadership includes:

- **Chair:** Roger Harvey, Principal, Bose Public Affairs Group
- **Vice Chair:** Troy Gilstorf, Regional Managing Partner, Forvis Mazars

- **Secretary:** Brandi Davis-Handy, President, AES Indiana
- **Treasurer:** Bowman Elder, President, Southern Indiana Commerce Corporation
- **Immediate Past Chair:** Christina Moungey, Managing Director, Indiana Kentucky Region Manager, J.P. Morgan
- **Indianapolis Motor Speedway Seat:** Ellen Saul, Vice President of Premium Services, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

“Roger Harvey embodies the spirit of service, leadership, and community that defines the 500 Festival,” said Dave Neff, president and CEO of the 500 Festival. “Through his involvement with the organization, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to our mission and the people we serve. I am confident his leadership as board chair will strengthen and help us continue creating meaningful experiences in Indiana and beyond.”

To learn about the 500 Festival’s events and programs, please visit 500festival.com.



Harvey

Did you know that Sheridan is homegrown?

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

“Sheridan is homegrown.” What does that mean?

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) has built a history and legacy of giving back to its community, even if that just means coming home. For SCS, coming home is shown throughout the district in the many educators, administrators, coaches, and staff members who once walked the halls as Sheridan students and have returned to serve the next generation of Blackhaws. Over 22 percent of Sheridan employees also attended and graduated from Sheridan.

Among those homegrown Blackhaws are Sheridan High School (SHS) Principal Rick Davis and Sheridan Elementary School (SES) Principal Valerie Roberts, both of whom graduated from SHS before building careers in education and ultimately returning to the community that helped shape them.

For Davis, who graduated from Sheridan in 1988, his experience as a student played an important role in his decision to return.

“I truly believe attend-

ing Sheridan provided opportunities for me to be involved in any and everything I wanted,” he said.

Davis said the small-school environment allowed him to build meaningful relationships with teachers and staff while also providing a supportive environment in which he could grow. After graduating from Sheridan, he earned his bachelor’s degree from Butler University and his master’s degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. He spent 12 years teaching biology, genetics, and anatomy and physiology at Western School Corporation before becoming assistant principal at Western High School. After two years as assistant principal, he served as Western High School’s principal for 11 years before accepting the opportunity to return to Sheridan.

Today, Davis serves as SHS principal and, this year, is also serving as principal of Sheridan Middle School.

“Whenever you are a principal, you always have tremendous pride in the school you serve ... But when it is your alma mater, it can’t help but run deeper,” he said. “I feel like I get to give back to the community and school that gave so much to me. It is awesome to know the community, the people, the history, all while helping to shape the future of Sheridan Community Schools.”

Roberts shares a similar story. A 1986 Sheridan High School graduate, Roberts earned her degree from Purdue University in 1991 and her Master’s in Educational Leadership from Indiana Wesleyan in 2010. She began her teaching career in Fort Wayne and later Clarkston, Mich. When the opportunity arose to return in 1999, she knew she was coming home.

“Being a Sheridan student gave me a deep appreciation for what it means to be part of a school community where people know you, care about you, and believe in you,” she said. “There is something incredibly special about walking the same halls where you once walked as a student and now have the opportunity to serve students and families.”

Roberts said she remembers the teachers and adults who made an impact on her as a student, and those experiences continued to influence her throughout her career.

“I remember what it felt like to sit in those classrooms, and that perspective has stayed with me throughout my career,” she said.

Roberts said Sheridan is more than a school district to her.

“There is a strong sense of tradition and pride here, but there is also a genuine commitment to helping every student become the best version of themselves,” she said. “Being able to contribute to that, in the same community that helped shape who I am, is something I never take for granted.”

The presence of homegrown educators also helps Sheridan build a unique connection between past, present, and the next generation of Blackhaws.



Davis



Roberts

Hoosiers screening marks 40th anniversary

Nov. 15 event to feature actors, creators & team bus from landmark movie

The REPORTER

A classic film about Indiana’s signature pastime will be celebrated with an upcoming special event presented by Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts.

The basketball drama *Hoosiers*, initially released in November 1986, received two Academy Award nominations, earned a spot in the Library of Congress’ National Film Registry, and is widely considered one of the greatest sports movies of all time. The script was inspired by the true story of underdog Milan High School’s surprise win in the 1954 men’s state championship.

A 40th anniversary screening set for 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium will include a live, in-person Q&A with four key figures from the film’s production: screenwriter Angelo Pizzo, director David Anspaugh, and actors Brad Long, who

butted heads with the coach as team captain Buddy Walker, and Maris Valainis, whose character Jimmy Chitwood made the last-second winning shot. Sports talk radio personality JMV of 93.5 & 107.5 The Fan will lead the post-screening discussion, which will be followed by an autograph session.

Also on hand will be one of the film’s central props, the small, cherry-red 1939 Chevrolet school bus that transported the fictional Hickory Huskers team to their games. Fans are invited to take photos with the iconic vehicle as it is parked outside the building for the occasion.

Tickets starting at \$25 are available online at TheCenterPresents.org/Hoosiers or by phone at (317) 843-3800. A limited number of student tickets is available at \$15, and discounts are available for military personnel, veterans and first responders.



Photos provided

(TOP) Coach Norman Dale (Gene Hackman) gives his team a pep talk in a scene from *Hoosiers* (1986). (ABOVE) This 1939 Chevrolet school bus played a supporting role in the classic Indiana basketball drama.

Fishers Health Department & The Milk Bank open first Milk Depot & Milk Express

The REPORTER

The Fishers Health Department and The Milk Bank celebrated the opening of Fishers’ first Milk Depot and Milk Express on Thursday, Sept. 24, creating a new local resource for families to donate and access donor human milk.

Pasteurized donor milk is one of the most effective tools for preventing complications in medically fragile infants. By expanding donor milk access in Fishers, the partnership supports healthier starts to life, reduces barriers for families and helps more infants thrive during the most vulnerable days of life.

The Milk Depot and Milk Express are now open to the public at the Fishers Health Department inside the Fishers Community Center, located at 11400 Johnson Farm Way, Fishers. The Milk Depot provides a local drop-off site for approved donors, while the Milk Express gives parents and caregivers a convenient place to pick up donor milk ordered through The Milk Bank.

“Expanding access to health resources is a key part of how we support the needs of a growing and changing community,” Fishers Health Department Director Monica Heltz said. “By bringing both milk donation and pick-up services to Fishers for the first time, we’re removing barriers for families and helping give our youngest residents a healthy start.”

The Milk Depot accepts frozen breast milk from approved donors of The Milk Bank. Donations collected at the Fishers Health Department are transported to The Milk Bank, where the milk is processed, analyzed, pasteurized, and distributed

to hospitals and families in need, including premature and medically fragile babies in NICUs. The Milk Bank dispenses more than 700,000 ounces of pasteurized donor human milk each year and has provided more than 17.9 million feedings since 2005.

The Milk Express allows parents and caregivers to pick up pasteurized donor human milk ordered through The Milk Bank. Donor milk may be used as a medical treatment, to bridge a gap during the early postpartum period or to support breastfeeding goals.

Milk Express pick-ups for orders placed through The Milk Bank, along with approved donor drop-offs, are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with extended hours on Thursdays until 7 p.m. and select Saturdays. Milk Express orders are coordinated directly through The Milk Bank.

“Families in Fishers now have local access to both a Milk Depot and Milk Express, removing barriers and making it easier than ever for parents to donate life-saving milk and for vulnerable infants to receive it,” The Milk Bank CEO Freedom Kolb said. “By bringing both services together in one convenient location, this partnership ensures more babies have access to the nutrition they need to survive and thrive.”

For more information on how to place an order for pasteurized donor human milk or become an approved milk donor, contact The Milk Bank at (317) 536-1670 or visit themilkbank.org.



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Celebrate the dogs of Westfield at Barktoberfest

Submitted by City of Westfield
Barktoberfest, presented by Community First Bank, returns to Asa Bales Park, 205 W. Hoover St., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, for a day of fur and fun. Net proceeds from Barktoberfest will be donated to the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC).



Willis

“Countless residents have adopted their best friends from the Humane Society for Hamilton County,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “I’m glad the city can continue hosting an event our residents – including those with four legs – love and doing our part to ensure more cats and dogs find their forever homes.”
Dogs of all ages, sizes, and breeds (and their humans) are invited to take part in this Westfield tradition where they can enjoy:
• Pet-related vendors
• Food and beer vendors
• An agility course for adventurous dogs
• Complimentary pet portraits
• Caricature and airbrush artists
• Stuffy Station (stuffed animal creation for an additional fee; cash and credit card are accepted on-site)
• Carnival-style games
• ... and more!

Those wanting to put their best paws forward may enter one of the costume contests. No purchase is necessary to enter the costume contests; contests will be hosted every hour (11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 p.m.) throughout the event. The entry categories are best duo/group, cutest canine, and best character; prizes will be awarded to each category’s winner.

HSHC will be on-site with adoptable dogs looking for their fur-ever homes. Back by popular demand, the 50/50 Fetch allows attendees to purchase a tennis ball on-site at the HSHC tent for \$10 for a chance to win half of the jackpot in the 50/50 raffle. For more information and full contest rules, visit westfieldin.gov/barktoberfest.

Tickets to attend are \$8 per person in advance, and \$10 on the day of the event (online or at the door). Children ages 5 and younger are free. Dogs do not need a separate ticket. All dogs must remain leashed throughout the event.

Free parking is available in the Westfield High School parking lot, 18250 N. Union St.

For more information, visit westfieldin.gov/barktoberfest.

Finkam appointed as Vice Chair of the Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger

The REPORER
Effective January 2027, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam will begin serving as the Vice Chair of the Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger. She will serve alongside Mayor Alyia Gaskins of Alexandria, Va., who was appointed Chair.



Finkam

This nonpartisan collective of civic leaders works together to make meaningful steps to end childhood hunger nationwide. The cohort initiative began in 2022, and Mayor Finkam has served as a member since becoming mayor in 2024.
“No child should ever have to worry about where their next meal is coming from, yet too many families in our communities face this reality every day,” Finkam

said. “I am honored to partner with Mayor Gaskins in leading the Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger.

By bringing mayors together to share innovative programs, expand meal access and leverage local resources, we can ensure every child has the nutrition they need to learn, grow and thrive.”
The Mayors Alliance works to partner member mayors with local stakeholders to find community-based solutions and expand access to essential food programs, ensuring that all children have reliable nutrition through efforts such as afterschool and summer meal programs.

Mayor Finkam will serve as Vice Chair throughout the duration of 2027.

Sheridan National Guard Airman receives new rank, new responsibilities

Submitted
Air Force Major General Gary Charlton, the commander of the New York Air National Guard, announced the recent promotion of members of the New York Air National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.
John Baccino, Sheridan, who is assigned to the 174th Attack Wing, received a promotion on July 27, 2026, to the rank of staff sergeant.
Air National Guard promotions are based on an Airman’s overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism, and future development potential.

These promotions recognize the best qualified Airmen for a career in the New York Air National Guard, according to Charlton.

Air National Guard Citizen Airmen who serve their state and nation are eligible for monthly pay, educational benefits (from the state and federal government), travel across the globe, technical and leadership training, health and dental insurance and contributions towards retirement programs similar to a 401(k).

For more information about the New York Air National Guard or contact a recruiter, visit dmna.ny.gov/ang.

Demolition to begin on Hazel Dell Parkway bridge

Work marks first step toward replacing flood-damaged structure

The REPORTER
Crews will begin demolishing the Hazel Dell Parkway bridge just south of 106th Street this week. The structure was destroyed during August’s historic flooding.

Representatives from Hamilton County, the City of Carmel, Carmel Utilities, Martin Marietta, and Milestone Contractors met on site Thursday for a preconstruction conference to review demolition plans and coordinate the work.

Milestone will begin moving equipment to the site Friday, with demolition scheduled to start Monday, Sept. 28. Crews are expected to work 10-hour days, six days a week, to safely remove the damaged structure. Under the contract, demolition must be completed by Oct. 30.

