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Give it 20 years and you'll see these junior journalists on TV

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In celebration of World News Day on Sept. 28, students at The Goddard School became "junior journalists," putting their natural curiosity and question-asking skills into action.

At The Goddard School of Westfield in particular, students took part in a "Breaking News Photo Booth" activity and a "Kindness Caught on Camera" display, reporting on what they caught using a news anchor set and microphones.

As part of a nationwide celebration across nearly 700 Goddard Schools, students explored the importance of journalism through questions and hands-on activities.

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Photo provided by The Goddard School of Westfield

You know where I am going . . .

\$1.33 Remember that number. They thought it could never happen. But it did.

So, a referendum didn't pass in the Ohio school district where my friend Kim taught. Now there is no bus transportation. NONE.

Did you know that in Indiana, schools aren't required to provide bus transportation? School activities and programs once taken for granted no longer exist. Her district drew top teachers. That no longer happens. Students who struggled are now struggling even more. Class sizes are larger. There are fewer teachers. It's sad. If only . . .

It could happen here.

May 25, 2018. I was sitting with my mother in her room at Riverview Hospital when calls and texts started coming in on my phone. I had two grandchildren in the Noblesville Schools. An "incident" at Noblesville West sent the town into a frenzy. This wasn't supposed to happen in our town, but it did. A heroic teacher and a young girl were nearly killed. Soon after, law enforcement officers were assigned to each school. The LEOs aren't just there for safety. They get to know the students and often notice changes in behavior. The blue line protects our students physically, mentally, and emotionally.

The LEOs could be forced out if . . . well, you know where I'm going.

Mental health issues are rampant among teenagers in every community, including ours. We have well-trained counselors in the Noblesville School System who recognize when help is needed and know how to take action. Programs have been put in place. If you are the parent of a child who struggles with their mental health, then you know the value of these counselors and the programs they have established.

What happens if . . . well, you know where I'm going.

Perhaps you've never had a child or grandchild who struggled with a learning challenge. You don't know what it's like to see them struggle to keep up. You don't understand the value of them having a teacher who goes out of their way to help.

Increase the class size and, well . . . you know where I'm going.

When the Indiana State Legislature passed SEA 1, they struck a blow to public education that has caused so much harm to public schools that the repercussions will be felt for years. Shame on every legislator and state official who voted for this. But they are sure proud of the stockpile of money the state has in its coffers.



COLUMNIST

JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

Hamilton County Historical Society to showcase "A Salute to Veterans"

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Historical Society will host "A Salute to Veterans." Beginning Oct. 9 and running through Nov. 14, the History Museum will showcase military uniforms from our nation's 250 years.

Hamilton County veterans have served in our nation's military dating back to the Revolutionary War. "A Salute to Veterans" will display uniforms worn or owned by Hamilton County residents from the county's earliest days to modern times. The uniforms are presented in conjunction with the Clay Township Military Library and Museum in Carmel and other generous veterans throughout the county.

The Hamilton County Historical Society Museum in Noblesville is free for tours and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. It will also be open at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

For more information, visit hamiltoncoinhs.com.

Did the Devil make her do it?

What Salem has to say about witchcraft and love

By WYNNE BRUBAKER
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How far are you willing to go for the one you love? There might be nowhere better to explore the question than Salem in 1692. Main Street Productions (MSP) will bring Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* to the Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield, from Oct. 8 to 18. John Proctor's struggle to maintain integrity during the Salem witch trials takes center stage in a story so captivating, it might bewitch you.

MSP Director Brent Wooldridge spoke to The Reporter about bringing the story to life.

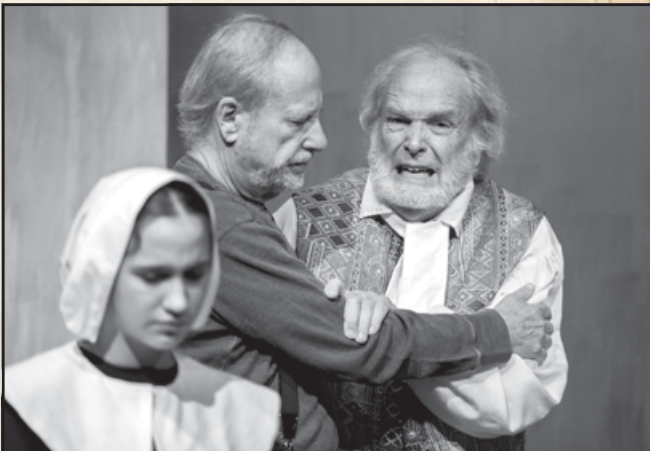
"The story focuses on John Proctor and his wife Elizabeth Proctor," Wooldridge said. "John Proctor had an affair [with Abigail Williams], but he had stopped it because he was madly in love with his wife. Abigail was hoping to win him back, and what better way to win him back than to accuse his wife of being a witch to get her out of the picture?"

MSP's play features Duane Mercier as Judge Danforth, which adds more depth to the role because Mercier also played Judge Danforth in high school 40 years ago.

"He brings life experiences," Wooldridge said. "An actor that's in high school doesn't have those life experiences that he can draw from as opposed to somebody that's pushing 70, that's done a lot of theater and has developed his craft. He's been able to bring a lot of depth and nuance to his character."

Wooldridge's emphasis on the actors' understanding of their characters brings authenticity to the performance while fostering a tight-knit community among the cast.

"From the get-go, the cast has really bonded," Wooldridge said. "They've worked really hard, and they've helped each other. Early on in the rehearsal process,



Photos by Zach Dobson Photography

Every character in this play told The Reporter they believe in witchcraft. Some of them do not believe the particular accusations of witchcraft.

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Go Purple with Prevail!

During October, The Reporter is recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month by Going Purple with Prevail, Inc. As a Hamilton County-based nonprofit, Prevail advocates for victims of crime and abuse. Everyone is invited to take part in the "Go Purple" campaign by wearing purple and letting victims know they aren't alone. Learn how you can Go Purple with Prevail at prevailinc.org.

Tipton Community School Corporation's Kimberly Fague named 2026 ISBA Region 5 Outstanding School Board Member

Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.

Kimberly Fague, secretary of the Tipton Community School Corporation (TCSC) Board of School Trustees, has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA) Region 5 Outstanding School Board Member Award, recognizing her exceptional leadership and dedication to students, staff, and the Tipton community.

The regional Outstanding Board Service Award honors school board members from across Indiana each year who have demonstrated above-and-beyond service to their school corporation and community. The regional award winners are recognized

at the annual ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

Throughout her tenure on the board, Fague has distinguished herself through thoughtful leadership, attention to detail, and a commitment to transparency.

"Kim exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding school board member," TCSC Board President Robert Cochrane II said. "She approaches every decision with integrity, preparation, and a genuine desire to do what is best for students. Her leadership has strengthened our board, enhanced communication

with our community, and helped ensure that Tipton schools remain focused on excellence."

One of Fague's most impactful contributions has been her work to improve communication between the school board and the community. Recognizing that many residents could not attend meetings or review lengthy minutes, she initiated the creation of concise board meeting summaries that provide clear, accessible updates on key discussions and decisions. The initiative has helped keep parents, staff, and community members informed while strengthen-

ing public trust in the board's work. She also developed a comprehensive community calendar that brings together school events and activities hosted by local organizations.

Beyond attending meetings, Fague is widely recognized as a visible and engaged supporter of TCSC. She regularly attends athletic competitions, student performances, academic ceremonies, and community events. As the elected representative for Madison Township, she works diligently to listen to constituents and ensure their perspectives are thoughtfully considered in board discussions and decisions.

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The Graveyard stompers are ready for Rocktober! Are you?

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Every October, look around and you’re sure to find corn mazes, haunted houses, and costume parties, but did you know that you can also experience the thrilling Halloween band, The Graveyard Stompers? This unique group, featuring multiple lead vocalists and live brass, will tour the area starting tonight, Oct. 2, at The Kokomo Band Shell and wrapping up on Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Indiana University Tailgate Party in Bloomington.

The rest of the month you can find them haunting venues and parties in Tipton, Columbus, and Indianapolis. Their current schedule includes:

- **Oct. 9:** Old Oakland Golf Club, 11611 E. 75th St., Indianapolis. 5 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. show. \$25 tickets; reservations required.
- **Oct. 10:** Halloween Bash, Downtown Tipton. 6 p.m.
- **Oct. 17:** TBD
- **Oct. 23:** Cozy Lounge, 3870 25th St., Columbus, Ind. 9 p.m. \$5 cover charge.
- **Oct. 24:** Antelope Club, 615 N. Delaware St., India-

napolis. 6:30 p.m.

- **Oct. 30:** The Coterie, 107 W. Sycamore St., Kokomo. Doors open at 8 p.m., 9 p.m. show. \$5 cover charge.
- **Oct. 31:** IU Football tailgate. Time TBA.

Dressed to the nines, and playing your favorite Halloween tunes, spine-tingling originals, and thematic classic rock, The Graveyard Stompers will definitely get you in the spirit! Be sure to catch them this Halloween season.

Reach out to them at Facebook.com/graveyard-stompers ... if you dare!

Photo provided by Prevail, Inc.
Prevail's staff is leading the way by going purple at the beginning of the month.

What ‘Go Purple with Prevail’ is all about

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to recognize the devastating impact domestic violence has on individuals, families, and communities. It is time to remind ourselves that this is not someone else’s problem, we are impacted right here in Hamilton County.

In Indiana, more than 42 percent of women experience physical violence, sexual violence, or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime, while funding in Indiana has declined by \$6 million this year. Those numbers only tell part of the story. Last year, we served over 3,268 unique individuals at Prevail. We see every day how domestic violence can affect a person’s safety, housing, financial stability,

children, work, and sense of self. These are difficult numbers to read. But behind every statistic is a person, your neighbor, a co-worker, a friend, a family member, a parent, or perhaps someone we know and care about deeply. That is why community awareness matters so much. Domestic violence often thrives in silence and isolation. Awareness helps us recognize the signs and helps us understand that a survivor may not be ready or able to simply “leave.” It reminds us to listen without judgment, to believe survivors, and to know where to turn when someone needs help. Sometimes, a safe conversation with a trusted person can be the first step toward getting connected to support.

Every one of us has a role to play in creating a community where domestic violence is recognized, taken seriously, and met with support rather than silence. We can learn more. We can challenge the myths and attitudes that allow abuse to continue. Most importantly, we can be the person who responds with compassion when someone we know reaches out.

This October, I invite our community to Go Purple with Prevail. Wear purple. Turn your business, organization, or home purple. Share information. Start a conversation. Let survivors know they are seen and that our community cares. Together, let’s build a safer and strong community for Hamilton County Residents.

Tami Wanninger is the Executive Director of Prevail, Inc. You can learn more at prevailinc.org.

GUEST COLUMNIST



TAMI WANNINGER
Prevail, Inc.