“This is more than just taking the bridge down,” County Highway Director Brad Davis said. “Crews will also restore the slopes along the banks to make the



Davis

area more stable and safer. At the same time, we’re working to complete the design of the permanent replacement. Getting the demolition done now will save valuable time once we’re ready to begin construction on the new bridge.”



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New spaces to read, play & explore

Hamilton East Public Library celebrates renovated Fishers Youth Services

The REPORTER
Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) will celebrate newly renovated Fishers Youth Services spaces with an all-day celebration and ribbon cutting on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The celebration marks the completion of renovations designed to create more welcoming, flexible, and engaging spaces for children and families at the Fishers Library. The updates are part of a series of renovation projects at both the Fishers and Noblesville Libraries focused on improving the library experience for the community.

“Our Youth Services areas are generally some of our most-used spaces, where we see children and families spending a lot of

time,” Library Director Melissa Loiselle said. “We wanted these renovations to create an environment where families can feel comfortable staying awhile, whether they’re choosing a book, playing together or simply enjoying time at the library.”

The most significant visual transformation can be found in Fishers Youth Services, where renovations have created spaces for children and families to read, play, learn, and gather. The updates include expanded children’s program rooms, new treehouse-inspired reading nooks, an updated play area, and additional child-friendly seating throughout the department.

“The common word we keep hearing from families

as they enter the newly renovated youth area in Fishers is ‘Wow!’,” Fishers Youth Services Manager Celeste Swanson said. “Since the space first opened, families have quickly embraced each new area. Whether it’s creating designs on the light-bright wall or cozying up with a stack of books in one of the new treehouses, patrons are truly enjoying this beautiful and functional space.”

The community is invited to come see the updates on Oct. 13, whether visiting for the first time or returning to celebrate. Throughout the day, families can enjoy special toys selected for the new department, snacks, and giveaways.

An official celebration and ribbon cutting will take

place at 4 p.m., featuring remarks from Loiselle and Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness.

The Youth Services renovation is part of broader improvements at both HEPL locations. At the Fishers Library, those improvements also include new furniture in meeting rooms, study spaces and seating areas, as well as updated meeting room flooring. Service points at both the Fishers and Noblesville Libraries were updated to improve visibility, accessibility and service flow, and new way-finding signage was added throughout the buildings to make navigation easier for visitors.

For more information about Hamilton East Public Library, visit hamiltoneastpl.org.

Inclusive Trunk-or-Treat for special needs kids to take place in Fishers

The REPORTER
Ascension St. Vincent Fishers and Peyton Manning Pediatric Therapies will hold a free Community Trunk-or-Treat for kids with special needs and their families on Saturday, Oct. 10, starting at noon on the campus of Ascension St. Vincent Fishers

Hospital, 13861 Olivo Road. Designed to foster a safe, festive, and inclusive environment, the afternoon event aims to connect families with local community organizations and support resources. While specially tailored for children with special needs, the event is open to the pub-

lic, and all children are welcome to attend.

Event activities and highlights include:

- Trunk-or-Treating and interactive games
- Bounce houses, face painting, and an obstacle course
- Costume contest with

- prizes
- Special guest appearances featuring representatives from the Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Fever, and Indiana Pacers
- Live DJ and local food vendors
- Safety and nutritional education booths

Get your tickets now for The Pride of Westfield’s Community Night

The REPORTER
Get your tickets for The Pride of Westfield’s Community Night. Set for Friday, Oct. 9, at Riverview Health Stadium at Westfield High School,

gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the performance starts at 8 p.m.

Come enjoy dinner, community, and the full “To Dream Again” production as The Pride would

perform it in competition (full uniform, hair, make-up, props, and of course, that “home stadium”).

Tickets are available now at westfield.bandpowcommunitynight.

Choose your favorite band or guard member from the drop down to ensure they get credit. Dinner ticket sales close Oct. 4. Show only tickets are available through the day of show.

Altrusa Club shows up in style



Photo provided

On Sept. 20, members and guests of the Altrusa Club of Hamilton County met at Ritz Charles in Carmel to attend the fall Style Show and Luncheon of the Altrusa Foundation of Indianapolis, Inc. Both clubs work hard to support each other with projects in their respective communities. Altrusa Club's International goals are spreading kindness through service, literacy, and Days for Girls. If you would like more information about Altrusa Club of Hamilton County, email sharon@justnoteworthyevents.com.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Carmel & Pedcor Companies announce return of Oktoberfest

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel city officials and Pedcor Companies invite residents and visitors to celebrate the arrival of autumn at the annual Carmel Oktoberfest, taking place from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2.

This free, family-friendly celebration will take over the plaza level of Carmel City Center along Veterans Way and Hanover Court, bringing the community together for an evening filled with festive German food, seasonal beverages, local shopping, and live music.

Returning to Oktoberfest this year is Der Polkatz, a high-energy 13-piece polka band renowned for blending traditional polka and waltz favorites with classic hits and international tunes. The group will hit the stage on the upper plaza along Veterans Way starting at 6 p.m.

Attendees can look forward to seasonal culinary delights and beverages provided by an array of popular Carmel City Center vendors, including:

- Hanami Sushi & Sake Bar
- Lone Pine
- Hotel Carmichael
- SALT
- Maple
- The Cake Bake Shop

Free parking is available in the Veterans Way Garage as well as designated public parking areas and street parking throughout Carmel City Center.

Noblesville High School journalists interview school board candidates



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville High School student journalists Vaughn Anderson (gray sweater), Stella Lee, and Jackson Rush interviewed school board candidates Denise Dye, Misti Ray (pictured at right), and Dr. Joe Forgey at a forum on Monday, Sept. 21. The students developed the format of the event and the questions. You can watch the candidate forum at tinyurl.com/NobSchoolBoardForum.

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Fishers Arts Council announces Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists winners

The REPORTER

Fishers Municipal Center welcomed the Fishers Arts Council (FAC) into its bright, open gallery space for the seventh annual Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists awards ceremony on Friday evening, Sept. 11.

As in the previous six years, Jiffy Lube of Indiana was the art competition's title sponsor. Noblesville Creates returned as the People's Choice award sponsor, with their Executive Director, Ailithir McGill presenting the award. Sixty-four artists were selected for this year's exhibit by the juror, Carol Strock Wasson of Union City, Ind.

The "Best in Show" winner was Fishers resident Abigail Staffelbach for her oil painting *Through Clouds, Blue*. She received an award of \$1,000, a solo exhibit for 2027, and the following comment from the Strock Wasson:

"My first impression was of the overall impact of the piece. Its red-yellow-blue color harmony, with blue as the dominant color, brings the entire composition together. The sensitive edge work and convincing atmospheric depth demonstrate the artist's command of her medium and clarity of intent. This is a memorable painting that will remain with me for many days to come."

Best Landscape, sponsored by Wasson Nursery, was awarded to Neal Snapp of Fishers for *The Cool Edge of Sunset*. His artwork quickly sold before the evening was over. Wesley Dallas Merriitt, formerly of Sheridan, won Best Portrait/Figurative, sponsored by Five Star Bath Solutions, for his watercolor *Treasures in the Fog*. Another watercolor artist, Rich Ernsting received Best Floral/Other,

sponsored by Renewal by Andersen, for his transparent watercolor painting, *Tranquility. Sunset on Kona*, painted by Valerie Bielski of Noblesville, won Best Abstract, sponsored by Uptown Cafe. Bielski's art was sold the day the exhibit opened. Best 3D, sponsored by Noblesville Creates, was Susan Hirsch of Fishers for her stoneware piece, *Have I Done Enough?* Each of these artists received \$600. Two merit awards at \$250 each were also presented: Craig Mullins of Indianapolis for *Fly Adrift Along the Aspens* and Brenda Whicker, formerly of Fishers, for *Blushing Mums*.

In partnership between FAC and the Fishers Art Center, located on the east side of the Fishers Municipal Center, the 3D art and more 2D artworks were on display in the Art Center galleries. The Fishers Art Center is operated in partnership between the City of Fishers and Indy Art Center, located in Broad Ripple.

"It's a truly beautiful display opportunity for these artists and we're so thankful for Indy Art Center Exhibition Manager, Alex Moore, and his expertise during the installation in their gallery spaces," FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said.

There was also stiff competition for the Noblesville Creates People's Choice award, with patrons voting on Facebook and in-person in the gallery. The winner, for the second year in a row, was Fishers resident Asma Siddiqui with her textured acrylic and mixed media art, *Memory of a Rising Wave*. It received the most overall votes, both online and in-person and a \$250 cash prize. Almost all of these award-winning paintings are for sale, as are most of the other equally



Photo provided by Fishers Arts Council

(Back row, from left) Matthew Porter and David Pedersen of Five Star Bath Solutions, Fishers Arts Council President Chris Hayes, Susan Hirsch (Best 3D), and Rich Ernsting (Best Flora/Other). (Front row, from left) Ailithir McGill of Noblesville Creates, Valerie Bielski (Best Abstract), Neal Snapp (Best Landscape), Abigail Staffelbach (Best in Show), Asma Siddiqui (People's Choice), Brenda Whicker (Merit Award), Craig Mullins (Merit Award), and Carol Strock Wasson (juror).

amazing works in the gallery through Oct. 2. FAC hopes that many Hamilton County residents, and others, will visit the Art Gallery at City Hall in the Fishers Municipal Center and experience the art and enjoy the work of many talented people in our area.

Guests can visit the gallery in person at 1 Municipal Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, and on Saturdays during the Fishers Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to noon. You can also see the juried exhibit in their online gallery at [Facebook.com/FishersArt](https://www.facebook.com/FishersArt).

About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive. FAC also maintains the Build BW Gallery at 11 Municipal Drive and the Ball State



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Abigail Staffelbach of Fishers won Best in Show for her work, *Through Clouds, Blue*.

Gallery-Fishers at 8626 E. 116th St., Suite 300. Check out FAC online at [Fishers Arts Council.org](https://www.fishersarts.org) or text (317) 537-1670 for more information.

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Our columnist and her husband Jamie enjoy dinner while taking in the city's sights, with the Sydney Harbour Bridge in the background.

Accessibility in Sydney

In the months leading up to our trip to Sydney, my mind constantly thought about what it would be like there. It is so far away, and I had no idea if accessibility was a priority there.

Would I feel accepted? Would the streets and sidewalks be accessible? I knew public transportation was going to be a big part of our trip, so naturally, I had some anxiety surrounding the accessibility of that as well.

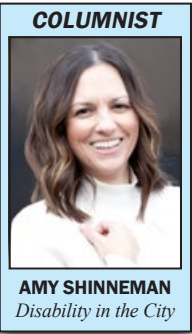
In my "research" leading up to the trip, I gathered that there was at least an attempt at accessibility and inclusion, but until there, it was hard to really know for sure.

From the time we arrived in Sydney, we met helpful humans. They do things a bit differently once exiting the plane. Typically, my wheelchair is ready when I get off the plane. In Sydney, they had me get in one of their wheelchairs and took me to the top of the jet bridge, where I had to wait for my wheelchair.

As we continued through the airport to customs, we were stopped along the way by a lady working at the airport. She was very friendly and wanted to know if she could help us and gave us a lot of helpful tips, as we were brand new to Australia.

Once we got to customs, there was another wonderful lady who saw us, and offered to help us through the entire process. She was with us all the way until our driver picked us up. It was comforting and a huge help to us. Australia has strict rules for entering their country, and we were coming in with our giant bike, wheels, and luggage. I was nervous! Note: the only thing they ended up taking from us were our beef protein sticks. I felt as though I had committed a crime trying to get my protein in!

From there on, the trip proved to be very accessible. If something was not accessible, there was a wholehearted attempt to make an accommodation. Not tucked away in a corner, we were offered some of the best



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Disability in the City

tables at many restaurants.