Overholser presented with Sagamore of the Wabash

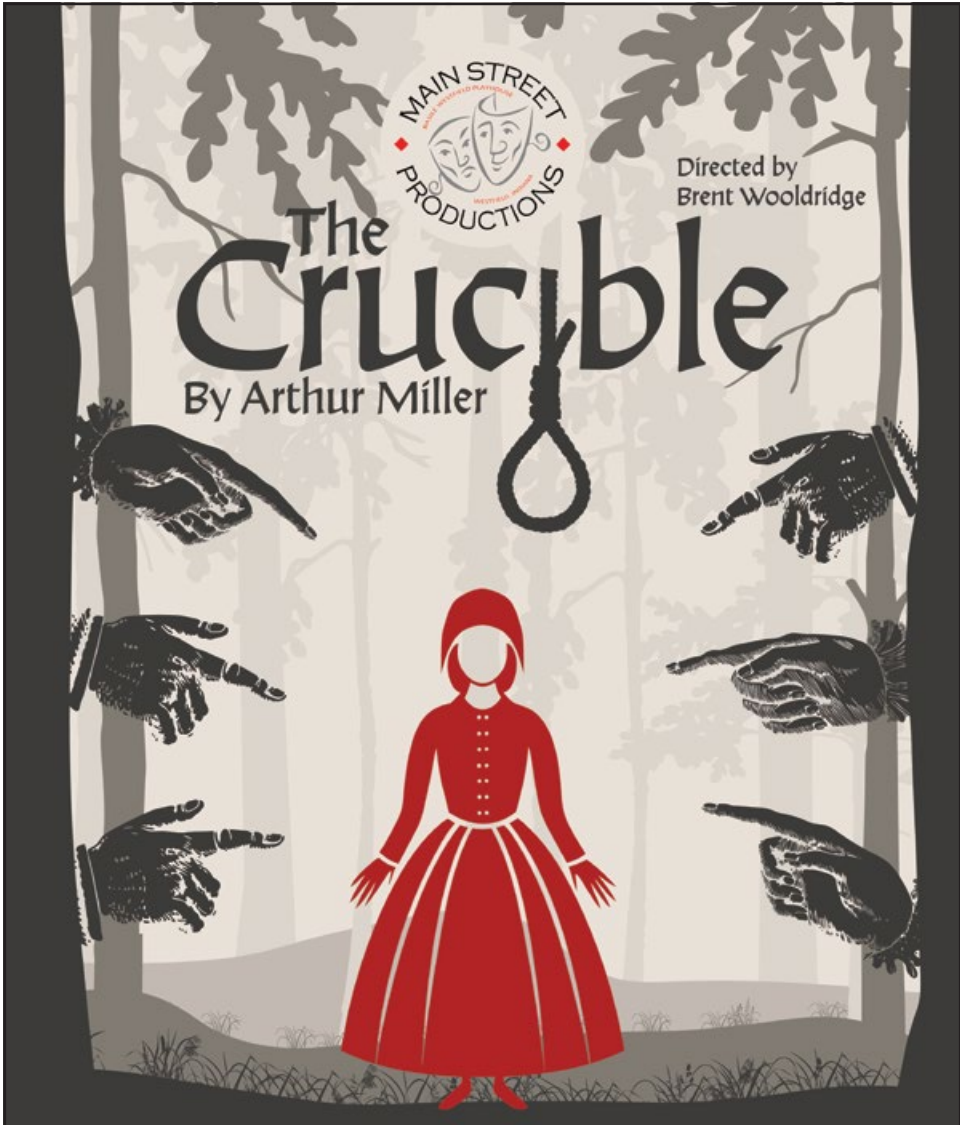
Photos provided by Cicero Fire Department
On Sept. 20, retired Cicero Fire Chief Lance Overholser was presented with the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award during Cicero Friends of the Park’s annual Spaghetti Dinner for police, fire, and EMS workers. Throughout his career, he dedicated countless hours to training, teaching, mentoring, and developing firefighters and EMS professionals across the nation. He served as Cicero’s Fire Chief from 2016 until his retirement at the end of 2025. Congratulations, sir!



Directed by Brent Wooldridge

The Crucible

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A notable example of her initiative and resourcefulness was the restoration of the swimming and diving record boards in the Tipton Community Schools Aquatic Center. She helped complete the project at a fraction of the anticipated cost while honoring generations of student-athletes and preserving an important part of the district's history. Her efforts demonstrated both fiscal responsibility and a commitment to recognizing student achievement.

Colleagues describe Fague as a servant leader who consistently volunteers wherever help is needed. She is admired for bringing energy, creativity, and compassion to everything she does.

“What sets Kim apart is she understands that effective school board service is about more than policy and governance,” Superintendent Scott Jaworski said. “It is about building relationships and strengthening the connection between schools and the community. She is well-serving on this honor.”

The selection of Kimberly Fague as the 2026 ISBA Region 5 Outstanding School Board Member reflects her lasting contributions to TCSC. Through her leadership, volunteerism, and dedication to community engagement, she embodies the highest ideals of public service.

YOU KNOW

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Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

At the same time, public schools suffer and have to ... well, you know where I'm going.

Last week I told you I would go ten fingertips down and be willing to die on a hill. Now you know the name of that hill: Referendum. Noblesville Schools has my heart. I stand with every teacher who goes above and beyond their call of duty. We have attracted and hired the cream of the teaching crop.

To the teachers in Noblesville Schools ... I see you. I'm sorry you have been disrespected and dissed. I'm sorry you are tossing and turning at night, worrying about whether you will have a job and whether your students will lose out as well. Without strong schools, we all lose.

Our administration is truly doing their due diligence. They can only budget the money available. They can't take from Peter to pay Paul if Peter doesn't exist. The state legislature made sure of that.

Our Noblesville School Board has worked diligently to do everything needed to make our school system the best it can be. They spend hours going over numbers and making adjustments. They have been willing to meet with groups and individuals over the past few months. Kudos to them. They have worked overtime for our students and teachers.

My family has three generations of Noblesville High School graduates. I know our community's strength lies in our schools. Do you know how many families are three-generation graduates of Noblesville Schools? People want to raise their families in a strong school system, and many stay here.

The STEM program at Noblesville High School has allowed students to choose a path of science, technology, engineering, and math as they enter adulthood. My 20-year-old grandson was part of the program. He is now employed by Eli Lilly

Curiosity is at the heart of both early learning and journalism. For young children, asking questions is how they begin to understand the world around them, build confidence and make new discoveries.

That same spirit is central to Goddard's inquiry-based learning approach, Wonder of Learning®, which encourages children to investigate ideas, follow their interests



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Framing a shot, holding a microphone properly, dressing for the camera, conducting interviews . . . as soon as they learn to strike a set, they can take over state news broadcasting.

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Westfield veterans invited to Oct. 21 information meeting

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Westfield-area veterans are invited to an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd., to discuss the possibility of rebuilding an organized veterans’ presence in the community.

The effort has been led by Westfield veteran Dan Kolzow, who has spent the past several months reaching out to local veterans, gathering survey responses and exploring whether there is enough interest to establish a new American Legion presence in Westfield.

Westfield once had both American Legion and VFW posts, but neither organization currently maintains an active post in the city. With Westfield’s continued growth, Kolzow believes it is worth asking whether today’s veterans would support something new.

The emphasis is on a clean slate.

Any new American Legion post would still follow the traditions and structure of the national organiza-

tion, but the goal would not be to simply recreate the stereotypical veterans post of the past. Instead, the hope is to build something welcoming to veterans of all generations, their families, and the broader community.

Representatives of the American Legion are expected to attend the Oct. 21 meeting to explain how a new post is formed, what membership involves and what support is available to a developing organization.

The meeting will also include results from a Westfield-area veterans survey and a brief look at a longer-term vision for a Westfield Veterans Center. A permanent facility remains a future possibility and is not necessary for a veterans’ organization to begin meeting, growing, and serving the community.

Veterans from all branches and eras of service are welcome. Membership in an existing veterans’ organization is not required.

Veterans interested in learning more are encouraged to attend and be part of the conversation.

Braun Administration to hold flood recovery resource event at 4-H Fairgrounds

The REPORTER

Last week, Governor Mike Braun announced the state of Indiana will hold a one-stop shop for three days in Hamilton County to bring disaster recovery resources directly to victims of August’s flood.

The event will take place in the Bicentennial Building at the 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, at these dates and times:

- **Thursday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- **Friday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

“Hoosiers, if you or your family was impacted by August’s devastating storms, be sure you apply for federal assistance before FEMA’s October 25 deadline,” Gov. Braun said. “I have directed resources like the one-stop shops, mobile registration intake centers and pop-up shops to be made available in impacted communities, ensuring all needs of Hoosiers recovering from these storms are met.”

Representatives from both FEMA and the Small Business Administration will be one hand.

Bring a valid state ID if you have one. Transportation services may be available in certain communities. Individuals should contact 211 by calling (866) 211-9966 to get assistance with transportation needs.

To date, more than 5,000 storm impacted Hoosiers have visited in-person sites for assistance, and nearly \$120 million from FEMA has been disbursed to 28,935 applicants. The deadline to apply for FEMA’s Individual Assistance is Oct. 25.

The one-stop shops bring representatives from multiple agencies together to a single location to provide information on available resources and assist Hoosiers in navigating the recovery process. Several services, including the ones listed below, may be completed on-site, helping residents get the support they need more efficiently.

SALEM

I would take about 20 or 25 minutes at every rehearsal to discuss the characters in depth. That helped to bring the cast together and to make them have that sense of community.”

The Reporter spoke to three characters as if we were interviewing them in the middle of the story: John Proctor, played by JB Scoble; Abigail Williams, played by Piper Williams; and Judge Danforth, played by Duane Mercier. Keep reading to discover how they truly felt during the Salem witch trials.

John Proctor

While facing ruthless accusations and suffering under the weight of his guilt, John Proctor told The Reporter when everything went wrong.

“My wife, Elizabeth, got real sick that winter,” Proctor said. “After the birth of our third child, she fell ill. During that time – call it a weak moment while she was ill – I strayed into Abigail’s arms. In other words, I cheated. My wife soon found out. She suspected something was going on between us, and, like a Christian, I confessed my lechery. That was pretty much the blunt end of my relationship with Abigail.”

Although Proctor’s wrongdoing is appalling to any sensible person living in the 1690s, there is no one more distressed by it than Proctor himself.

“I don’t feel like I’m a good man anymore,” Proctor said. “I believe there’s public opinions out there that I might be a good man. I do believe that I could be a better man. This whole situation has caused me to question whether God’s there or not. I’ve changed my life pretty drastically making that choice to pursue the lust and it has definitely changed my opinion of myself in a negative way.”

After Elizabeth discovered the affair, she removed Abigail from the household. The only thing remaining in the Proctor home was a broken marriage. Resentful of Elizabeth for tearing apart her relationship with Proctor, Abigail began to spread rumors of witchcraft.

“I really can’t believe anything Abigail does,” Proctor said. “She’s crazy. She needs to hurt my wife, and essentially steal me from my wife. Her intentions are crazy and murderous. She is a wonderful manipulator, she’s a good pretender, she’s a good liar, she’s young and attractive. She’s a leader among her peers, and it can easily sway her friends.”

The court was not spared from Williams’ fabrications, which left Proctor to defend his wife from the community he called home.

“It doesn’t seem like anyone sees me or sees me raising my hand,” Proctor said. “The judges, the magistrates, they’ve been looking at witchcraft for [so much] time, they’re almost blind to when witchcraft might be fraud. The system is a bit twisted: someone



Photos by Zach Dobson Photography

Basile Westfield Playhouse will take you back to the 1690s when *The Crucible* hits the stage this week. Who is a witch? Who is lying? Found out Oct. 8 to 18.

says someone [else] says there’s witches, so they’ll find witches. Quite frankly, it’s heartbreaking. The fraud that is before this court is, in my eyes, evil. A lot of good people have died without cause, and my heart breaks for those people – my friends, my friends’ wives, my community, my family. It’s heartbreaking.”

The Reporter also spoke with Abigail Williams, who told a very different version of the story.

Abigail Williams

Williams was caught dancing in the woods in the middle of the night with no explanation, but swears it was not witchcraft.

“What happened in the woods was not witchcraft,” Williams told The Reporter. “We were only dancing when Reverend Parris saw us. I became terrified that I would be punished for what we had done, and I knew if I admitted the truth, I would be blamed. So when I began accusing others, I kept telling that story because it was the only way I could protect myself. Once the court believed me, I couldn’t take it back. I had too much to lose.”

Williams’s and Proctor’s rendezvous was meaningful to Williams, who said Elizabeth was the only barrier to their happiness. With the Salem witch trials still escalating, Elizabeth’s removal was only a matter of time.

Williams eventually told The Reporter what really happened in the woods that night. We leave it to our readers to decide if it was witchcraft.

“The truth is, I want Elizabeth Proctor dead because I’m in love with John,” Williams said. “If she were gone, he could be with me. *I did drink chicken blood as part of the charm* because I wanted to see her gone. When Reverend Parris had discovered us, I

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knew I needed to cover that up. [John Proctor] does still have feelings for me, even if he says that things are over. I cannot accept that he would choose her after what we shared together.”

Sometimes, the price of love is paid by many.

“The other girls are afraid because they know what we did in the woods, and they know what would happen if we confess: we would be hanged ourselves,” Williams said. “I made it clear to them that none of them should speak against me, and they know that I will not let them ruin me to save themselves, and they follow my lead because they are frightened about what will happen if they don’t. In the end, it’s what is necessary to be done in order to get what I want.”

Ultimately, Elizabeth’s fate lies in the hands of one person: Judge Danforth.

Judge Danforth

In the face of each difficult decision, Danforth said the only reliable option is to turn to God.

“The holy scriptures declare that witchcraft exists, and the court can’t deny what God has made known,” Danforth told The Reporter. “Our law is based upon the Bible, and the Bible was written by the Almighty God. To dismiss witchcraft would be to dismiss the law upon which Salem and indeed the entire province stands.”

Danforth’s role inherently impacts the future of Salem, which is not a re-

sponsibility Danforth takes lightly.

“As the deputy governor, it is my responsibility to read through the testimony and direct the rest of the staff to come up with a just verdict,” Danforth said. “God put me on the earth for this very purpose, and it is my destiny to uphold God’s law, to protect the innocent, to purge the community of corruption and of the presence of the devil. I can’t allow sympathy, friendship, or fear to interfere with that justice, so I must preserve order even when doing that demands punishment.”

After Williams brought forth Elizabeth’s name, Danforth had no choice but to eliminate the supposed evil.

“Abigail and the other children were all at the same time afflicted and overcome by the devil in various ways,” Danforth said. “The fact that not only Abigail but the other children are also afflicted in the same manner [is incriminating]. We are guided by the divine hand of God, and we must always assume that God is going to lead us into the right decision. I have every confidence that God will guide us to that just judgment.”

To see how the events will play out, *The Crucible* stages from Oct. 8 to 18 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield. Visit BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org/showtickets to purchase tickets.

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Hamilton County Election Board unanimously approves Vote Centers

New model to take effect with 2027 municipal elections

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Election Board voted unanimously on Tuesday, Sept. 29, to transition from traditional precinct-based voting to a countywide Vote Center model beginning with the 2027 Municipal Elections.

Under the new system, Hamilton County voters will no longer be required to cast their ballot at an assigned precinct on Election Day. Instead, they will be able to vote at any designated Vote Center in the county.

Hamilton County currently operates 102 polling sites. Under the approved plan, the county will establish 57 Vote Centers – more than double the 28 locations required by state law based on Hamilton County’s registered voter population.

“This gives voters more flexibility while allowing us to build an election system that can better accommodate Hamilton County’s continued growth,” County Clerk Kathy Kreag Williams said. “Beginning next year, voters can choose the Vote Center that works best for them rather than being tied to one specific location.”

The unanimous vote marks a change from last year, when the proposal fell one vote short of the unanimous approval required. Ray Adler, the Republican appointee to the Election Board, voted against the proposal at that time, saying he wanted to see how Vote Centers worked in Allen County before making such a significant change in Hamilton County.



(From left) Elections Administrator Beth Sheller, and Election Board members Kathy Kreag Williams, Ray Adler, and Greg Purvis hear testimony from a citizen on the vote center proposal.

Photo provided by Hamilton County Government

The public speaks

Leading up to the Election Board’s meeting, the county conducted an online survey to gauge the public’s response to the Vote Center proposal. A total of 323 responses were submitted through Sept. 25.

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	254	78.6%
No	43	13.3%
Maybe	26	8.0%

“I had concerns last year because this is a major change that will affect hundreds of thousands of voters,” Adler said. “We’ve had another year to study the process, learn from other counties, and strengthen our own plan. I’m comfortable that we’re ready to move forward.”

Greg Purvis, the Democratic appointee to the Election Board, supported the proposal last year and again voted in favor of it Tuesday.

“We didn’t all start in the same place on this issue, but we took the time to work through the concerns and get to a plan we

could all support,” Purvis said. “That’s how this process should work. Now we can focus on making sure voters understand the change and are prepared for 2027.”

The change will first be implemented during the 2027 Municipal Elections, giving election officials an opportunity to refine the process before the higher-turnout 2028 Presidential Election.

A key part of the plan is the renewed participation of Hamilton County’s local school districts. Several districts had previously stopped serving as polling locations because of

View from inside the meeting

By RAY ADLER
Election Board Member

Hamilton County becomes the 73rd county to adopt voting centers.

Voting Centers will be primarily in local schools, so there will be a consistent location. Voters can vote at any of the centers, no matter where they live.

Steve Baranyk spoke in favor, specifically citing the ease of finding a voting place, the elimination of voters showing up at the wrong voting location, and not having time to get to the right polling place before it closed. Regarding the choice to put locations at schools, Baranyk said making sure there will be adequate parking and handicapped access are important.

Jennifer Fallis of Westfield, a recent resident, was in favor. She noted it would be easier to find a location to vote, and

that vote centers would encourage more youth to vote.

Lisa Dick represented the League of Women Voters of Hamilton County, opining that the League wanted easy access and secure voting with no possibility of voter fraud. She remarked on the convenience and bringing out the youth vote.

Janet Chandler, a former government teacher, noted that when she had to arrive at work early, it was sometimes difficult to find time to vote.

Before coming to the Election Board, the proposal was unanimously supported by both the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council.

The next meeting of the Election Board will be the public test of voting machines 10 a.m. Oct. 2 at 609 Westfield Road, Noblesville. That location is just between Ace Hardware and Dollar General.

Internships are on the rise at the Shamrock Station



Photo by Antonio Chaptal, Chaptal Photography

The Hamilton County Intern Collaborative (INternHC) held a successful kickoff event on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Shamrock Station in Westfield, bringing together local businesses and engaged high school and college students from across Hamilton County. The event gave students an opportunity to connect with local employers, explore future career opportunities, and begin building relationships within their community. INternHC is a workforce initiative championed by Westfield Washington Township in partnership with Invest Hamilton County and the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. Created to help high school and college students build meaningful connections with peers, local employers, and the community, the initiative offers career-focused programming and place-based experiences designed to encourage emerging talent to live, work, and thrive in Hamilton County long-term. Learn more at visit internhc.com.

Late Harvest Kitchen gives time & space to help fight food insecurity



Reporter photos

Late Harvest Kitchen, 8605 River Crossing Blvd., Indianapolis, was the site of the annual dinner fundraiser for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCHFB), and the restaurant was at capacity on Sunday, Sept. 27. That alone speaks to the Hamilton County heart for service. Chef Nelson and his entire staff donated their time and the haute cuisine meal to raise money to help HCHFB in its ongoing mission to help those in need in Hamilton County. Learn more about Late Harvest Kitchen at lateharvestkitchen.com, and donate your time or money to fight food insecurity at hchfoodbank.org.

Early voting begins Oct. 6

Additional voting locations across the county to open throughout the month

The REPORTER

Early voting for the Nov. 3 General Election begins Tuesday, Oct. 6, giving registered voters several weeks and multiple locations to cast their ballots before Election Day.

Early voting will begin at the Hamilton County Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, and the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

Eight additional early voting locations in Carmel, Fishers, and Westfield will open Wednesday, Oct. 21. Locations in Sheridan and Cicero will open Wednesday, Oct. 28.

“Early voting gives residents more flexibility to cast their ballot when it works best for their schedule,” Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Kreag Williams said. “With locations throughout the county and weekday, evening, and Saturday hours available, we hope voters will take advantage of the option that is most convenient for them.”

Any registered Hamilton County voter who otherwise meets the requirements to vote may vote early in person. No application or reason is required.

Voters should bring an acceptable photo ID. They can also check who is on

their ballot and their voter registration status before heading to the polls at IndianaVoters.in.gov or by

calling the Hamilton County Voter Registration Office at (317) 776-9632.

Early voting locations include:

- Hamilton County Judicial Center, Noblesville
- Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Noblesville
- Westfield City Hall
- Cool Creek Nature Center, Westfield
- Westfield Washington Township Building
- Roy G. Holland Memorial Park Building, Fishers
- Billerica Park Building, Fishers
- Wilfong Pavilion at Founders Park, Carmel
- Jill Perelman Pavilion, Carmel
- Carmel Clay Public Library
- Sheridan Public Library
- Cicero Public Library

The Judicial Center and Fairgrounds will offer early voting beginning Oct. 6, while satellite locations will open later in the month. Hours vary by location and date.

For a complete list of early voting locations, dates, and hours, go to hamilton-county.in.gov/219/Election-Office.

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Carmel Rotarians celebrates city’s 50th birthday with ice cream social

By DUBBIE BUCKER
Carmel Rotary Club V.P.

Carmel Rotarians were out in full force volunteering to present a free, fun-filled ice cream social for residents on Sept. 18 at Carmel Civic Plaza.

City Councilors Matt Snyder and Rich Taylor, also Carmel Rotarians, helped organize and present the public celebration. Fellow Rotarian Mayor Sue Finkam enjoyed visiting with many of the people who attended.

While Carmel began as a settlement named Bethlehem in the early 1800s, the event celebrated Carmel becoming a city in 1976. The fun evening included two free concerts by Blair Clark & Fun Factor Band and the Cool City Band, a Hula Hoop contest, free Bub’s burgers and ice cream, a VIP tent catered by Fork & Ale, a display by the Clay Township Military Library & Museum, two free photo booths, photos with the giant CarmelFest Eagle, opportunities for the public to visit City Hall Council Chambers and for kids of all ages to sit inside a Carmel Fire Department ladder truck, and a pleasant rain-free evening of socializing with fellow Carmel citizens.