We had the wonderful opportunity to see a performance at the iconic Sydney Opera House. The entire experience was seamless. People came from out of nowhere

if we looked like we were struggling at all and offered to help us. We even met two local ladies who had season tickets, and they found us at intermission to check on us and see if we needed anything. Beyond any expectations we had.

We rode the ferry, the train, and the buses while there. All were accessible, and the staff helpful.

We visited the Taronga Zoo, which proved to be a hilly, but accessible experience.

We visited Manly Beach as well as Bondi Beach during our time there. Both had accessible pathways along the water. Bondi Beach has large ramps down to the sand. Both also noted that beach wheelchairs were available upon request, but we did not use one.

As previously mentioned, Sydney was hillier than we expected. As we explored, there were areas that were not the easiest for my husband to push my wheelchair. Not only did he have to conquer the hills of the marathon, but he also had more hills to conquer during the rest of our time there.

If I had to pick a favorite part, it would be that I was able to freely wheel all around the Sydney Harbour, taking in the gorgeous views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge from multiple angles. The stunning view never grew old, and I miss it every day.

Another highlight was being on the train and looking out the window to see about 20 kangaroos in a field, just as we would see deer here. It was so neat to see.

Going on a trip overseas – or any trip as a disabled person, for that matter – there is a lot more to think about and figure out once there. It certainly adds another layer of stress and anxiety when visiting a new place.

See Sydney . . . Page B2

Jason Bradley Nance November 10, 1969 – September 19, 2026

Jason Bradley Nance, 56, Mooresville, passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at his home. He was born on November 10, 1969, to Jerry and Sue (Scheerer) Nance in Noblesville.

Jason was a proud member of Union Local 440. He enjoyed traveling everywhere and being outdoors hiking, camping, fishing, kayaking, and photography. Most of all, Jason loved spending time with his granddaughters.

He is survived by his son, Rhys (Leczie) Nance; mother, Sue Nance; stepson, Austin (Taylor) Pohl; sister, Jenny Jean; and his granddaughters, Carsyn and Emersyn Nance.

Jason was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Nance. Visitation and services were held on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Linda Clemons March 6, 1949 – September 12, 2026

Linda Amanda Clemons, 77, Carmel, passed away September 12, 2026. She was born March 6, 1949, the eldest child of the late Lt. Col. Coy Clemons Jr. and Lavance Clemons.

Linda attended the University of Michigan, where she served as a resident advisor in the undergraduate dorms. She received her Undergraduate Teaching and Graduate Degrees in Special Education and Technical Writing. Linda pledged to the AKA Sorority in 1969 at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Before moving to Indiana to work at Eli Lilly as a Technical Writer, Linda taught at the WJ Maxey Boys Training School in Whitmore Lake, Mich., for several years.

In late 2019, Linda suffered a stroke and never fully recovered. Survivors include her sister, Carol; brother, Robert, his wife, Vickie; and a small cadre of friends.

A Gathering and Memorial Service were held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at Bussell Family Funerals. Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals. Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Jeffrey Patrick Nanfria March 17, 1969 – September 21, 2026

Jeffrey Patrick Nanfria, 57, Fishers, passed away on Monday, September 21, 2026, at his home. He was born on March 17, 1969, to Frank and Theresa (Schwefelbauer) Nanfria in Chicago, Ill.

Jeff was a smart, creative individual who was born on St. Patrick's Day and never let anyone forget it. He was passionate about music, especially jamming on his guitar and attending concerts. He also enjoyed reading comic books, watching movies, drawing, and art. He was a social butterfly who knew no stranger. Living, loving, and laughing was Jeff's motto. It never took long before his jokes filled the room with laughter. Your time with him was always guaranteed to end with a big hug! To know Jeff was to love him.

He is survived by his mother, Theresa Nanfria; daughter, Ashley Nanfria; sister, Karen (Derek) Grandt; nieces and nephews, Leah (Dustin) Maynard, Scott Grandt, Bailey (Landon) Logue, Stephanie Nanfria, and Tony Nanfria; great-nieces, Mia and Ava Maynard; and great-nephews, Caden and Samson Grandt.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Nanfria; and brothers, Robert Nanfria and Mark Nanfria.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. with services following promptly at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Chicago, Ill. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Terry J. Myers July 10, 1940 – September 5, 2026

Terry J. Myers, 86, Noblesville, passed away on September 5, 2026. Born July 10, 1940, to Gretchen and Calvin Myers, Terry – known to many as TJ, T-Man, and Joe – was a businessman through and through, always chasing his next idea or invention and never truly slowing down. He built a roofing company from the ground up and put his inventive mind to work creating his own hair products, always looking for a better way to do things.

His favorite story to tell was how he met the love of his life, Nancy: he was picking his guitar in a band, and she caught his eye dancing across the floor. Together they built a marriage, a family, and a business. Their family salon, established in 1969, is still running today, just as they always dreamed it would be, carried on by their children and the family name. Terry was happiest with family close, and his love for his wife, children, and grandchildren shaped everything he built.

But TJ's kindness reached far beyond his own family. He had a way of making people feel cared for, and over the years he became a father figure to many who needed one, offering guidance, support, and a steady presence to those he took under his wing. That generosity of spirit is one of the things he will be remembered for most. He was a builder in every sense of the word: of businesses, ideas, relationships, and family. He was always thinking about what could come up with next, but the life and legacy he leaves behind may be his greatest creation of all.

Terry was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nancy Myers, as well as his siblings, Patricia Fields, Constance Daniels, Ronald Myers, and Maxine Fletcher.

He is survived by his four children, Tony (Amanda) Myers, Ricky (Mary) Myers, Teri (Bryan) Clarke, and Rhonda (Shane) Gilbert; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. A private celebration of life will be held with family.

Wayne "Alan" Farley July 5, 1962 – September 16, 2026

Wayne "Alan" Farley, Atlanta, Ind., passed away on September 16, 2026, at the age of 64. He was born on July 5, 1962, in Tipton, Ind., to his parents, Bill and Dee Farley. Known for his funny, dedicated, loyal, and resilient character, Alan's life was a testament to his strong spirit and unwavering dedication to his family, friends, and community.

A lifelong resident of Atlanta, he completed grade school as an Atlanta Gopher, later graduating from Hamilton Heights High School in 1981. He was brought up in love by his mom and dad and shared countless fond memories with his devoted brother Fred and many cousins. As a young boy, you could find Alan hanging out at the local feed store, roaming the town by bicycle, doing odd jobs at Bargain Bob's, or visiting the Larry Cook Family. No matter how far he traveled his heart remained in Atlanta.

Alan was a devoted public servant, having retired from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office after proudly serving his community for 40 years. His commitment to the safety and well-being of those around him was evident in his daily work, and his achievements were notable. In 1984 at the age of 22, he became the youngest Marshal in the state, serving the Town of Atlanta. Less than a year later, he enrolled in the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, hiring on at HCSO after graduating. During his early years at the department, Alan met and married Tammy Ward-Farley, the mother of his beloved children; they were together for 18 years. He spent 14 years sharing laughter, travels, and many fond memories with Vicky Tyner, whom he also met while working at the department. He cherished everyone he had the pleasure of working alongside – so much so that "Farley" never wanted to retire.

Despite his professional accomplishments, what mattered most to Alan were his two boys and his family. He was a loving father, a devoted brother, uncle, and friend who spent his time with those he loved. Alan had a passion for being on the road; working, traveling, visiting friends, touring cemeteries, or just sightseeing, often in his 1923 Ford T-Bucket. He was a Green Bay Packers enthusiast; he enjoyed attending games with his son John. He also had a heart for NASCAR racing, spectating Daytona 500s with his son Andy. He was a season ticket holder for the Indy Fuel, enjoying countless games accompanied by his great nieces, great nephews, or whoever was lucky that week.

Most days, Alan could be found joking with patrons at Don Bailey's Barbershop or the Exxon station in Noblesville. Alan had an affinity for good TV, having the ability to recite almost every episode of *The Andy Griffith Show*. He also spent time watching many documentaries and reading about historical events.

Alan is survived by his sons, John (MiLea) Farley and Andy (Annie) Farley; his brother, Fred (Jennifer) Farley; his nephews, Billy (Leah) Farley and Joe (Micah) Farley; and Aunt Betty Thomas.

A visitation will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 3, 2026, at the Atlanta Christian Church, 200 E. Main St., Atlanta. A memorial service will follow at the same location at 3 p.m. Alan's care and services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero.

We invite you to leave your memories and upload photos of Alan on his memorial page. Your tributes and photos will serve as a comforting reminder of Alan's life, his service to his community, and the love he had for his family and friends.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Nicole Jennifer Snyder-Carnahan April 15, 1979 – September 15, 2026

Nicole Jennifer Snyder-Carnahan, beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend, peacefully passed away at her Fishers home on September 15, 2026. Born on April 15, 1979, in Tulsa, Okla., Nicole was a beacon of warmth and love, touching the lives of all who knew her.

Nicole was the cherished daughter of Luann and Steve Snyder, who instilled in her a deep sense of compassion and resilience. She was predeceased by her loving mother, Luann Snyder, and her dear sister, Megan Ott.

Nicole is survived by her devoted son, Aaron Carnahan, brother-in-law Tom Ott, and her beloved nieces, Katherine Ott and Lauren Ott, with whom she shared a bond that transcended the ordinary.

A proud graduate of Ball State University, Nicole possessed a fervent love for learning and a keen intellect that she shared generously with her family and friends. Her career was marked by dedication and a genuine desire to make a positive impact in the world around her.

Nicole's life was a testament to her unyielding spirit and her extraordinary ability to connect with others. Her laughter was infectious, and her kindness left an indelible mark on everyone she met. She had a remarkable talent for making people feel valued and loved, a gift she bestowed freely.

Outside of her professional life, Nicole was an ardent supporter of various charitable causes, including her role as Executive Director for the Megan S. Ott Foundation, seeking ways to help those in need. Her family kindly requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a charity of your choice in Nicole's memory, a fitting tribute to a woman who dedicated her life to giving.

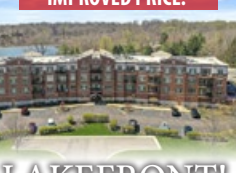
As we mourn the loss of Nicole, we also celebrate the wonderful life she led. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of those who knew her, a lasting reminder of a life well-lived. May her memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to us all.

Visitation took place Thursday, September 24, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Services were held on Friday, September 25, 2026, at the Peace Chapel of Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, with Pastor Doug Gast officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Nicole's name to the donor's choice of charity.

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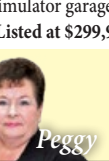


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Submit obituaries under 500 words online at
ReadTheReporter.com/obitform.

AI agrees with me Do we actually care who's on the school board?

Four of seven HSE seats are up Nov. 3. Most students can't vote on any of it. For the few who can, the deadline to register is Oct. 5.

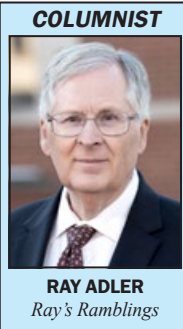
AI has become a prominent current topic of discussion. I recently happened to overhear my techno-genius partner, Seth Wilson, debating the issue with our recently hired Eric Foley. Eric had just received word that he passed the Indiana Bar Exam and will soon be admitted to practice in October of this year. Eric was up for a serious discussion. The debate became lively, and it soon drew in other participants from our office.

Like President Bush, I have opinions, very strong opinions, but I don't always agree with them.

In this particular case, however, I felt sure that the youngest debater among us was on the right track.

Continued debate seemed to bring no consensus.

That is when I wisely interrupted and said, "Gentlemen, let's run it on AI." At that point, the topic of debate temporarily changed and revolved around whether we should use ChatGPT, Grok, or Gemini. With an agreed-upon AI platform



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RAY ADLER
Ray's Ramblings

selected, the issue was presented and AI had what I thought was a remarkably good answer. It mirrored my own opinion on the topic almost word for word. The young man had won!