Sponsors included the Camel City Council, Rotary Club of Carmel, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, DLZ, Artist Development Company, The Signature Group, MEG & Associates, among others.

The final event celebrating the city’s 50th birthday will be held Nov. 12 at the Carmel-Clay Public Library.



Photos provided by Rotary Club of Carmel
(TOP) A 1976 VW Bus served as a free photo booth. (ABOVE LEFT) Kids enjoyed the hula hoop contest. (ABOVE RIGHT) Some of the many Rotarians who planned and worked tirelessly to present the public Ice Cream Social.

That event will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Indiana Pacers becoming an NBA team and will feature all living Carmel mayors, legendary Pacers including Chris Dinari, Rick Fuson, Eddie Gill, and Sarah Baird, and will honor the Simon family.

About the Rotary Club of Carmel
The Rotary Club of Carmel, founded in 1972, regularly contributes to local community projects including the Merciful H.E.L.P. Center, Crooked Creek Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels,



Carmel Summer Lunch Program, Trinity Free Clinic, and many others.

Carmel Rotary’s youth outreach include its Leadership Connection, a leadership development and scholarship program for Carmel area high school students;

Interact, a Rotary-sponsored service club for youth ages 12-18; and the Carmel High School Youth Exchange Program, sponsoring foreign exchange students and students studying abroad.

Carmel Rotary proudly presents the annual Carmel-Fest 4th of July parade and celebration and is involved in global service projects focused on Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water and Sanitation; Maternal and Child Health; Basic Education and Literacy; Economic and Community Development; and the eradication of polio.

For more information, visit carmelrotary.com.

Westfield’s Final Bulk Trash Day of 2026 scheduled for Oct. 10

The REPORTER

Residents of both the City of Westfield and Westfield Washington Township may dispose of items that cannot be included in their weekly garbage or recycling pick-up at Bulk Trash Day from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Westfield City Services, 2728 E. 171st St.

Proof of Westfield residency, such as a stormwater bill or driver’s license, is required to participate.

Most accepted items can be disposed of free of charge. A small fee will be applied to certain items,

such as tires, computers, monitors, and televisions, which can be paid day-of (cash only; credit cards will not be accepted).

Hazardous waste, such as paint and chemicals, will not be accepted. Residents may dispose of hazardous waste items at the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Center and General Recycling Area, 1717 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

To view the full list of accepted and non-accepted items, or to see details on which items require an additional fee, please visit westfieldin.gov/bulktrashday.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Arts in Autumn returns to Carmel Midtown Plaza

Submitted by City of Carmel

Crisp fall air, vibrant art, and free family fun is taking over Midtown Plaza.

The City of Carmel announces the return of the beloved Arts in Autumn celebration from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, bringing a creative energy to the heart of the city.

Designed for all ages, this year’s festival features hands-on craft stations, a lineup of local artisan and community vendors, interactive activities, and a showing of the movie Encanto on the Midtown screen.

Attendees will also enjoy the “Touch-a-Truck” event. See vehicles from the Carmel Fire, Police and Street departments up close.

Featured vendors & partners
Stroll through Midtown Plaza to shop, create and connect with a lineup of local makers and community favorites:

- All the Little Things, Co.
- Artist Ana Escalante
- Busybee Headbands
- Carmel Fire Department
- Carmel Police Department
- Carmel Street Department
- Cool Creek Family Health
- Fabulously Fun Company
- Get Local Books truck
- Newfields
- Renewal by Andersen

Thank you to Allied Solutions for the continued support of Arts in Autumn.

Carmel Clay Parks & Rec receives 2026 National Gold Medal Award

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) was recently awarded the 2026 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management.

The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), announced the six national winners at the 2026 NRPA Annual Conference in Philadelphia on Sept. 30. The award marks CCPR’s third Gold Medal win, making it the first three-time winner in Indiana history, with only 4 other park agencies in Indiana having won the award.

The Gold Medal Award is the highest honor for a park and recreation system. Agencies are evaluated on long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program, and professional development. CCPR first received the Class III Gold Medal Award for parks serving populations of 75,001 to 150,000 in 2014, and again in 2020. Following a mandatory six-year-sit-out period, 2026 marked the first year CCPR was once again eligible for the award. The award comes just as CCPR celebrated its 35th anniversary in August.

“Receiving the Gold Medal for a third time is an incredible honor for Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation and our entire communi-



Photo provided by CCPR

ty,” CCPR Director and CEO Michael Klitzing said. “This recognition reflects the dedication of our staff, the leadership of our Park Board and elected officials, and the continued support of the residents we serve. We are proud of how our park system has continued to evolve over its 35-year history while staying focused on creating exceptional experiences for our community.”

CCPR welcomes more than six million annual visits to its parks, trails, and facilities, creating meaningful experiences for community members and visitors alike. With a strong focus on inclusion and accessibility, CCPR’s playgrounds and adaptive programs provide opportunities for everyone to play and participate, while more than 2,800 recreation, fitness, and summer camp programs offered each year serve people of all ages, abilities, and interests.

At the center of CCPR’s focus is environmental leadership, demonstrated

by its involvement in the White River Vision Plan, a multi-jurisdictional effort to restore habitats, improve water quality, and connect communities. Additional programs, including the Park Resource Officers (PROs) program and Extended School Enrichment (ESE), demonstrate CCPR’s commitment to community safety and well-being. In partnership with the Carmel Police Department, the PROs program enhances safety throughout CCPR parks and facilities while building positive relationships with visitors. Additionally, ESE serves more than 2,000 students annually, providing safe, enriching before- and after-school care for Carmel Clay families.

CCPR will celebrate the award with a banner unveiling at the Monon Community Center at a later date and time to be announced.

For more information on the Gold Medal Awards, visit nrpa.org/goldmedal or aapra.org.

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More evidence of top-notch education in the county . . .

Westfield’s ILEARN results rank among Indiana’s top districts

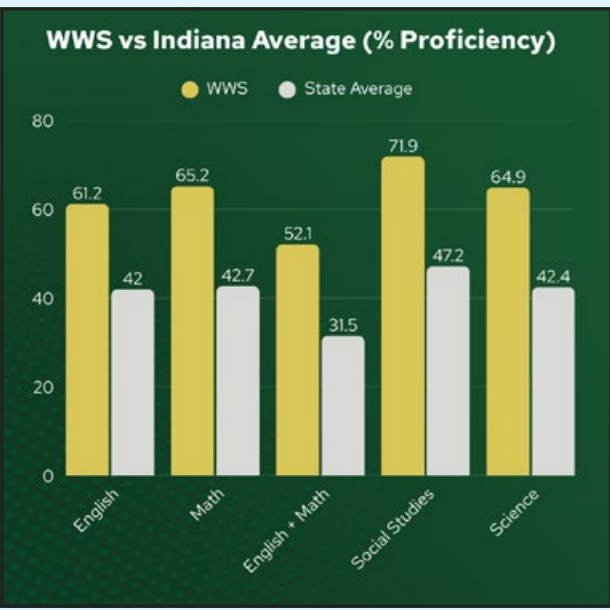
Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

ILEARN results are in, and Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) students continue to demonstrate strong academic achievement, with proficiency rates well above Indiana averages across each reported subject area.

WWS proficiency rates compared with statewide results include:

- Social Studies: 71.9 percent proficient, compared with 47.2 percent statewide
- Math: 65.2 percent, compared with 42.7 percent statewide
- Science: 64.9 percent, compared with 42.4 percent statewide
- English Language Arts: 61.2 percent, compared with 42 percent statewide
- English Language Arts & Math: 52.1 percent, compared with 31.5 percent statewide

WWS also ranks among Indiana’s top school districts. In every area, Shamrocks were in the top 6 percent out of



Graphic provided by Westfield Washington Schools

393 school districts reporting statewide:

- Science: No. 8
- Math: No. 15
- English Language Arts and Math: No. 16
- Social Studies: No. 16
- English Language Arts: No. 23

When ILEARN results are filtered to show only the 294 traditional public schools, WWS ranks:

- No. 19 in Indiana for English Language Arts

- No. 13 in Math
- No. 14 in English Language Arts and Math
- No. 5 in Science
- No. 11 in Social Studies

Results like these reflect the work happening in classrooms across the district every day. Thank you to all the students for their hard work, the educators for their dedication, and to local families and the community for their continued support.

HSE students continue strong academic performance on ILEARN

Submitted by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools students continue to demonstrate strong academic performance, scoring well above state averages across all assessed areas on the 2025-26 ILEARN assessment.

According to data released by the Indiana Department of Education, HSE posted 68.1 percent in math and 66.4 percent in English/Language Arts (ELA) for grades 3 to 8, compared with statewide averages of 42.7 percent and 42.0 percent, respectively. HSE students scored more than 24 percentage points above the state overall in both subjects, with differences ranging from 21 to 30 percentage points across individual grade levels and subjects.

The results reflect the work of students, teachers, support staff, and families across the district.

“We are proud of our students as well as the teachers and staff who



support them every day,” Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. “These results show a high level of learning happening in classrooms across HSE Schools. They also give us important information about where our students are doing well and where we can continue to grow.”

This year’s results come as Indiana implemented a redesigned ILEARN assessment aligned with the state’s streamlined academic standards. The results from the assessment establish a new baseline for student performance, which means this year’s scores should not be compared with results from previous years.

Last year, the state moved ILEARN to a through-year model, giving educators more opportunities to see how students are progressing

throughout the school year. Students in grades 3 to 8 now complete three checkpoint assessments before taking a shortened summative assessment in the spring.

For HSE teachers, that means having information earlier, allowing for instruction to be adjusted, and additional support to be provided as needed.

The spring summative assessment provides a final measure of student mastery of Indiana Academic Standards and is also used as part of the state’s school accountability system.

While the assessment has changed, HSE’s focus remains the same: providing strong instruction, responding to learners’ needs, and ensuring every student can succeed. An overview of the ILEARN results will be shared at the Oct. 14 board meeting.

Noblesville Schools details potential cuts, school closure if referendum is not continued

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Noblesville Schools announced significant reductions to staff, academics, programs, and services if the continuation of the operating referendum is not approved by voters on Nov. 3.

Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile shared the update as part of his annual Noblesville Chamber of Commerce State of the Schools presentation.

You can watch the presentation on YouTube at tinyurl.com/NoblesvilleSOTS2026.

Unlike neighboring school districts, Noblesville Schools’ current referendum funding is expiring at the end of 2026.

“We’ve been sharing for several months now that if the current referendum is not continued by voters that we’ll need to make significant reductions,” Hile said. “While no official decisions have been made yet, I hope these examples will give a sense of what we mean when we say that this funding is critical to our operating budget and that its loss would set our schools back 16 years.”

Hile shared that over the past few months district leaders and principals have considered how the district would need to adjust to a 20 percent reduction in the annual operating budget. As a result of those discussions, he noted the following examples of staff, programs and services that would be most at risk should referendum funding not continue.

- Staffing cuts**
- Approximately 20 percent staffing cuts across employee groups. For

example, this would be a potential reduction of 145 teachers, 45 instructional assistants, 24 bus drivers, 24 maintenance/custodial staff, 13 secretaries and district support staff, 12 school and district leaders, etc.

Academic, career & extracurricular programs

- Reduce or eliminate STEM and career courses like engineering, biomedical, robotics, construction, journalism, manufacturing, business, finance, criminal justice, culinary, welding, nursing, and emergency medical technician
- Reduce or eliminate workforce development student professional certifications, internship programs and resources
- Reduce or eliminate high-ability and special education staff and programming
- Reduce or eliminate librarians, literacy, and media center programs
- Reduce or eliminate elementary specials (art, music, physical education, STEAM, library)
- Reduce or eliminate athletic programs, staff, and services
- Reduce or eliminate band, choir, orchestra, music, theatre and performing arts classes, programs, staff, and services
- Reduce or eliminate elective class options not required by state law (for example foreign language, art, family consumer science, wellness)



Hile

create walk zones

- Reduce or eliminate social workers and counselors who support suicide and bullying prevention, low-income students, and student mental health needs
- Reduce or eliminate deans and staff who manage student misbehavior
- Reduce or eliminate student mentoring

Leadership & structure

- Close an elementary school building, redistricting students from all elementary schools to balance the school closure
- Increased class sizes across all grades K-12, with an estimated 25 percent increase in elementary class sizes (resulting in an average of about 30 students per class)

- Significant changes to school day structure and daily schedules at all academic levels
- Reduce or eliminate academic and special education instructional leaders

“I realize it may feel scary to talk about these things, especially the possibility of a school closing, but these are the types of hard decisions that a funding loss of this magnitude would require us to consider,” Hile said.

Hile also shared that the district could face a mass departure of families and educators should the referendum fail, particularly if

Student care & support

- Reduce or eliminate school resource officers and crisis/threat management resources

- Reduce or eliminate bus services/routes and

neighboring districts pass their referendums and have funding for academic programs, school safety and higher teacher salaries.

“Ultimately, we will respect whatever decision Noblesville voters make,” Hile said. “I just want to be very clear what a yes vote means and what a no vote means. Our schools belong to our community and there should be no surprises for the public.”

The community has approved referendum funding for Noblesville Schools since 2010 and it currently provides approximately \$25 million per year for the district, which is about 20 percent of their operating budget.

For the average Noblesville home valued at \$350,000, the proposal to continue funding would mean an annual increase of approximately \$1.88 more a month than what residents are paying currently.

“Voters will see legally required ballot language that shows a \$955 increase but that’s not accurate as residents have already been paying a portion of these costs for the existing referendum,” Hile said. “The ballot does not take into account that the current referendum is expiring and that the maximum rate noted on the ballot is not expected to be used.”

Hile concluded, “A lot is at stake with this vote and there has been a great deal of misinformation circulating online. I hope residents will reach out to me with any questions. My email is dan_hile@nobl.k12.in.us and my phone number is (317) 773-3171.”

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Noblesville Boom partners with two local school districts

Submitted

The Noblesville Boom, the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, announced on Thursday, Oct. 1, a new community partnership with Noblesville Schools and Westfield Washington Schools, strengthening the organization’s commitment to education, youth development, and community engagement throughout Hamilton County.

During the 2026-27 season, the Boom will provide educational programming and unique game-day experiences to students, educators, and families across the two school districts. Partnership elements will include dedicated school-themed nights, special ticket packages, exclusive co-branded merchandise, player appearances and autograph sessions, a Court of Dreams experience, STEM-focused educational programming, and opportunities for students to participate in pregame and halftime performances during Boom home games throughout the season.

“Our goal is to be more than a basketball team and to serve as a meaningful community partner throughout Hamilton County,” said Chris Defendis, president of business operations for the Noblesville Boom. “Sports shape kids well beyond what happens on the court, teaching lessons about teamwork, discipline, and resilience that stay with them for life. These partnerships allow us to connect directly with students, educators, and families and to use the game of basketball to inspire learning and create experiences they’ll remember. We’re excited to work alongside two outstanding school districts to make a difference for the young people in our community.”

Noblesville Schools Su-

perintendent Dr. Dan Hile and Westfield Washington Schools Superintendent Dr. John Atha both lauded the partnership and the opportunities it presents.

“As the Boom’s home school district, we’re pleased to partner with them on these exciting opportunities for our students and families,” Hile said. “We appreciate their focus on learning, good sportsmanship, and creating strong community experiences in Noblesville.”

“This partnership with the Boom gives our students and families another great opportunity to learn, connect and celebrate together as a community,” Atha said. “It also carries a special meaning for our district. Braden Smith, a 2022 Westfield High School graduate, exemplifies what it means to be a Life Ready Shamrock through his hard work, character, and commitment to excellence. We are incredibly proud of Braden and excited to cheer him on as he represents our community with both the Indiana Pacers and the Noblesville Boom.”

As part of the partnership, Westfield Night will take place during the Boom’s home opener on Tuesday, Nov. 10, against the Iowa Wolves, while Noblesville Night will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6, against the Cleveland Charge. Additionally, both school districts will be invited to the team’s Education Day game on Wednesday, March 10, 2027, against the Greensboro Swarm, providing a STEM-focused learning experience.

The Boom’s full promotional schedule will be released at a later date. Additional details on school ticket packages, educational programming and exclusive partnership initiatives will be communicated to families through each school district as they become available.

Tipton Schools awarded \$86K safety grant

Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.

Tipton Community School Corporation (TCSC) has been awarded \$86,000 through Indiana’s Secured School Safety Grant (SSSG) Program, the largest award among the four districts in Carroll and Tipton counties.

In total, the participating districts received more than \$186,000 to support security personnel, vulnerability assessments, updated safety technology, and

other critical improvements that strengthen school safety.

“This funding will support ongoing efforts to strengthen school safety across TCSC, including security personnel, vulnerability assessments, updated safety technology, and other measures that help protect our students and staff,” Superintendent Scott



Jaworski

Jaworski said.

The SSSG program provides matching grants to public, private, and charter schools statewide to support practical, high impact improvements that enhance school security.

This year, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security awarded more than \$26 million to nearly 500 schools and school

corporations across the state as part of its continued investment in school safety. Since the program’s creation in 2013, Indiana has invested over \$240 million to help schools prepare for and respond to potential safety threats.

“We are grateful for this support and remain committed to using these funds responsibly to ensure our district continues to offer safe and welcoming environments for our students and staff,” Jaworski said.

Riverview Health launches new Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Riverview Health launched its new Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program, expanding access to specialized, trauma-informed care for survivors of sexual assault in Hamilton County and surrounding counties. The new program will provide patients with access to highly trained nurses who are specially equipped to care for survivors of sexual assault, conduct forensic examinations, collect evidence, and connect patients with critical community resources and support services.

The launch represents months of planning and collaboration across Riverview Health, led by Molly Beck, Manager of Emergency Services. Beck developed a phased approach that enables Riverview Health to begin serving patients sooner while building toward a comprehensive, around-the-clock program.

“Our team recognized an important need within

our community and took action to create a program that provides compassionate, specialized care for survivors of sexual assault close to home,” Beck said. “This program reflects our commitment to ensuring patients receive expert clinical care in a safe, supportive environment during some of the most difficult moments of their lives.”

Over the past several months, Riverview Health has made significant progress in establishing the program. As part of the phased launch strategy, Riverview Health has already received all necessary SANE equipment, approved clinical policies, and established program workflows. The health system currently has two nurses fully trained in adult,



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adolescent, and pediatric SANE care, with an additional five nurses completing training through the IU Health didactic program. Program coordinator Jessica Bofing has also been working closely with community resource partners to prepare for the launch and strengthen support networks for patients.

“The launch of Riverview Health’s SANE program is a significant step forward for our community,” said Tim Griffin, Hamilton County District 1 Councilman and Carmel firefighter. “In both public service and emergency responses, I’ve seen firsthand the importance of ensuring survivors have immediate access to specialized care. I’ve been a strong advocate for estab-

lishing a SANE program locally, and I’m proud to see Riverview Health lead the way in providing this essential service.”

The initial phase of the program, which began development this summer, will provide intermittent SANE coverage while recruitment and onboarding efforts continue. During this phase, Riverview Health will focus on ensuring operational excellence, strengthening relationships with law enforcement and first responders, and expanding staffing resources. Services will initially focus on adult patients with pediatric services following shortly thereafter.

“This achievement reflects the power of collaboration between healthcare providers, public safety partners, and community leaders,” Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman said. “We are grateful to Riverview Health for bringing this critical resource to the resi-

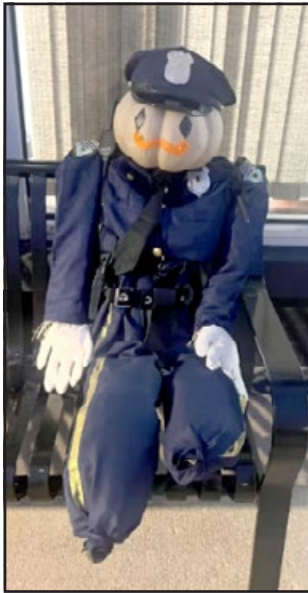


dents and families of Hamilton County.”

The SANE program represents another step in Riverview Health’s ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality, patient-centered care that meets the evolving needs of the community. To learn more, visit riverview.org.

About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is an independent, community-based health system offering comprehensive healthcare services throughout Hamilton County, in strategic partnership with Parkview Health to expand access to high-quality care and advanced clinical expertise. The system’s network includes a 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, three additional combined ER and urgent care facilities, and 10 primary care locations. With expertise in more than 25 specialties, Riverview Health provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services and is consistently recognized for clinical and service excellence. Most recently, Riverview Health was certified as a Great Place to Work® for 2026 and received the Culture of Good Community Impact Award for 2026.



Photos provided

These two scarecrows from Sheridan Community Schools and the Sheridan Police Department are just two examples from last year.

Crows not welcome on Sheridan’s Main Street

Submitted by Sheridan Events

Main Street in Sheridan is looking a little more festive for fall.

Scarecrows on Main, a Sheridan Events fundraiser, returns to Main Street for its second year. This year, the committee is excited to be more community-focused than ever.

What began as a creative way to raise funds while highlighting local businesses during the fall festival season has become a community-wide activation. This year, scarecrows extend beyond Main Street, with displays throughout town created by Sheridan residents, businesses, and organizations. The committee hopes the expanded Scarecrows on Main will encourage families to get out, interact with their town, and enjoy the fun and creative seasonal display together.

This year’s theme celebrates the Sheridan Blackhawk, and families are encouraged to find all of the scarecrows, and spy the Blackhawk hiding on each one. A map of all scarecrow locations will be available at SheridanEvents.org to help families make their way around town. Kids who

find every Blackhawk can claim a prize at the Sheridan Events trunk during the Main Street Halloween festivities on Oct. 31.

While you’re there, pick a favorite scarecrow and cast your vote with pocket change, too. The winner will receive the Golden Pumpkin, passed from winner to winner each year. The people’s choice scarecrow will also receive a check for half of the registration pot, which has already grown to more than \$700.