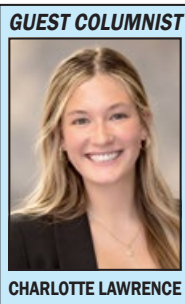
But wait, Techno-Genius Seth has a follow-up question, "What is the source authority for the AI opinion we received?"

More work followed on AI to determine the source information used to create the opinion. That inquiry revealed a shocking source and showed why Seth is a techno-genius.

It was a newspaper article written by Ray Adler on the topic! AI agreed with me exactly because it had cited me as a source of its authority!

The result was artificial but not necessarily intelligent, or at least not more so than if they had asked me directly.

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.



GUEST COLUMNIST
CHARLOTTE LAWRENCE

Ask a student in the Hamilton Southeastern school district who sits on the school board, and you'll usually get a moment of silence, then a guess.

It's an easy thing not to know, especially for students. However, if there was a time to close this gap, it's now, due to the upcoming ballot that is going to transform the board almost completely.

Four of the board's seven seats are up for election, and none of the four members holding them (Tiffany Pascoe, Juanita Albright, Dawn Lang, and Ben Orr) appear on the candidate list, meaning the majority of the board's seats will change when the new terms begin in January 2027.

Across Hamilton County, 27 candidates filed for 18 school board seats. This is also the first cycle under Senate Bill 287, signed by Gov. Mike Braun in 2025, which lets school board candidates list a political party on the ballot for the first time.

The math on who can actually vote

But how big of a difference can students really make? HSE graduated 1,754 students last spring, and this year's class is around the same size. But Indiana requires you to be 18 by Election Day, and Indiana's kindergarten cutoff means

most seniors have birthdays spread across a 12-month window starting in August.

This means that only students born on or before Nov. 3, 2008, qualify, which adds to around 400 or 500 seniors (around one in four). In a district of roughly 20,000 students, that's about 2 percent.

So the honest framing isn't "students should vote." It's that almost none of us can, which makes the handful who can matter more.

"It doesn't change anything for me"

Chaney Ferris, a senior at Fishers High School, said, "Honestly, I'm not even registered. I graduate in May and then I'm gone, so whoever's on the school board isn't really my problem anymore. I don't even know who's running. Nobody's ever explained why it matters to me."

That argument stands stronger than adults like to admit. Board terms run four years. A senior voting in November graduates in June and is gone before most of what the new board does actually takes effect. Candidates also run within specific geographic districts, and voters may only cast ballots for candidates in the district where they live, so a student might have exactly one name to choose from.

Indiana students ar-

en't outliers here, either. CIRCLE at Tufts found that 15 percent of eligible Hoosiers ages 18 to 29 voted in the 2022 midterm, among the lowest rates in the country, against 23 percent nationally.

What's actually on the line

There's a money question on the same ballot. HSE is asking voters to renew the referendum that pays its teachers. More than 97 percent of that money goes to teacher salaries and benefits, and the rest pays for school safety.

The ballot will show a big number, up to 36 cents for every \$100 a home is worth, over eight years. Superintendent Matt Kegley says HSE won't charge that maximum in any year. For a typical homeowner, he estimates it comes out to about \$3 more a month starting in 2027.

That is not abstract. It's whether your teachers stay. The referendum it replaces passed in 2023 with 70 percent support, but school finance experts estimate 40 to 50 Indiana districts will put referendum questions on ballots this fall.

Olivia Werbanowski, a senior at Hamilton Southeastern High School, said, "I'm registered and I'm voting. I spent 13 years in this district, so I have opinions about how it's run. Leaving doesn't mean I stop caring."

Both things can be true

There's a fair case on the other side. Some residents argue that students voting

on an eight-year tax they won't pay isn't a good idea. Plenty of voters will reject the referendum on cost and still back public schools. And a student who votes for a name they don't know isn't participating, they're guessing. So, the standard isn't "vote no matter what." It's if you're eligible, learn your district's candidates, understand the referendum, then decide either way.

Amiee Day, a now-retired teacher who is involved in the community, said, "I spent my whole career in a classroom. I know exactly who the school board's decisions land on, and it's the kids and the teachers. That's why I never miss a vote."

The deadline

Voter registration closes Monday, Oct. 5. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, and early voting opens Oct. 6. Indiana has no same-day registration, so Oct. 5 is the date that counts. Register at indianavoters.in.gov, at a BMV branch, or at the Hamilton County Election Office in Noblesville.

If you're 18 by Nov. 3, you're one of maybe 450 students in this district with a vote on who runs it. That's a small number. Small numbers decide local races.

Charlotte Lawrence is a senior at Fishers High School, and is currently serving as a high school intern for Fishers City Councilor Tiffanie Ditlevson.

The adventures of the Sheridan High School Wilderness Club

Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's Accelerated English 9 class, taught by Ellie Arrowood.

Do you like the outdoors? In the Sheridan High School Wilderness Club, you can explore nature in many ways. You get to learn about and experience many unique things in the world around you and connect with others in the great outdoors!

The Sheridan High School Wilderness Club meets every Tuesday with its awesome leader, Trey Clayton (Chippy), to do fun activities and learn all kinds of new skills. Some of these activities



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can include team challenges, games, and lessons on different survival skills. A fun activity we do is identify different leaves. We also take occasional day trips on Saturdays. On these trips, we experience the beauty of Indiana's state parks. We also get to participate in activities like canoeing, hiking, fishing, and caving. While hiking, we learn about the trees and plants in that state park.

Wilderness Club will also sometimes take backpacking trips over the summer. This offers time to connect and build friendships with others and nature! On these trips, we get to hike and camp out in the wilderness. This gives us a chance to make lasting memories and have fun with those around us. In the end, there are so many amazing opportunities found within this club.

If you love the outdoors and adventure, you should consider joining your local Wilderness Club! There are so many fun activities to experience and explore while also creating long-lasting friendships and memories. The Wilderness Club is also a great way to spend your time after school! Adventure, friendship, and the great outdoors are waiting for you right after school. But if you go to Sheridan High School, you can join Trey and the rest of the Wilderness Club and start making memories that will last far beyond high school.

SYDNEY

At times, it can feel very frustrating and daunting. The wish that we could just go and enjoy without having to think about all the details that most never give a second thought, can stir up negative emotions.

When we travel, we try to have the mentality of we will find a way to figure things out. Keeping emotions in check and bringing patience always helps. We have learned throughout the years, that it does not do either of us any good to get frustrated.

We were so grateful for the lovely and kind people we met along the way in

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Sydney and for our opportunity just to be there. There were too many helpful people to count. We both agreed that Sydney felt like a big, warm accessible hug most of our time there.

Cheers mate!

Until next time...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. She is the recipient of The Reporter's Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.org and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

Hamilton County is fortunate to call Beck's our neighbor

Last month, 15,000 farmers and their families traveled to Atlanta, Ind., for Becknology Days at Beck's Hybrids headquarters.

I've been to Beck's too many times to count, but I left, as I always do, with a renewed appreciation for how fortunate Hamilton County is to have this company as a neighbor. Standing in that crowd, it was hard not to notice how closely Beck's success and our county's are tied together.

Beck's is America's largest family-owned seed company. Across five generations of family leadership, the Beck family has grown their business out of



GUEST COLUMNIST
MARK HEIRBRANDT

the same Hamilton County town, maintaining a deliberate commitment to the farmers, employees, and community who made that success possible. That commitment has never been one-sided.

You can see it in the ground itself. Over the past several years, the county has invested in the northern corridor, namely utilities along U.S. 31 and road capacity on 236th and 276th streets. This year, that infrastructure carried 15,000 visitors to Becknology Days, along with industry leaders and elected officials like Senator Todd Young and Governor Mike Braun. Beck's gives

the county a reason to build, and the county's willingness to build gives Beck's room to host an event of that scale.

The same is true of the people. Beck's employs hundreds of Hoosiers, supports community programs across the county, and lends us a visibility we wouldn't otherwise have. But its most important work is for farmers. Amid rising operating costs, softer crop values, and market uncertainty many haven't faced before, a local partner with real research capacity and agronomic depth is essential – and Beck's has provided that to farmers here and nationwide for nearly 90 years.

That partnership shows up in places most people never see. When the county set out to close the broad-

band gap in our northern communities, Beck's was already at the table, helping bring the right providers into the conversation. The result was high-speed fiber reaching farms, homes, and the Hamilton Heights schools that had gone without it for years. We opened the door; Beck's helped walk through it and brought others along.

Hamilton County has a great deal to be proud of. Among those strengths, the presence of America's largest family-owned seed company shouldn't be taken for granted. Beck's has built something genuinely worth celebrating.

On behalf of Hamilton County, thank you.

Mark Heirbrandt is a Hamilton County Commissioner representing District 3.

Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

The sixth Love Language

Many readers may be familiar with Gary Chapman’s excellent 1992 book, *The Five Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts*. While I had heard of the book, I didn’t read it until a few years ago.

If you don’t know Chapman’s five love languages, they include:

- 1. Words of Affirmation
- 2. Physical Touch
- 3. Receiving Gifts
- 4. Quality Time
- 5. Acts of Service

My best friend Stacy recommended the book when John and I encountered a rocky patch – a common occurrence in most marriages. I’m grateful to her because it helped us back then and continues to help us now.

John and I enjoyed talking about and discovering our



top love languages. Conveniently for us, Words of Affirmation are both number one. Acts of Service is number two for me, while Quality Time is John’s.

Recently, however, John and I have figured out

there’s a sixth love language – well, at least for us. We would call it Cooking Meals. Now, you may argue cooking meals fits in the category of Acts of Service or even Receiving Gifts. But we feel it’s a whole other level.

We all must eat. But sometimes in this busy world, the thought of having to cook anything is overwhelming. Sure, we can turn to fast food, takeout, frozen dinners, etc. But of course, this comes at a cost, both financially and sometimes nutritionally.

I remember how I felt when people brought over homemade meals right after I gave birth to each of my two sons. This time of life was incredibly overwhelming, and to cross “dinner” off the list for a day was huge.

John and I genuinely enjoy planning and cooking meals for the people we love. We’re blessed to cook dinner every Sunday for our son Jonathon and his significant other, Olivia. It’s fun to brainstorm new ideas and see the look of joy on their faces when we present the meal.

Our kitchen is rather small, so working together takes some coordination. But cooking is a weekend tradition John and I love. And bonus – I’m a “clean as you go” cook. So, the kitchen ends up looking less like a war zone when we finally put dinner on the table.

This love language is

what motivated me to join Lasagna Love years ago. While I no longer am in the program (since I’m always discovering people in my own city who need meals) I highly recommend the organization if Cooking Meals is one of your love languages. Check ‘em out at lasagnalove.org.

One new thing I enjoy doing is praying for the people who will eat the meal I create. I feel it adds an extra layer of love.

Hats off to Mr. Chapman for such a life-changing concept and book. May we all learn our own Love Languages and spread their joy to those around us.

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

The quality of mercy



The Civil War divided our country like no other event in our history. Consequently, people in both North and South suffered wounds both physical and emotional. Abraham Lincoln in his Second Inaugural Address spoke to the need for healing and presented the opportunity for the country’s men and women to care for all traumatized by war and division.

Having just commemorated the 25th anniversary of 9/11, we remember the trauma of that horrific event. After 9/11, we were a unified nation helping those impacted. On March 4, 1865, near the end of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln addressed the country and concluded his speech with these famous words:

“With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and for his orphan ~ to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.”

I believe Abraham Lincoln understood that to stay united as a country, people must see others as human beings. They must treat others with mercy, “a disposition to be kind and forgiving.” We must affirm our unity and extend mercy to those we considered “enemies.”

Once at a meeting, I was sharing a meal with several others. At one point, an attendee at our table started to disparage people in a group not represented at our meeting. This person’s voice was so strident in denouncing this group that I was envisioning him referring to an infestation of cockroaches rather than human beings with different views. I wish this person had instead heeded the commandment: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Shakespeare’s play *The Merchant of Venice* presents scenes that enable the audience to reflect on the nature

of being human and also the possibility of extending mercy to another. One plot in the play reveals that the law-abiding Christian merchant, Antonio, has taken out a substantial loan from the Jew, Shylock, on behalf of a close friend. Both parties agreed that if the loan could not be repaid by a designated date, Antonio would be obliged to give “a pound of flesh” to Shylock as recompense. When the loan cannot be repaid, a trial ensues and Shylock demands Antonio’s “pound of flesh.”