All of this autumn fun serves a larger purpose. Proceeds from Scarecrows on Main go directly toward funding free community events in Sheridan in 2027. This includes Rev’d Up Rides, the Town of Sheridan Fourth of July Celebration, Harvest Moon, and other programming throughout the year.

Although Harvest Moon 2026 was canceled due to construction along State Road 47, the committee is already looking ahead and preparing for its hopeful return in 2027.

So this October, keep an eye on Main Street, or plan a visit to Sheridan, and start deciding which scarecrow deserves the Golden Pumpkin.

Two nonprofits benefit as Meijer opens new Fishers Grocery store

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, Meijer opened a new 75,000 square-foot grocery store at 157000 Southeastern Pkwy., Fishers. The new grocery store is the retailer’s sixth Meijer Grocery store in the Midwest and its second in Indiana, following the Meijer Grocery store that opened in 2024 in Noblesville.

Fishers Grocery Store Director Janice Thongvanh and her team welcomed customers when doors opened on Wednesday morning with a round of applause, followed by a ribbon-cutting.

The team demonstrated the store’s support of the community by presenting \$15,000 donations to Fishers Youth Initiative (fishersyouthinitiative.org), serving youth and families in the Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern community through mentoring, meal assistance, and community resource connections, and Good Samaritan Network (gsnlive.org), helping Hamilton County residents who are underserved, at risk, or experiencing crisis situations, access critical re-



Photo provided by Meijer

Fishers Youth Initiative (left) and the Good Samaritan Network (right) each received \$15,000 donations from Meijer in celebration of the new Fishers Grocery store opening.

sources and support.

Meijer donates at least 6 percent of its net profit to community organizations annually, and each of its stores works with local food banks and pantries to help fight hunger. Since 2008, the retailer’s Simply Give (meijercommunity.com/simply-give) hunger relief program has generated more than \$100 million for its food pantry partners throughout the Midwest. The Fishers store’s first pantry partner is Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, (hchfoodbank.org), which will receive donations for its food pantry from the retailer’s holiday campaign that runs through Dec. 26.

“Supporting the communities we serve is one of our highest priorities, and that commitment starts well before a new store opens its doors,” Meijer President & CEO Rick Keyes said. “We’re excited to see this store enrich lives in the community by providing a convenient shopping option, serving as an irreplaceable community partner, and be-

ing a good neighbor.”

Continuing the retailer’s ongoing efforts to ensure accessibility for all customers, the store features larger, height-adjustable changing tables in the family restrooms for the added convenience and dignity of customers with disabilities and their caregivers. As in all Meijer stores, this location also offers free access to Aira, an app-based service that provides live navigation assistance to blind and low-vision customers using the camera of their smartphones.

Books for a Bright Future gets growing community support



Reporter photos

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero welcomed well over 60 people to its Books for a Bright Future Dinner and Silent Auction, held last Saturday, Sept. 26, at the South Harbour Clubhouse in Noblesville. DeLullo’s Trattoria catered the dinner. The Books for a Bright Future program ensures every student at Hamilton Heights Elementary School receives a new, age-appropriate book during the Scholastic Spring Book Fair, at no cost to the student or their family. This year’s dinner brought in more than \$7,000 for the program. You can learn more and make a donation at cicerokiwanis.org/books-give.

CUTS

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The district is sharing factual information at noblesvilleschools.org/referendum, including a calculator that will show residents exactly what they’re paying currently and what they would pay under the continued funding. Hile is also hosting public meetings to answer questions and his meeting schedule is on the referen-

dum website.

All Noblesville residents who live within the district’s boundary will see the referendum question on the Nov. 3 election ballot as Public Question No. 3. Visit indianavoters.in.gov to register to vote (by Monday, Oct. 5), confirm registration status, learn about early and absentee voting, or find your polling location.

CrossRoads chili cookoff: it’s how the West was won



Reporter photos

Wild, Wild Westfield’s Premier Chili Cook-Off and Fall Fest came back for some 2026 action on Saturday, Sept. 26, at CrossRoads Church at Westfield, 19201 Grassy Branch Road. This free, family-friendly event drew so many new families that Pastor Eric Lohe told The Reporter he didn’t recognize most of the people in attendance. He said, “That’s exactly how it should be for a community event.” (TOP LEFT) Westfield Police and Fire were on hand to keep everyone safe, with a little help from their young assistant, who got to sit behind the wheel and be featured in the Hamilton County’s Hometown Newspaper. See more photos at [ReadTheReporter.com](#).



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Acclaimed cellist Alexander Hersh will move you with Dvořák’s *Cello Concerto* at upcoming CSO concert

The REPORTER

A soaring cello concerto, a celebrated guest artist and the beginning of a milestone season await as the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) launches its 50th Anniversary season with *HORIZONS: The Promise of a Vast Land*, presented by Pedcor Companies, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium.



Hersh

Acclaimed cellist Alexander Hersh joins the orchestra for Antonín Dvořák’s powerful and deeply expressive *Cello Concerto*.

Hersh quickly established himself as one of the most exciting and versatile talents of his generation. He has appeared as soloist with the Houston Symphony and Boston Pops and has received top prizes and awards in numerous international competitions, including the Astral Artists National Auditions, National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artists Competition, Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, and Borromeo String Quartet Guest Artist Award.

A passionate chamber musician, Hersh has performed throughout the United States and Europe at festivals including Marlboro, Ravinia, Music@Menlo, Caramoor, IMS Prussia Cove, Lucerne, Kneisel Hall, and the Amsterdam Cello Biennial. His repertoire encompasses the

complete string quartets of Bartók and Berg as well as much of the chamber music canon. Following his performance at the 2017 Queen Elisabeth Cello Competition, Belgian Radio’s Musiq3 praised his “scenic presence and charm.”

Hersh is co-artistic director of NEXUS Chamber Music, a Chicago-based collective dedicated to bringing exceptional chamber music to intimate and unconventional venues while presenting both standard and lesser-known works.

A fourth-generation string player, Hersh was raised in Chicago and began playing cello at age five. He studied with Steve Balderston, Hans Jørgen Jensen, Laurence Lesser, Paul Katz, and Kim Kashkashian, and studied with Nicolas Altstaedt at the Hanns Eisler Hochschule für Musik Berlin. He holds Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from New England Conservatory, where he graduated with academic honors. Hersh performs on a G.B. Rogeri cello generously loaned through Darton & Hersh Fine Violins in Chicago.

Learn more at [AlexanderHersh.com](#).

Find your best seats to see *HORIZONS* on Saturday, Oct. 10, go to [tinyurl.com/CSOHorizons](#). You can also call the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800 for assistance.



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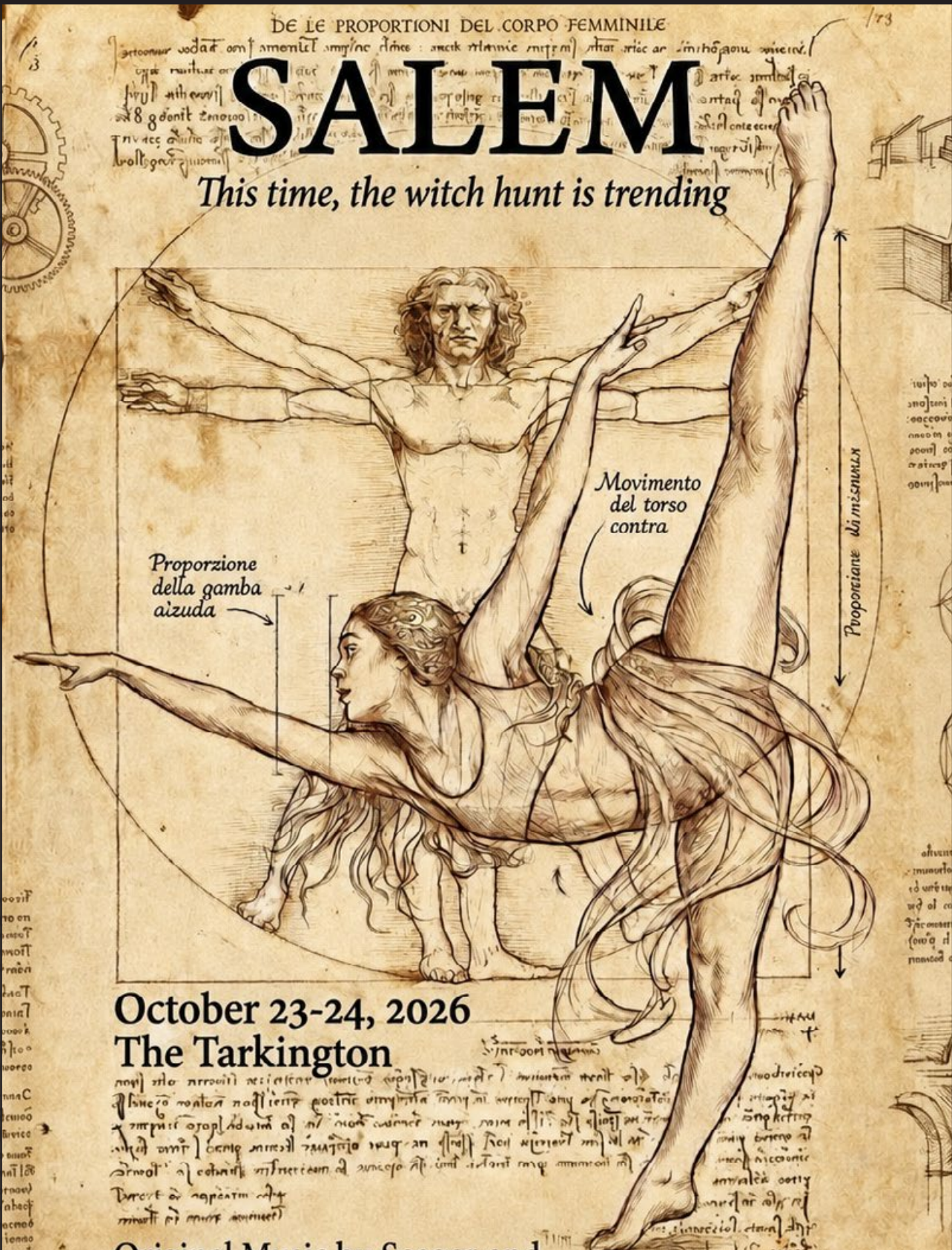
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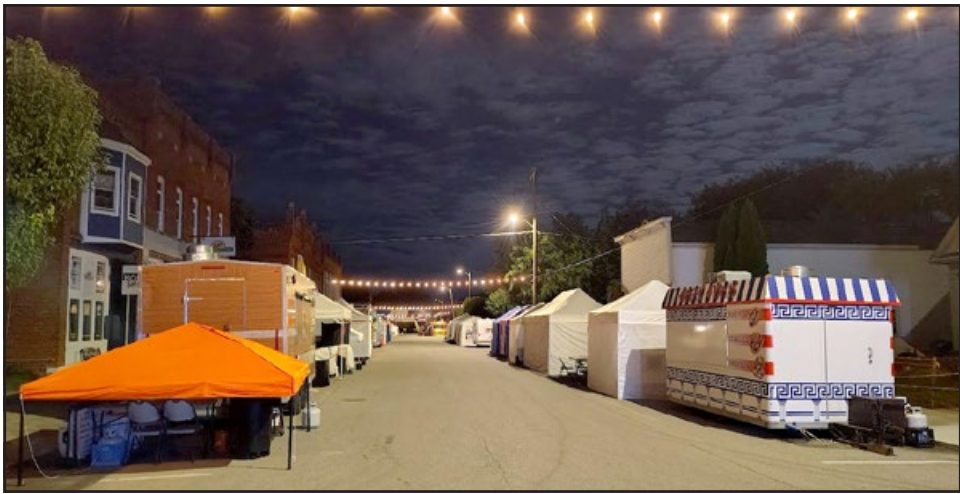
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Believe it or not, these are Atlanta’s streets

From these photos, you might not believe it, but there are people who live in Hamilton County who have never been to Atlanta’s New Earth Festival. That tiny little slice of Americana, population 700-ish, swells to over 60,000 for two glorious days of this late September festival. This year, though our photographer felt like he might have to elbow his way past people just to get down ONE street, someone told him that she thought this festival was a little light. (Reporter photos by Bill Miller)



Reporter photo
At 11:30 p.m. last Friday night, only a few hours remained until the streets of Atlanta would become packed with tens of thousands of eager festivalgoers. This photo was taken looking east at the intersection of Main and Walnut streets.



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Seeing old friends

Divine structure of a child

On Friday evening, my sweet husband informed me that the next evening was his 35th class reunion. This gave me about 24 hours’ notice. Bless his heart.

How could he not know that a woman needs time to prepare for such an event? Although he was a year older than me in school, I know several of his friends and former classmates since we went to the same high school.

Of course, “What in the world will I wear?” went through my mind. With a closet full of clothes, a decision like that makes all the options disappear and my mind goes blank.

All joking aside, I was disappointed in the first thought that went through my mind. Although I was disabled in high school, I always walked. I had not been around this group of people in my wheelchair. I felt anxious about it.

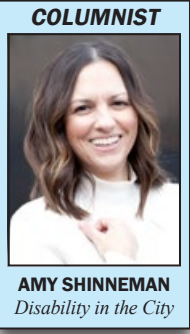
So much so that my first words to him were, “I am not sure I am going to go.” I told him my thoughts and he listened. He knows that being around crowds is not my thing anyway. He told me he was fine with whatever I decided to do.

Eventually, the mental boxing match going on in my mind ended. I decided that I wanted to go with him to support him, plus I was looking forward to seeing people I had not seen in a long time.

I not only needed time to plan my outfit, as shallow as that may sound, but I also needed to mentally prepare for how I may be received. If you have not lived disabled, it is a hard thing to explain. It boils down to a deep and prolonged insecurity.

Not to mention that the location of the reunion was the same place of one of the most mortifying nights of my life. Many years ago, I was on a first date there, when a man came up to our table and told my date, “Good for you man, taking on a girl with a gimp like that!” I was not exactly anxious to return there. The pain from that encounter is still raw all these years later.

As we entered the bar/restaurant for the evening, we were greeted by an over-



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

ly friendly couple of strangers. I thought they were former classmates that I did not recognize, but they were not. They were very curious about why I was in a wheelchair. The encounter was awkward. I spent five minutes trying to convince this lady that yes, I was indeed sure I have Muscular Dystrophy and not Multiple Sclerosis. I do not think she believed me in the end.

When we finally broke away, we headed to the back where his classmates were hanging out. They could not have cared less if I was in a wheelchair or not. I felt my anxiety melt away as we chatted the evening away, reminiscing and catching up on current life events.

The highlight of the evening was running into a guy who was in my graduating class. He was with me from the very beginning from Kindergarten to high school. He was always one of the kind kids that stood up for me.

I thanked him that night for his kindness to me throughout the years. I wanted him to know how much that meant to me. He graciously accepted my compliments. He was the last person we hugged on our way out that night, and I left with a smile on my face.

I was so glad that I had not let insecurity win. I have done that so many times in my life and missed things because of fear. I was glad to leave that place with a new memory to replace the horrific one from many years ago.

Many of his classmates follow our marathon and mission journey, and it was nice to be able to hear their positive feedback.

I hope this serves as a reminder to me next time to face my fears and enjoy the good times.

Until next time...

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“People were bringing even infants to Him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” Luke 18: 15-17 (NRSVUE)

How fortunate it is that I occasionally get to do some “fun” things as a retired pastor, including teaching Bible stories to over 100 preschool children ages 16 months to early 5 years old at the Emmanuel Learning Academy in Noblesville. [Learn more about the academy at emmanuelumc.org/who-we-are](http://emmanuelumc.org/who-we-are).

I wasn’t sure this was my true “calling” initially. After all, it takes wisdom to reshape a 20-minute “adult” sermon that I was accustomed to into a very brief four-minute Bible lesson; just long enough to keep the “littles” attention, but impactful enough that they learn something – anything about God. Well ... Kids love visuals! You can hear a pin drop when the “Saddleback Kids” vid-

eo begins to play. They’re colorful. They’re brief. They’re fun. And the kids suck it all in. All of them, including the teachers. I confess, me, too.

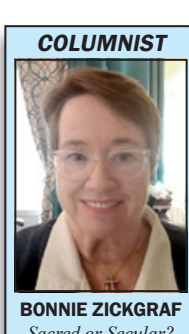
So, not to compete against an animated person-

ally interact with them, my four-minute lesson sometimes includes wearing the color of the week.

The kids don’t care if I wear a bright red chasuble when it’s not Pentecost. They just know that “red” is the color of the week – and they did at least repeat the word “chasuble.” Since it was red and gold, the class accepted it as a coat of many colors from the lesson of the day about Joseph’s coat in Genesis 37.

These youngsters also take turns reciting Bible verses with guidance from the Preschool Director, Annette Brown, and the teachers, then jump, sing, and exercise for several minutes before the Bible lesson even begins. I love to watch the joy on their faces. They are just genuinely happy and so willing to learn!

Then, ready for a rest break (and catching a pretend bubble to pop in their mouths), they sit quietly (for the most part) while they learn, listen, and pray together.



BONNIE ZICKGRAF
Sacred or Secular?

and to love happily, without judgement or fear or shame? We want so much to belong and to be loved, even as adults. This divine love was the reason for God sending Jesus to earth to begin with. The kids read the verse in preschool today, from 1 John 4:19: “We love because He first loved us.” How appropriately significant.

But they didn’t have to learn it. They were born with it, joyfully sharing their gifts with their surrounding world. You (yes, you adults) were born with this, too.

Have you lost yours, this divine structure as a child?

You can get it back again through prayer. It was never truly lost, just hidden. (And I am always happy to pray with anyone at any time to help you!)

Receive God’s kingdom as a little child again. Find your unwavering faith, divinely given love, filled with joy, peace, and true happiness in your heart.

God loves you and your divine structure awaits.

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.

Don’t hesitate to encourage others

Has anyone ever said something to you that changed your life for the better? I bet family members and friends certainly have. But what about a stranger? The situation may be more of a rarity, but I bet it happens to many of us.

For instance, I remember being a scared college student at Indiana University years ago. One afternoon, feeling like I didn’t fit in with my roommate or others in my dorm, I fled to the church I (sometimes) attended.

As I sat there, sobbing my eyes out, a woman with red curly hair approached me. She quietly slid into the pew and gently took both of my hands. “It’s going to be alright,” she murmured. “I know it will be.”



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

I can’t remember what else she said, but my heart lifted and I began to feel a little better. I never saw her again. When I returned to my dorm and checked my mailbox to find a sweet, encouraging little book

from my mother, I cried again – this time, with tears of joy.

Fast forward to the fall of 2018. Longtime readers may remember my story about when I volunteered for the historic home tour in Noblesville that year. Two strangers approached me – Julie and Joan (pronounced Jo-Anne) – and told me they were former readers of my newspaper column.

“We think you need to bring it back,” they said. I was flabbergasted. I had stopped writing my column

a few years previously. I had enjoyed it, but the paper carrying the column wasn’t reaching as many people as it used to.

“Oh ... wow ...” I said. “Yeah, I’ll think about it.”

Let’s just say Juile and Joan were VERY persuasive – thank goodness. Hearing these two ladies was the push I needed to return to writing my columns. Eight years later, I’m still at it. I write for not only *The Reporter*, but the *Kokomo Tribune* as well.

I grew up reading Erma Bombeck columns, stories, and books. I’ve always said if I could ever be half as good as she was, I’d be thrilled. Erma touched so many lives.

Writing this column week in and week out means so much to me. When people stop me and talk about a topic I’ve written about, I enjoy discussing it with them. I feel like, in a small way,

I’m sharing life with family, friends, and yes – strangers.

We all need to share life with others, don’t we? I think one of the greatest ways we can do this is to speak up and encourage one another, even people we don’t know. It’s such a simple way to spread a little kindness, and so often those words may propel someone onto a life-changing path for the better.

I’ve said it before, and I’ll say it again. Julie and Joan, THANK YOU for pausing on a beautiful fall day in 2018 to share your encouraging words. You’re a shining example of the difference a brief conversation can make in the life of someone else.

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HEADLESS

Festival highlights

- Interactive games and activities, including axe throwing, bean bag games, and apple basket tossing.
- Seasonal favorites, including family activities, carnival rides, and classic fall treats.
- Live entertainment, featuring music, magic, theatrical and fire performances.
- The iconic Headless Horseman hayride, where guests encounter the Headless Horseman. The hayride requires an additional ticket beyond general festival admission.
- Conner Prairie’s beloved Apple Store, featuring its famous caramel apples, cider slushies and other seasonal treats.
- Perilous Plunge, a dry tubing hill offering another dose of adventure.
- Corn Mazes, short and long mazes (long closes after dark).
- Haunted Trail, a frightening nighttime experience in the corn maze for guests looking for an extra scare.
- Eerie Illusions Magic Show, bringing mysterious tricks and surprises to the festival.
- Sleepy Hollow Marionette Show, where you can watch the legendary tale



of Sleepy Hollow come to life through the art of marionette puppetry in this charming, family-friendly performance.

• Tomorrow’s Show, a ghost story by Ty Stover.

• Barrel Train Ride, taking younger guests through a musical pumpkin patch. The ride is designed for guests who are under 48 inches tall.

Whether guests come for the games, entertainment, seasonal treats, or the chance to encounter the Headless Horseman himself, the festival offers something for everyone – from family-friendly fun early in the evening to a more frightening experiences after dark.

The Headless Horseman festival runs Oct. 1 to 25, Thursdays through Sundays. Guests are encouraged to plan ahead and purchase tickets in advance, as popular festival nights and Headless Horseman hayride times can sell out.

For tickets, festival hours and additional information, visit ConnerPrairie.org.

“It seems like the more I give, the more I get. And that is the way it’s supposed to go in life.”

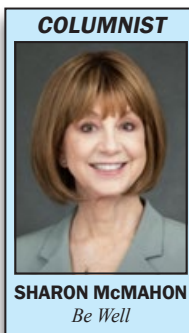
– Dolly Parton

Endorphins – those rascals! They seem to sneak in to many of my columns; maybe that is because they know how important they are to our well-being.