Shakespeare does not portray Shylock as a “monster,” for Shylock has legitimate complaints against the self-righteous merchant. Earlier in the play, Shylock asserts that he is a human being. “I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions?”

Recently, I saw a billboard near the Indiana State Fairgrounds proclaiming, “You don’t have to be a Jew to protect Jews.” Another version ends with, “Just a good human being.” We can repudiate anti-Semitism and affirm the dignity of each person regardless of ethnicity or religion treating all with civility.

In the play’s court scene, Portia, a wealthy heiress, manly-dressed as Balthasar, enters to defend Antonio. Her speech is a persuasive plea for Shylock to show mercy. She begins:

The quality of mercy is not strained / It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blest / It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.

Portia concludes her speech aligning mercy with the divine.

It is an attribute to God himself / And earthly power doth then show likest God’s When mercy seasons justice.

Yes. 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 civicrenaissance.com.

What we carry from the Peace Table

What if peace begins at the breakfast table?

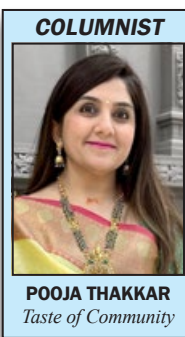
Not with a grand speech. Not with everyone agreeing. But with people sitting down together, making room for one another’s stories, and being willing to listen.

That is what made the Peace Learning Center’s “Better Way Breakfast” so meaningful to me. As a proud board member, I had the opportunity to sit at a table with community partners, local organizers, nonprofit leaders, educators, and people who believe that conflict does not have to divide us. Sometimes, it can become an opportunity to learn about one another.

The Peace Learning Center has been doing this work for years: teaching young people and adults practical ways to navigate conflict, communicate, listen and respond with intention rather than reaction.

But perhaps the most powerful part of the morning was hearing directly from the people who have experienced that work.

We heard from students who are using Peace Learning Center programs and from teachers and school



staff who see the impact in their classrooms and communities. Their stories reminded me that peace education is not an abstract idea. It is something a child can carry into the hallway, the classroom, the playground and eventually into adulthood.

One story especially stayed with me.

A former FOX 59 journalist shared that she had attended Peace Learning Center camp as a junior high student. The lessons she learned as a young person never really left her. She described carrying those tools in her “backpack” throughout life – tools that help her recognize conflict, pause, understand another perspective, and approach difficult moments with curiosity rather than immediately blaming or pointing fingers.

I love that image.

We often think about what we put into a child’s backpack: books, pencils, lunch, sports equipment, and homework. But what if we also helped them pack tools for life – how to listen, how to communicate, how to calm themselves, how to understand differences, and how to work



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

through conflict?

Indianapolis Public Schools Superintendent Alicia Johnson also spoke about the realities many young people are navigating today. Children are growing up amid challenges and conflicts that can sometimes feel overwhelming. Giving them tools to pause, listen and make thoughtful decisions matters.

And perhaps that is one of the greatest gifts Peace Learning Center offers: not simply telling young people to “be peaceful,” but teaching them *how*.

How do I respond when I am angry?

How do I listen when I disagree?

How do I make space for someone whose experience is different from mine?

How do I address a conflict without making another person the enemy?

These are life skills – not

just classroom skills.

Sitting around that breakfast table, I was reminded that community is built much like peace is built: one conversation, one relationship, and one willing listener at a time.

We may not be able to prevent every conflict. But we can decide what tools we bring to it.

Maybe peace starts with something as simple as pulling up a chair, sharing a meal and listening long enough to understand.

And when we leave the table, we carry those lessons with us.

What are you carrying in your backpack that could help create a little more peace in someone else’s world?

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

New executive order will cause more vaccine fear

In January, Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., issued drastic changes to the widely endorsed Childhood Immunization Schedule. A district federal judge

temporarily blocked Kennedy’s new recommendations, ruling that he likely violated federal procedures. The American Academy of Pediatrics, and other medical-professional organizations expressed outrage. The AAP filed suit.

On Aug. 10, President Donald Trump signed an executive order mirroring Kennedy’s new changes, implementing what the court blocked. Whether the order will withstand legal challenges is uncertain.

The order decreased 17 routine childhood vaccines to 11, recommending:

- All children receive measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, *Haemophilus influenzae*, pneumococcal disease, human papillomavirus, and varicella.

- High-risk children also receive hepatitis A, hepatitis B, meningococcal B, meningococcal ACYW, dengue, and respiratory syncytial virus (a non-vaccine



antibody).

- After shared decision-making with a provider, children may receive hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rotavirus, meningococcal disease, influenza, and COVID-19.

Part of the rationale for reducing the number of vaccinations is that the U.S. has recommended more immunizations than European countries – not a justified comparison. There are many differences in disease risks, population characteristics, and health-care systems. Millions of U.S. childhood infections have been prevented by administering vaccines not routinely recommended in Europe (CDC data).

Trump said, “Nothing bad can happen from what we’re doing.” But the new schedule is not grounded in evidence-based science. Changing vaccine recommendations should be based on rigorous reviews of new evidence rather than on personal agendas, disinformation, and pseudoscience.

The executive order also endorses splitting the MMR vaccine into three separate shots at separate visits (and all combination shots as feasible) and spreading the entire childhood schedule over

an extended time. The president stated, without justification, that there are claims that the MMR vaccine is “quite lethal” and that dividing the MMR into separate vaccines would have a huge impact on autism. No evidence exists indicating that multiple vaccines given concurrently are dangerous or pose an autism risk, or that spreading out vaccines is safer.

Patients are more likely to complete the recommended vaccine series with combination vaccines, and fewer shots are involved. Trump called for separating all the vaccines given at age one into five separate visits. Seriously?

Trump astonishingly embarrassed himself, displaying incredible ignorance, foolishness, and recklessness. His claim that the volume of the immunizations given at one year of age equals a bottle of soda is beyond ridiculous.

The executive order signing was infused with repeated suggestions from Trump, Kennedy, and others that vaccines cause autism without offering evidence. The research to the contrary, conducted over decades involving millions of children, is overwhelming and is considered settled science.

When asked what his evidence was that vaccines cause autism, he replied,

“What I’ve heard is that there are some people that say it is that way...” Huh?

The executive order has no mandatory effect. But given the president’s impact, especially in red states, the order may have considerable influence.

It will cause vaccine fear, confusion, hesitancy, and refusal; more doctor visits and medical costs; missed work; more injections; delayed or skipped immunizations; and doubt about the necessity of vaccines.

Kennedy spoke briefly, stating that HHS was comprehensively researching environmental factors that might explain autism, including vaccines. Kennedy and administration officials mostly parroted Trump’s comments.

Seek your physician’s advice. If your physician embraces the Trump/Kennedy nonsense, find a new physician.

We are experiencing the largest outbreak of measles in 35 years. Whooping cough is surging; expect new waves of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Children will die.

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

“Country-fied” tomatoes

Don’t be fooled by tomatoes that are purchased in a grocery store! There’s something very special about tomatoes that are homegrown.

But even beyond that, there’s something even more special about tomatoes that are grown in the country. You know ... in the wide-open spaces, where the buffalo roam and the deer and the antelope play? On a farm ... a **REAL** farm.

Well, it all began a few weeks ago when I innocently visited my pew buddies at church. I was invited to tend to their tomato plants while they were on vacation for a week and I gladly accepted.

They went on to explain that the tomato plants were on their farm, soon ready to be picked. I was even encouraged to consider setting up a “mater stand” to sell the tomatoes for willing customers as the bounty was soon ready to be harvested.

I remember thinking, “Really, how much effort can tending a couple of tomato plants take? No big deal. Piece of cake!” After all, they were just a couple of tomato plants, right? And this awesome opportunity would get me out of the house!

Wrong! I had forgotten these people are farmers. I mean **REAL** Indiana farm-

ers! And farmers know how to grow stuff! I mean ... really **GROW** stuff!

In case the plants needed water, I was told there was a “hydrant” out back of the house. Now, a hydrant on a farm is different than a

city fire hydrant.

I wasn’t sure how I was going to work a hydrant without the fire department, but I wasn’t worried. Forging on and unbeknownst to me, this farm had much more to give than I could ever anticipate.

I arrived at my friend’s farm “out in the sticks,” an area near town. Right off, I experienced the childhood sound of driving slowly over a crunchy gravel driveway!

I opened the windows in the truck, backed up a bit, and pulled forward again just to hear that long-ago, familiar sound. I recalled my dad backing the DeSoto down the driveway when we arrived home as kids. So relaxing! So “country-fied.” I experienced déjà vu from 65 years ago, and I loved it!

I turned the truck around and pulled over just adjacent to the tomato plants.

Tomato plants? It was more like a tomato forest! Wonderfully green plants, all taller than me, with a carefully placed weed barrier to snuggle their roots.

Post-flood routines & changes

Recovering from last month's flood has meant more than just a loss of properties, a loss of home life, and a loss of normalcy. It has been a daily reckoning with a surprising, new, and tiring routine.

Mrs. K and I have settled in to a post-flood tempo of sleeping in our unfinished house, eating breakfast in our RV tiny-home, going out shopping for the items that have come to the fore on the stuff-to-do-to-fix-the-house list, making decisions re: those items, finding lunch somewhere, staying cool while staying out of the workers' way, having a late afternoon cocktail, finding dinner, coming back to our fixed-a-little-further home, and set-



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KEN KLINGENMEIER

tling into evening time, sleep, and doing it all again. It's called progress, and it is what's necessary for us to be going through to accomplish something every day.

The other side of what we do repeatedly is ... what we *don't* do any more.

We are not going out to see theatre productions. With all that is going on, managing my *A Seat on the Aisle* blog and column was a distraction. I chose to deal with it by suspending that activity for a while. Seeing shows is something Mrs. K and I really enjoy and we'll hope to get back to it as soon as we can, but for now – we'll miss a few.

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COUNTRY

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Eight! Count them! Jammed rotund tomato plants jammed packed with red and green orbs just screaming, "Pick me! Pick me!" I grabbed the containers out of the truck and began to pluck ... and pluck ... and pluck! The little sweat bees became my new friends.

THIS was a real garden, I thought. I wasn't sure what the secret was, but every piece of fruit was perfectly shaped. No blossom end rot. No blight, no leaf spot, or other woes like my sorrowful tomato plants in my patio pots last year! Poor things!

I rubbed a leaf or two between my fingers ... and inhaled! Have you ever done that? Just rub a tomato leaf in your hands to experience the fragrance of God's work from his garden? I just KNOW there will be tomato plants in Heaven someday!

I noticed a slight sign of the leaves turning up on one of the plants. I think it was starting to call for water. Finding the "hydrant" out back and not sure what to do with it, I decided to wait until the next day then tackle that part of this adventure later.

Oh, the tomatoes? Yeah, I picked what seemed like a hundred or so. I didn't count, but this first picking served many grateful neighbors and friends. The firefighters at Station No. 5 nearby loved them, too. I even got a call from the Fire Chief in appreciation of the goodies. I picked a green one for myself to fry for one of the best dinners I had in years!

Then I went home, prayed with praise, and did a rain dance for fear of not figuring out that hydrant the next day. Sure enough, it rained steadily for three days, providing a couple inches of "natural hydration." Thank you, God!

So, the next trip, I of-

fered to take my two granddaughters along to the "tomato farm". They were so excited! I was sure to call their eager attention to the crunchy driveway when we arrived. Each of them, smiling with joy, was charged with picking from four plants with four separate large trays and extra bags. They learned about the sweat bees and the fragrance of the tomato leaves and left behind small painted rocks as a thank you decoration. But then it happened.

The girls stopped and stood among the plants, saying, "It's really quiet here!" As they continued to harvest, I wondered how many children have never truly experienced the peacefulness and quiet of a country garden. We stood in the stillness for several more minutes.

Ultimately, in one week, the tomato plants fed two firehouses, church friends, a food pantry (with help from another faithful worker) and six households. I am grateful for the farmer families, this wonderful opportunity, and for these country-fied tomatoes! More than just a harvest, it is fruitfulness for the heart and soul.

"You shall observe the Festival of Harvest, of the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field." Exodus 23:16

Be sure to watch Paul Harvey: "So God Made a Farmer." (It's less than two minutes.) See it on YouTube at [tinyurl.com/SoGod-MadeAFarmer](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tinyurl.com/SoGod-MadeAFarmer).

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.

HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Regional Utility District that was originally scheduled to meet on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. has been rescheduled to Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with an Executive Session starting at 10:00 a.m. for discussion of the Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss the utility district business will immediately follow the Executive Session.
R8732 9/28/26

CICERO

LEGAL NOTICE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on October 22nd, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall, 700 North Byron Street, Cicero Indiana, 46034, in order to hear the following petition:
Docket No. BZA-1026-36-C3
A Modification of Commitments has been submitted concerning Docket # BZA-0923-56-C3 in order to modify previously recorded commitments ordered by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Whereas the petitioner requests a modification to not install screening on the property due to the petitioner's property conditions have changed to not be able to facilitate screening.
Project Address: 22690 State Road 19, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Description: Acreage 80 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel # 03-06-01-00-00-016.001
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments or letters may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission at PO Box 650, Cicero IN, 46034. Comments may also be emailed to publiccomments@townofcicero.in.gov.
Comments must be received by 10:00am on the Monday prior to a scheduled meeting day.
The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner's Name: Eric Scherer Date: 9/18/2026
R8718 9/28/26

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2607-MI-8283
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Madeline Nicole Horne
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Madeline Nicole Horne, whose mailing address is: 15310 Forest Glade Dr Fishers, IN 46037, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Madeline Nicole Horne has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Madeline Nicole Tagua Horne.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: November 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Madeline Nicole Horne
Petitioner
Date: March 16, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Judicial Officer
R8451 9/14/26, 9/21/26, 9/28/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-010723
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Sember Leigh Darland Chappell
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Sember Leigh Darland Chappell, whose mailing address is: 795 South Harbor Dr. Noblesville, Indiana 46062, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Sember Leigh Darland Chappell has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Sember Leigh Darland.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 8:30 a.m.
Sember Leigh Darland Chappell
Petitioner
Date: September 3, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8640 9/14/26, 9/21/26, 9/28/26

33C01-2609-MI-000070
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Be advised that Kim Elaine Davenport, date of birth September 23, 1963, petitioned the Henry Circuit Court No. 1, located in New Castle, Indiana in Case Number 33C01-2609-MI-000070, to enter a decree changing her name to Kim Elaine Crider. The Court has set this petition for final hearing to commence at 2:30 p.m. on November 6th, 2026. Any interested party has a right to appear at said hearing and to file an objection to the granting of said decree.
If you have an objection to this name change, Kim Elaine Davenport would request that you contact her at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing referred to above and discuss your questions, concerns or objections with her attorney who is Gregory L. Crider, 214 South Main Street, New Castle, Indiana 47362; (765) 529-2100. If you do not respond to this notice, Mr. Crider will advise the Court that he has received no objections to the granting of the petition.
9/4/2026
Jenny L. Grubbs
Clerk of the Henry Circuit Court
R8650 9/14/26, 9/21/26, 9/28/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2607-MI-008039
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Jessica Valeria Nunez Cazares
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Jessica Valeria Nunez Cazares, whose mailing address is: 891 Adena Lane Westfield, Indiana 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Jessica Valeria Nunez Cazares has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Jessica Valeria Meza.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: October 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Jessica Valeria Nunez Cazares
Petitioner
Date: July 6, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8673 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-11213
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
SAMUEL ALTON RODINO
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Samuel Alton Rodino, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on September 14, 2026, to change his name from Samuel Alton Rodino to Samuel Alton Roe.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on December 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: September 15, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk
R8681 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

29D03-2609-EU-000405
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2609-EU-000405
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
RITA KAY DOBBS,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Matthew Dobbs and Maygen Nicholas were, on the 17th day of September, 2026, appointed as the Personal Representatives of the estate of Rita Kay Dobbs, deceased, who died on August 11, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 17th day of September, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
Steven W. Kincaid
Attorney No. 18034-34
Steven W. Kincaid, Attorney at Law, P.C.
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Noblesville, IN 46060
Telephone: 317-776-5995
Fax: 317-219-0625
R8710 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
STATE OF INDIANA)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-011298
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:
LIAM DOMINIC HEBERT,)
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of September, 2026 the Petitioner, Liam Dominic Hebert, filed in Hamilton Circuit Court his Petition requesting that his last name be changed from Hebert to Cassidy. Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition in Hamilton Circuit Court on January 5, 2027, at 8:30 am (15 minutes court time)
September 17, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
Brandi A. Gibson # 26373-29
COOTS, HENKE & WHEELER, P.C.
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R8712 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
Cause No. 29D02-2607-DC-008318
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:)
FRANKLIN RAMIRO CHICAIZA)
BOMBON)
Petitioner
v.)
NIEVE MONCERRATE VELEZ)
SOLORZANO)
Respondent
NOTICE OF SUIT
You are notified that you have been sued in the above-named Court and a hearing will take place in Hamilton County Superior Court. The nature of the suit against you is a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Nieve Moncerrate Velez Solorzano, residence unknown.
You must answer the Petition, in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the petition has demanded. The Petitioner's attorney is Maizie L. Esparza, Gresek & Singleton P.C., 150 E. 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Dated: 9/3/2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
R8656 9/14/26, 9/21/26, 9/28/26

29D03-2609-EU-000402
Notice of Administration
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of PAUL JOSEPH POLACKIN, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that CRAIG POLACKIN and TODD POLACKIN were on September 14, 2026(date), appointedco-personal representatives of the estate of PAUL JOSEPH POLACKIN, deceased, who died on the 7th day of June, 2027.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on September 14, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court, Probate Division
Mason H. Hiatt (Attorney #37635-53)
ROBINSON FARTHING SPANDAU WILLIAMS
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Indianapolis, IN 46240
Phone: (317)587-7820
Email: mhh@YourIndyAttorneys.com
R8680 9/21/26, 9/28/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-11215
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
Josie Marie Rodino
Name of Minor
Samuel Alton Rodino
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Samuel Alton Rodino, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on September 14, 2026, to change the name of Josie Marie Rodino to Josie Marie Roe.
The Petition is schedule for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on December 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.
Date: September 15, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk
R8683 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29
CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE + ANTRIM
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Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 773-2190, FAX (317) 572-1609
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court No. 1.
Case No. 29D01-2609-EU-395
Notice is hereby given that Jane J. Lannan was, on September 10th, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of ROBERT E. JOHNSON, deceased, who died August 29, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on September 10th, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
R8685 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

29D01-2609-EU-000401
S. MATTHEW COOK
Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Michelle Suzanne Cruser was on the 15th day of September, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Martha Lee Bagot, deceased.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 15th day of September, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
S. Matthew Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
R8686 9/14/26, 9/21/26

FISHERS

CITY OF FISHERS REQUEST FOR BIDS
From: City of Fishers Fleet Management 7228 Pymbroke Circle Fishers, Indiana 46038
Date: September 28, 2026
Equipment: Twelve (12) Police Interceptor SUV's Plus Trade-Ins
Notice is hereby given that the City of Fishers ("Fishers") will receive sealed bids ("Bid") for the above-described "Equipment" at the City of Fishers Department of Fleet Management at 7228 Pymbroke Circle Fishers, Indiana 46038 until 9am on EST on October 12th, 2026. No late Bids will be accepted.
This Bid is to purchase Twelve (12) Police Interceptor SUV Plus Trade-Ins, which is more specifically described in the Bid Specifications ("Specifications"). This Bid only contains a base Bid with no alternatives. Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of the Specifications and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids.
Fishers reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities and to accept the Bid that it deems most favorable to Fishers after all Bids have been examined and reviewed. If Fishers does not receive a Bid from a responsible and responsive offeror, Fishers may purchase the vehicle pursuant to Ind. Code §5-22-10 et seq. All Bids are subject to approval by the Board of Public Works and Safety.
Tabatha Miller
Director of Fleet Management
<https://fishersin.gov>
9/28/26, 10/5/26
R8724

NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that on Monday, September 21, 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. 081726C, annexing approximately .76 acres located outside of but contiguous to the City, generally known as the Dillahay property at 15106 E 136th Street (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:
City of Fishers
Community and Economic Development Department
planning@fishersin.gov
(317) 595-3155
R8729 9/28/26

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-11214
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
KELLY MARIE RODINO
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Kelly Marie Rodino, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on September 14, 2026, to change her name from Kelly Marie Rodino to Kelly Marie Roe.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on December 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: September 15, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk
R8682 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-11419
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Denise Marie Kirk
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Denise Marie Kirk, whose mailing address is: 15624 W Rail Drive, Westfield IN 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Denise Marie Kirk has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Denise Marie Eastling.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.
Denise Marie Kirk
Petitioner
Date: July 6, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8711 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
STATE OF INDIANA)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-011297
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:)
ERIN ROSE HEBERT,)
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of September, 2026 the Petitioner, Erin Rose Hebert, filed in Hamilton Circuit Court her Petition requesting that her last name be changed from Hebert to McCarthy-Cassidy. Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition in Hamilton Circuit Court on January 5, 2027, at 8:30 am (15 minutes court time)
September 17, 2026
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
Brandi A. Gibson # 26373-29
COOTS, HENKE & WHEELER, P.C.
255 East Carmel Drive
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 844-4693
bgibson@chlwlaw.com
R8713 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

29D01-2609-EU-000418
Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29
CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE + ANTRIM
10765 Lantern Rd., Ste. 201
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 773-2190, FAX (317) 572-1609
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Wilson was, on September 21st, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of WAYNE ALAN WILSON, deceased, who died August 5, 2026.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on September 21st, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
R8722 9/28/26, 10/5/26

29D01-2609-ES-000426
STEPHEN W. COOK
Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Fred A. Farley was on the 23rd day of September, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Wayne A. Farley, deceased, who died on the September 16, 2026.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 23rd day of September, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
Stephen W. Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
R8730 9/28/26, 10/5/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-010956
IN RE THE NAME OF:)
SAMANTHA NICOLE CHIPREAN)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that Samantha Nicole Chiprean has filed a Petition in this proceeding for the change of her name to Samantha Nicole Digrean.
A Hearing will be held in Hamilton Circuit Court on January 5, 2027, at 8:30 am.
Dated this September 16, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton Circuit Court
S. Matthew Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317) 773-5522
R8688 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL GUIDOS
In the Hamilton Superior Court No 3
Cause No. 29D03-2607-EU-000291
Notice is hereby given that on August 12, 2026, J. Claire Emswiller was appointed as Special Administratrix/Personal Representative of the Estate of John Michael Guidos, deceased.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this September 18, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 3
R8717 9/28/26, 10/5/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-010964
IN RE THE NAME OF:)
IAN LEE KENDIG)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that Ian Lee Kendig has filed a Petition in this proceeding for the change of his name to Ian Lee Digrean.
A Hearing will be held in Hamilton Circuit Court on January 5, 2027, at 8:30 am.
Dated this September 16, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton Circuit Court
S. Matthew Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317) 773-5522
R8687 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

29D02-2609-EU-000410
Peter P. Ten Eyck, Esq.
Hackerman Hulett LLP
135 N. Pennsylvania Street, Suite 1610
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2454
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior Court
In the Matter of the Estate of Robert C. Manross, deceased.
Estate Docket 29D02-2609-EU-000410
Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Check-Jones was on September 20, 2026, appointed personal representative of the estate of Robert C. Manross, deceased.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this 21st day of September, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8719 9/28/26, 10/5/26

29D02-2609-EU-000409
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Matter of the Estate of PATRICIA ANN JEFFERS, deceased.
In the Hamilton Superior Court Hamilton County, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that NANCY RASMUSSEN was on the 20th day of September 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of PATRICIA ANN JEFFERS, deceased, who died on September 3, 2026. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, the 23rd day of September, 2026.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R8728 9/28/26, 10/5/26

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— TIPTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CO-V-24-26 Jackson

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 7th day of October 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-24-26: Caleb Jackson, petitioner and owner, requests approval of one (1) development standard variance to reduce the front setback to fifty-six (56) feet from the center of the road.

The property is more fully described as:

PART OF THE WEST HALF (1/2) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION FIVE (5), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-TWO (22) NORTH, RANGE SIX (6) EAST, WILDCAT TOWNSHIP, TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT SIX HUNDRED NINE AND FIVE-TENTHS (609.5) FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID WEST HALF (1/2); THENCE NORTH ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDREDTHS (153.38); THENCE WEST ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO (142) FEET; THENCE SOUTH ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE AND THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDREDTHS (153.38) FEET; THENCE EAST ON HUNDRED FORTY-TWO (142) FEET; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING FIFTY HUNDRETHS (.50) ACRE.

More commonly known as: 5620 N 725 E, Windfall, Indiana 46076

Parcel No.: 80-80-05-200-007.020-010

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

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

R8701 9/25/26, 9/28/26

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CO-V-23-26 McAllister

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 7th day of October 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-23-26: Ryan and Mary McAllister, petitioner and owner, requests one (1) use variance to operate a retail trade establishment in the RR – Rural Residential zoning district.

The property is more fully described as:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 21 North, Range 5 East, described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the South line of Indiana State Highway #28 – 328 feet West of the center line of Section 10, running thence South 70.75 feet, thence West 124 feet to the Northwest corner of Eliza J. Duke’s Second Addition to the Town of Hobbs, Indiana, thence North 70.75 feet to the South line of said State Highway #28, thence East 124 feet along said right-of-way line to the place of beginning, containing 2/10 of an acre, in Tipton County, Indiana.

TOGETHER WITH: an easement agreement by and between MELVIN R. SALLIE and ARLENE K. SALLIE (“Grantor”) and FIVE STAR REALTOR GROUP, LLC (“Grantee”) regarding the use and maintenance of an off-site septic disposal system, the terms of which are set forth in the EASEMENT FOR USE OF SEPTIC SYSTEM AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT recorded on 4 August 2021, as Instrument No. 20212358, in the records of Tipton County, Indiana.

Commonly known as: 3435 East State Road 28, Hobbs, Indiana 46047

Parcel No.: 80-10-10-200-001.010-007

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

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

R8702 9/25/26, 9/28/26

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CO-V-20-26 Bachman

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 7th day of October 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-20-26: Dennis Bachman, petitioner and owner, requests one (1) development standard variance to reduce the required front setback for a residential home from 93 feet to 74 feet from the center of the road in the AG zoning district.

The property is more fully described as:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township ee North, Range 6 East, Madison Township, Tipton County, described as follows: Commencing as the Northwest Corner of said Quarter marked by a Boat Spike; thence N 89 Degrees 17’ 48” E 1157.70’ along the Northline of said Quarter to the center line of McClellan Street; thence S 47 degrees 37’ 56” W 238.67’ along said center line to the point of beginning, marked by a railroad spike; thence S 47 degrees 09’ 39” E 205.91’ along a farm fence to the center line of McClellan Street; thence N 47 degrees 37’ 56” E 312.52’ along said centerline to the point of beginning, containing 1.51 acres, more or less, subject t o highway right-of-way,

Commonly known as: 119 N. Cob Street, Tipton, IN 46072

Parcel No.: 80-08-31-200-006.010-007

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

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

R8703 9/25/26, 9/28/26

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CO-V-22-26 Ille

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 7th day of October 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-22-26: Frank Ille, petitioner, Love’s Travel Stops and Country Stores, Inc., owner, requests approval of one (1) special exception variance to allow four (4) additional parking spaces that would serve as overnight recreational vehicle parking with full utility and sanitary services.

The property is more fully described as:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 21 North, Range 3 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Jefferson Township, Tipton County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 87 degrees 27 minutes 21 seconds West 36.68 feet along the south line of said quarter section to the centerline of U.S. 31; thence North 0 degrees 21 minutes 13 seconds East 115.71 feet along the centerline of said U.S. 31 to the centerline of S.R. 28; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds West 1572.22 feet along the centerline of said S.R. 28; thence North 0 degrees 05 minutes 42 seconds East 30.00 feet to the north boundary of said S.R. 28; thence North 78 degrees 35 minutes 42 seconds West 101.98 feet along said north boundary and the point of beginning of this description; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds West 128.04 feet along said boundary; thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds West 29.96 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 212.23 feet; thence North 63 degrees 42 minutes 07 seconds East 265.91 feet; thence North 15 degrees 40 minutes 44 seconds East 158.95 feet to the west line of the East Half of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds West 1,306.13 feet along the west line of said East Half; thence Northwesternly, Northely, Northeastly, Easterly and Southeasterly 238.96 feet along an arc to the right having a radius of 70.00 feet and subtended by a long chord having a bearing of North 32 degrees 38 minutes 32 seconds East and a length of 138.71 feet; thence North 41 degrees 54 minutes 21 seconds East 32.54 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds East 1,084.04 feet to the western boundary of said U.S. 31; thence South 6 degrees 20 minutes 54 seconds West 269.03feet along said western boundary to the north line of land described in Deed Record 157, page 684 in the Office of the Recorder of Tipton County, Indiana; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 53 seconds West 219.75 feet along the north line of said land to the northwest corner of said land; thence South 0 degrees 21 minutes 05 seconds West along the west line of said land and the west line of land described in Deed Record 164, page 366A to the southwest corner of the land described in Deed Record 164, page 366A; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 14 seconds East 202.69 feet along the south line of said land to the west boundary of said U.S. 31; thence South 5 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds West 69.78 feet along said boundary to the northwestern boundary of the intersection of said U.S.31 and said S.R. 28; thence South 29 degrees 02 minutes 48 seconds West 820.26 feet along the boundary of the intersection of said U.S. 31 and said S.R. 28; thence South 0 degrees 05 minutes 42 seconds West 244.00 feet along said boundary; thence South 64 degrees 02 minutes 29 seconds West 50.09 feet along said boundary to the north boundary od said S.R. 28; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds West 246.00 feet along said north boundary; thence South 81 degrees 57 minutes 54 seconds West 141.42 feet along said boundary; thence North 79 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds West 110.82 feet along said boundary; thence Noeth 89 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds West 550.00 feet along said boundary to the point of beginning, containing 38.170 acres, more or less.

Commonly known as: 1875 Campbell Crossing, Tipton, IN 46072

Parcel No.: 80-12-12-400-012.040-003

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

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

R8704 9/25/26, 9/28/26

— WESTFIELD —

Public Notice

The following will be sold for charges:

18702 CHAD HITTLE DR WESTFIELD on 10/16/2026 @ 2:00PM

- 2016 HONDA 5FNRL544GB097119 \$1,940.00

R8716 9/28/26

Public Notice

Keystone Realty Group (47 S Pennsylvania St, Indianapolis, IN 46204) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with Grand Park Master Plan – Phase 1 located north of E 186th St and west of Grand Park Blvd, Westfield, IN 46074. Run-off from the project site will discharge to Cool Creek. Please direct questions to Tyler Sylvia at 317-547-5580 Ext 2326 or tsylvia@structurepoint.com.

R8727 9/28/26

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

MEETING NOTICE – CANCELLATION

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, October 12, 2026, is canceled.

/s/ *Todd E. Clevenger*
Hamilton County Auditor
8/17/26, 9/28/26

R8475

MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at in Commissioner’s Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session at 1:00 p.m. in Conference room 1A for Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7), and Discussions with Attorney Subject to the Attorney Client Privilege IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(19). Public session to discuss county business will follow the Executive Session at 2 p.m.

R8476

/s/ *Todd E. Clevenger*
Hamilton County Auditor
9/21/26, 9/28/26

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1-1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton East Public Library has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount of \$20,605,000 to fund the proposed construction of a new Library building, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology.

Dated: September 21, 2026

/s/ *Secretary, Board of Trustees*
Hamilton East Public Library
9/21/26, 9/28/26

R8665

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Hamilton County, Indiana (the “County”) that the County Council of the County (the “Council”) will meet in the Commissioner’s Courtroom of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 7:00 p.m. (local time) on October 7, 2026 to conduct a public hearing and consider the appropriation of funds in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000 to be applied on the costs of a water and sewer public improvement project and refinancing the County’s outstanding Redevelopment District Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023, and the incidental expenses in connection therewith. The funds to meet this appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes, if necessary, and general obligation bonds of the County.

The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budgets and levies. Taxpayers of the County appearing at the hearing shall have a right to be heard in respect of this additional appropriation.

Dated This 23rd day of September, 2026.

Hamilton County, Indiana

R8720 9/28/26

— CARMEL —

NOTICE

Board of Public Works and Safety
One Civic Square
City of Carmel, Indiana 46032
Project: 6” Water Main Gray Rd to Hazel Dell
Project # IFB-2026-015

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, will receive sealed bids for the above-described “6” Water Main Gray Rd to Hazel Dell” via the City’s e-Procurement Portal, <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/carmelin>, **until 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 7, 2026** and commencing as soon as practicable thereafter on the same date such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers of City Hall. **No late bids will be accepted.**

All bids and proposals shall be properly and completely executed on the proposal forms provided with the plans and specifications, which will include the non-collusion affidavit as required by the State of Indiana.

A bid bond or certified check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must be submitted with each bid. A one hundred percent (100%) performance and payment bond will also be required of the successful bidder. It is intended that actual construction of all work divisions shall be started as soon as practicable, and each bidder shall be prepared to enter promptly into a construction contract, furnish a performance bond, and begin work without delay in the event the award is made to the bidder.

The Project consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

Directional drilling approximately 2,600 feet of 6 inch water main from Gray Road to the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Hazel Dell, Running along 96th street.

Contract Documents and drawings for the Project can be found in this solicitation and the attachments section.

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.

This Project will be funded by the City of Carmel.

A **Mandatory pre-bid conference** for discussions of the Project, the bidding requirements and other important matters will be held on **Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 8:30 am** at 9609 Hazel Dell Parkway, Carmel, IN 46280. All prospective bidders are invited to attend the pre-bid conference. The pre-bid conference is **Mandatory**.

For accommodations needed by persons with disabilities planning to attend the pre-bid conference or public bid opening meeting, please call or notify the City of Carmel, Utilities, at (317) 571-2400 at latest forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.

No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of sixty (60) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety reserves the right to hold any or all bids or proposals for a period of not more than sixty (60) days and said bids or proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said period. The City of Carmel reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitations when it is not in the best interests of the governmental body as determined by the purchasing agency in accordance with IC 36-1-12.

Contract will be awarded to the lowest and responsive and responsible bidder.

R8674 9/16/26, 9/21/26, 9/23/21, 9/28/21

— FISHERS —

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY AND HIRE AUCTIONEER

In accordance with Ind. Code §§36-1-11-4 and 5-3-1, the Board of School Trustees (the “Board”) of the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation (the “School”) hereby provides NOTICE that it intends to dispose of approximately 16.14 acres of real property located at 0 E 136th Street, Fishers, Indiana 46037, Parcel Identification No.: 13-12-30-00-00-002.101 (the “Property”). The Board hereby further provides NOTICE of its determination on September 23, 2026, to hire Metzger Property Services, LLC, as the School’s auctioneer to dispose of the Property (the “Auctioneer”). The Auctioneer will dispose of the Property by electronic sale. The School will accept bids for the Property through the Auctioneer’s electronic sale, which will begin on September 24, 2026, and continue until October 21, 2026, at 6:00pm (local time). Prospective purchasers shall: (i) accept the Property in “As-Is, Where-Is” condition; (ii) upon selection, be required to immediately wire ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in a non-refundable deposit to the School; (iii) be required to close on the Property within thirty (30) days of Board approval; and (iv) abide by any other conditions as defined by the Auctioneer. The Property may not be sold to a person who is ineligible under IC 36-1-11-16. If the Property is sold to a trust (as defined in IC 30-4-1-1(a)), the following information must be placed in the public record relating to the sale: (A) Each beneficiary of the trust. (B) Each settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust.

Further information regarding the disposition of the Property can be found at <https://www.hseschools.org/community/public-notices>, and at Bidmetzger.com

Dated: September 24, 2026.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

R8700 9/28/26, 10/5/26

— SHERIDAN —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AFFECTED BY ADOPTION AND CONTENT OF RESOLUTION OF THE SHERIDAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Sheridan Redevelopment Commission (the “Commission”), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana (the “Town”) and the Redevelopment District of the Town (the “District”), on September 22, 2026, adopted an amended and restated resolution (the “Amended and Restated Resolution”) to: (i) eliminate the establishment of the Comcast Economic Development Area (the “Comcast EDA”) and the Comcast Fiber Allocation Area (a “designated taxpayer” for purposes of Section 39.3 of the Act for the purposes of capturing and the distribution of certain incremental business personal property taxes commonly referred to as “personal property tax increment”; and (iii) amend and restate the Comcast Plan (the “Restated Plan”). The Commission does not at this time propose to acquire any specific parcel of land or interests within the boundaries of the District pursuant to the Restated Plan. If at any time the Commission proposes to acquire specific parcels of land, the required procedures for amending the Restated Plan under the Act will be followed, including notice by publication to affected property owners and a public hearing.

General descriptions of the Comcast Project Area are included in the Amended and Restated Resolution and the Restated Plan attached to thereto which are available for inspection at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer at Sheridan Town Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069 during normal business hours. Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on October 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., Sheridan, Indiana 46069, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed Restated Plan and the proceedings pertaining thereto.

Following the public hearing, the Commission will determine the public utility and the benefit of the proposed Restated Plan. A copy of this notice has been filed with the agencies, boards and other departments, bodies, and offices of the Town having to do with planning, variances from zoning ordinances, land use, or the issuance of building permits as required by the Act. These agencies and officers shall take notice of the pendency of the hearing and, until the commission confirms, modifies and confirms or rescinds the Amended and Restated Resolution, or the confirmation of the Amended and Restated Resolution is set aside on appeal, may not (1) authorize any construction on property or sewers in the Comcast Project Area, including substantial modifications, rebuilding, conversion, enlargement, additions, and major structural improvements; or (2) take any action regarding the zoning or rezoning of property, or the opening, closing or improvement of streets, alleys or boulevards in the Comcast Project Area. This prohibition shall not prohibit the granting of permits for ordinary maintenance or minor remodeling, or for changes necessary for the continued occupancy of buildings in the Comcast Project Area.

Individuals needing special accommodation to participate in the public hearing are encouraged to contact the office of the Clerk-Treasurer during normal business hours no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting at (317) 758-5293.

Dated This 28th day of September, 2026.

TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

R8721 9/28/26

— SHERIFF SALES —

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

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2310-MF-009587 wherein *The Huntington National Bank was Plaintiff, and Audrey Knuckles as Personal Representative of the Estate of Evelyn Dunwoody a/k/a Evelyn C. Dunwoody a/k/a Evelyn D. Dunwoody a/k/a Evelyn N. Dunwoody Pursuant to Cause No. 29D01-2106-EU-000307, Audrey Ann Knuckles, United States of America Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service, Audrey Knuckles, Fifth Third Bank, NA Successor by Merger to Fifth Third Bank Successor by Merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, was a Defendant*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on **October 29, 2026**, at the hour of 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6 PROCEED WEST 250 FEET IN AND ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 350 FEET PARALLEL TO THE SAID EAST LINE TO A POINT; THENCE EAST 250 FEET PARALLEL TO THE SAID SOUTH LINE TO A POINT ON THE SAID EAST LINE; THENCE SOUTH 350 FEET IN AND ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM A PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST IN CLAY TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, SAID PART BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID HALF QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST (INDIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, EAST ZONE) ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID HALF QUARTER SECTION A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID HALF QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.287 ACRES (12,499 SQUARE FEET) MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS-OF-WAYS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

More commonly known as 3740 W 106th St, Carmel, IN 46032

Parcel No. 29-13-06-000-027.000-018

Township Clay

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

“Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 29D05-2310-MF-009587 in Superior Court of the County of Hamilton, Indiana.”

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

R8697 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

SHERIFF’S SALE NOTICE

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

By virtue of a certified copy of Decree of Foreclosure to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D04-2603-MF-003524, wherein *Millennium Investment Group, LLC is Plaintiff, and Amritsar LLC, Satnam Mattu, and Manjinder Sandhu are the Defendants*, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **29th day of October, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff’s Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, CONTAINING 38.56 ACRES, MORE OR LESS IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

EXCEPT FOR A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, RUN THENCE NORTH 288.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 647.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 288.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 647.50 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 4.277 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AND LEAVING AFTER SAID EXCEPTION, 34.283 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

ALSO EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE:

A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, LOCATED IN NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST; THENCE NORTH 288 FEET ON AND ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE WEST 647.50 FEET PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 296 FEET PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE EAST 647.50 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 296 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 4.4 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

ALSO EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE:

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING 647.50 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST AND ON THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF; THENCE WEST ON AND ALONG AFORESAID SOUTH LINE 45.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 470.00 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 45.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 470.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.486 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PART CONVEYED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO 200400023358 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

Parcel No. 29-07-21-000-029.000-012.

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

All sales are subject to any first and prior liens, taxes and assessments legally levied and assessed thereon. Neither the Sheriff nor the Plaintiff in this case warrants either expressly or impliedly any title, location or legal description of any real estate sold at the sale. Any prospective bidder should obtain their own title evidence before making any bid on any properties subject to this sale.

Date: 9/14/26

R8696 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
19654 Promise Road
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Street Address of Property

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Jared C. Helge
Krieg De Vault, LLP
505 East Washington Blvd.
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802
(260) 422-9454

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

— ARCADIA —

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Arcadia, Indiana, will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Arcadia, 208 West Main Street, PO Box 578, Arcadia, IN 46030-0578 until 4:15 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2026, to provide solid waste, recycling, and yard waste collection services to the Town of Arcadia beginning April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2030. Additionally, bids will be accepted on October 19, 2026, at Arcadia Town Hall, 208 West Main Street, Arcadia, IN, between 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2026.

Copies of specification and applicable bid forms are available in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer at 208 West Main Street, Arcadia, Indiana.

The Arcadia Town Council may award the contract to the bidder who the Council believes will provide the best service to the citizens of Arcadia. While the primary criteria for selection shall be price, the Town reserves the right to also consider the reputation of the bidder for service, and any other relevant criteria. The Council may award the contract at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Bids will be submitted on form (Form 96) and on forms which are included in the specifications. Each bid is to be accompanied by either a bid bond or certified check in the sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid conditioned that such bidder, if successful, will be required to furnish a performance bond for the full amount of such bid and enter into a contract within ten (10) days of acceptance in the form included in the specifications.

The Board reserves the right to reject, with or without cause and regardless of reason, all bids.

Dated the 18th day of September 2026.

Jennifer Pickett
Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Arcadia, Indiana

R8699 9/21/26, 9/28/26

Sertoma Club donates
\$7,500 to Reins of Grace



Photo provided

On Saturday, Sept. 19, Reins of Grace held its annual “Raise the Paddle” fundraiser for its therapeutic riding center in Sheridan. In support of this event, the Sertoma Club of Broad Ripple held a casino night and presented a check for \$7,500 for this ministry. (From left) Sertoma Club member John Wallace, Reins of Grace Executive Director Julie Savitsky, and Sertoma Club member Larry Montag. Learn more at reinsofgrace.com.

CHANGES

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Likewise, the *A Seat at the Table* column—covering our usual Wednesday adventure seeking good Happy Hours—will also have to wait. Again, we enjoyed the heck out of discovering different places to HH, but we have not even given this one much thought lately.

Our attention to world, national, and political events has waned to almost nothing. Turns out, this is probably a good thing. Troubling ourselves about what is happening out there is an unnecessary energy-thief and we need all those energies for what fate has placed before us with this flood recovery. I really don’t miss the insanity. There’s nothing we can do about any of it anyway. It’ll continue without us watching.

My attention to sports has also been affected. I caught most of the Colts’ loss last Sunday, but probably won’t manage to stay awake for their upcoming Sunday night game. My favorite college teams, IU and Notre Dame,

also are subject to what time they are being broadcast. Late games that I used to stay up for are just too difficult to stay up for now. But really, I just don’t care as much.

We are also missing special events, particularly our granddaughter’s wedding in Las Vegas. For months we planned to go out there for the celebration, but all the money it would cost is better used elsewhere and the energy to make the trip is lacking anyway. Still, it’s a heart-breaking change in plans.

Also, no video game playing, online comic reading, walks (too tired), outings, or visits. It’s all been changed—the energies, the caring, the passions.

Dealing with the life-altering effects of this event have sapped us of much of our interests, strengths, and patience. Doing the stuff that once easily brought us happiness is just too hard. We’ll be so glad to get back to our more regular routines.

I’m certain we will—given time.

Heights alumni pack Arcadia

The REPORTER

Approximately 225 people attended the Hamilton Heights Alumni Association’s All-Schools Reunion luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 19.

The silent auction brought in \$1,155 during the luncheon, which goes toward the Alumni Association’s scholarships for Heights students. Each year, two seniors each receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and one senior receives a \$500 scholarship.

Thank you to the local businesses which donated items for the silent auction.

The oldest alumna to attend was Viola Hunter Koker Jones. A Jackson Central graduate from the Class of 1946, she now resides on a farm in Tipton County.

The Class of 1966 had the most members of any class attend. They were the first class to graduate from



Photos provided by Bev Poindexter

(ABOVE) Hamilton Heights’ first graduating class of 1966 had the most members who attended the luncheon together. (BELOW, from left) Bev Hunter Poindexter (Class of ‘68), who serves on the committee and put the Silent Auction together with about \$2,250 in donations; Viola Hunter Koker Jones (Jackson Central Class of ‘46), who at 98 was the oldest person in attendance; and Don Tudor (Class of ‘65), who drove up from Florida. All of them are related.



Hamilton Heights after the consolidation of Jackson Central and Walnut Grove.



Introducing the Blackhawk Nest

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) spent the summer revamping education spaces that will help students learn, grow, and gather together. One of the new additions is the Blackhawk Nest, located directly across from the high school cafeteria. Previously known as the “old swim locker rooms,” it is now a gathering place for students.

This revamped area would not have been possible without the generosity



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

(ABOVE) The Nest serves as a flexible space where students can hold club meetings, grab a bite, or get together to study. (BELOW, from left) Sheridan School Board member John Hunt, Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy, and Biddle Memorial Foundation President Brian Myers.



ty and partnership of Brian Myers and the Biddle Memorial Foundation. Their support helped make numerous opportunities and improvements possible throughout all of SCS. The foundation, established in 2001, was created through the generosity of local businessman and philanthropist, Ken Biddle.

Brian Myers, current president of the Biddle Memorial Foundation, said, “We love providing opportunities to the school and its kids who attend. Whether SYAP, athletics, scholarships, or unique programs like this!”

Approximately four years ago, the idea of a gathering place began forming. Early discussions identified what these collaboration spaces might look like in the future. Today, the Blackhawk Nest is providing a central, flexible location. Students can use it to meet with clubs or groups, eat breakfast, or just to study.

Starting mid-October,



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