I recently was blessed to spend a week in my beloved mountains of North Carolina and was reminded of how influential hormones are to our physical, mental, emotional, and, yes, even spiritual health. I will explain more about this and how we can, through our outreach to others, regulate and enjoy the benefits of these endorphins.

However, I would like to remind readers that the devastation that I recently witnessed – two years almost to the day after the tragedy of Hurricane Helene – is still shocking. Near Asheville, the communities of Chimney Rock and Lake Lure resemble a war zone. The erosion and washing away of interstate roads and habitats and homes of all kinds has been breathtaking.

As we have also witnessed the loss of life and homes here in central Indiana due to recent flooding,



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

we have some idea of the force of Mother Nature. How does this all tie in with endorphins? Let me explain. Endorphins are hormones in your body which regulate many physical, mental, emotional, and even spiritual aspects of one’s health. Endorphins can relieve pain, reduce stress, regulate appetite, lower blood pressure, and provide us with a sense of pleasure. Endorphins can reduce levels of cortisol; the “stress hormone” which is all too prevalent in today’s society.¹ Scientists at the National Institutes of Health found that when people give to charities, regions of the brain associated with pleasure and trust are activated, creating a “warm glow” of happiness. When they viewed the MRIs of subjects who practiced philanthropy, they found that giving stimulates the reward center in the brain, releasing endorphins and creating what is known as the “helper’s high.”

Bringing this information back around to my recent trip to North Carolina, although the area we visit has always seemed welcoming and comfortable, there is another layer of community and well-being in spite

of their now two-year-old catastrophe. I believe it is because the communities of Asheville, Black Mountain, Swannanoa, and others have banded together to help displaced citizens, businesses, and animals find shelter, resources, and a helping hand. Two years of resilience and determination are evident.

Truly, just as we should not only donate funds to charitable organizations just for the tax benefit, but finding those which you truly care about, so too should we reach out where we see a true need and feel a passion to help. The physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual benefits are significant.

We did our little part while visiting there by following suggestions in the



Photo provided by Sharon McMahon

It’s been two years since our columnist witnessed Hurricane Helene’s devastating power. Here you see a part of Interstate 40 washed away in western North Carolina.

local newspaper for needed items to be donated to the Swannanoa Christian Ministry (toilet paper was at the top of the list) and I have a feeling that most of my readers are among the most generous and giving for those in need.

To those providing help: thank you for your generosity and your body thanks you for those health benefits!

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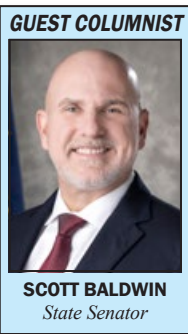
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Withholding bail from Indiana’s most dangerous suspects

Seeing elected officials work together on an issue seems less common today; however, at the Statehouse bipartisanism is quite common. Since 2023 Republicans and Democrats at the Statehouse have worked together and overwhelmingly supported **Senate Joint Resolution 1**, which is a state constitutional amendment that would allow judges the ability to withhold bail from violent offenders.

Before an amendment can officially be part of our constitution, Hoosiers must weigh in at the ballot box. During the upcoming general election, Hoosiers will see Public Question 1 on their ballot, which will ask voters whether Indiana’s judges should be given the tool of denying bail from violent offenders who are likely to harm the community or a specific person if released from jail.

Currently, Indiana’s judges have had their hands tied since bail can only be withheld if a suspect is charged with murder or treason. If a majority of Hoosiers approve Public Question 1, judges will be able to withhold bail if prosecutors can prove to them that the suspect poses a risk



GUEST COLUMNIST
SCOTT BALDWIN
State Senator

to a person or the community, another release option fails to ensure safety, and the evidence against the suspect is strong enough to presume the suspect’s guilt.

To prevent the erosion of a suspect’s rights, I supported **Senate Enrolled Act 2**, which ensures a suspect has the right to a speedy bail trial, an attorney, a written bail determination from the judge, and an opportunity to appeal their bail decision.

Hamilton County is continuously ranked among the safest places to live in the nation. As Hoosiers continue to see crime creep into Hamilton County, law enforcement can only do so much to halt the revolving door of crime. This November, Indiana has the opportunity to join more than 30 states in the nation in denying bail from the worst of the worst and ending the revolving door of crime that threatens to undermine the safety that has made Hamilton County a great place to live, work and play.

State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) represents Senate District 20, which includes Noblesville, Carmel, Cicero and unincorporated areas of Hamilton County.

Riverview Health revolutionizes orthopedic care with walk-in clinics & surgical technology

The REPORTER

Riverview Health has opened three new orthopedic walk-in clinics in Carmel, Noblesville, and Westfield, where patients can receive expert evaluation and treatment for conditions including sprains, strains, fractures, sports injuries, sudden onset pain and chronic orthopedic issues that have recently worsened.

The walk-in clinics, designed to provide timely treatment while helping patients avoid unnecessary emergency room visits, opened Sept. 28, and will operate Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Care teams include orthopedic surgeons, sports medicine physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners, providing patients with access to a full spectrum of orthopedic expertise.

“Orthopedic injuries rarely happen at a convenient time, and patients often need answers quickly to prevent further discomfort and get back to their daily lives,” said Stacie Vance, Vice President of Orthopedics at Riverview Health. “Our walk-in clinics provide immediate access to specialized orthopedic care, advanced imaging and treatment resources in one location, ensuring patients receive the right care from the right experts without unnecessary delays.”

Unlike many urgent care settings, the orthopedic walk-in clinics are equipped with comprehensive diagnostic and treatment resources on-site, including X-ray imaging, ultrasound, bracing, casting, injections, and durable medical equipment. In addition, each clinic is housed within existing orthopedic offices, making it easier for patients to transition to ongoing care when needed, and ultimately bridging the gap between primary care and emergency services for orthopedic injuries.



“The sooner patients receive an accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment, the better their chances for a successful recovery,” said Dr. Stephen Jacobsen, orthopedic surgeon at Riverview Health. “These walk-in clinics provide a more efficient, patient-centered approach that improves access to specialized care throughout our community.”

As part of its commitment to advancing orthopedic care, Riverview Health recently acquired the Mako robotic-assisted surgical system from Stryker. The investment makes Riverview Health one of the first providers in the region to offer the platform’s shoulder replacement technology, expanding access to leading surgical care for patients throughout the area.

The Mako system utilizes CT-based 3D modeling technology to assist surgeons with preoperative planning and precision-guided bone preparation. The platform is designed to improve surgical accuracy, reduce disruption to surrounding tissue, and support better patient outcomes.

“The addition of the walk-in clinics and robotic-assisted surgical technology reflects Riverview Health’s ongoing commitment to expanding access to innovative, patient-centered orthopedic care,” said Julie Nix, President and CEO of Riverview Health. “Together, these investments provide patients with more convenient entry points for treatment, greater access to specialized providers, and cutting-edge surgical solutions closer to home.”

For more information, visit riverview.org/walk-in or call (317) 779-3777.

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

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of SUPERIOR #2 Court of HAMILTON County, Indiana, in Case No. 29D02-2606-MF-007384 wherein GOLDEN INVESTMENTS VII, LLC was plaintiff, and 116 RETAIL, LLC; and ARBOR VILLAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. were defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of November, 2026**, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Offices of the HAMILTON County Sheriff, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060-2229, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in HAMILTON County, Indiana:

A parcel of land in the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 17 North, Range 5 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Fall Creek Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, described as follows:

To fix the point of beginning, commence at the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 32 seconds East on the North line of said Northeast Quarter, 200.34 feet to the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 18 North, Range 5 East, Hamilton County, Indiana; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds East, continuing on said North line 355.79 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing North 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds East, on said North line, 1684.81 feet to the Northwest corner of a parcel of land described in Deed Record 339 page 705, Hamilton County Records, said line also being the West line of Booth Acres as recorded in Instrument Number 9104006, Hamilton County Records; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 09 seconds West on the West line of said parcel, 335.04 feet; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds West, parallel with said North line, 1679.77 feet; thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds West perpendicular to said North line 335.00 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel consists of 12.938 acres.

Excepting therefrom:

A part of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 17 North, Range 5 East in Fall Creek Township, in Hamilton County, State of Indiana and being a part of the real estate described in that certain Special Warranty Deed recorded as Inst. No. 200500027882 in the Office of the Hamilton County Recorder, being more particularly as described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 4; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 32 seconds East, along the North line of said Northeast Quarter Section, 200.34 feet to the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 18 North, Range 5 East; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds East, continuing along said North line, 2040.60 feet to the Northwest corner of the Record Plat of Booth Acres, as per plat thereof, recorded as hist. No. 9104006 in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 153; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 07 seconds West, along the West line of said Booth Acres, 50.00 feet to the South right of way line of East 116th Street and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the real estate described hereon; thence continuing South 00 degrees 06 minutes 07 seconds West, along said West line, 285.03 feet to a point on the South line of said Inst. No. 200500027882; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds West, along said South line, 275.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 07 seconds East, parallel to the aforesaid West line of Booth Acres, 285.03 feet to a point on the South right of way line of East 116" Street; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds East, along said right of way line, 275.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.800 Acres, more or less.

Further Excepting therefrom:

A parcel of land in the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 17 North, Range 5 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Fall Creek Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 32 seconds East on the North line of said Northeast Quarter, 200.34 feet to the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 18 North, Range 5 East, Hamilton County, Indiana; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds East, continuing along said North line 1591.56 feet; thence South 00 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds East perpendicular to said North Line a distance of 50.00 feet to a 5/8 rebar w/cap stamped "CEC INC LS 20800124" (hereinafter called "rebar w/cap") marking the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of 285.00 feet to a rebar w/cap; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds West parallel with said North Line a distance of 530.36 feet to a rebar w/cap; thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds West a distance of 285.00 feet to a rebar w/cap lying 50.00 feet south of said North Line; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds East parallel with said North Line a distance of 530.36 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.470 acres of land, more or less.

Further Excepting therefrom:

Part of the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 17 North, Range 5 East in Fall Creek Township, in Hamilton County, State of Indiana and being part of the real estate described in that certain Special Warranty Deed recorded as Instrument No. 200500027882 in the office of the recorder of Hamilton County Recorder, being described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of said section 4; Thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 32 seconds East, along the North line of said Northeast quarter section, 200.34 feet to the Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 18 North, Range 5 East; Thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds East, continuing along said North line, 1591.56 feet to the Northwest corner of the record plat of ARBOR VILLAGE AT HAMILTON proper, as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument No. 2015024641 in Plat cabinet 5, slide 348; thence South 00 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds East, along the East line of said subdivision, 50.00 feet to the South right of line of East 116th street and the Point of Beginning of the real estate described hereon;

Thence on said South right of way line North 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds East 173.29 feet to the Northwest corner of Instrument No. 2009049356; thence on the West line of said Instrument No. 2009049356 South 00 degrees 06 minutes 07 seconds West 285.03 feet to the Southwest corner of said Instrument No. 2009049356, also being a point on the South line of said Instrument No. 200500027882; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 29 seconds West, along said South line, 169.01 feet to the East line of said Lot 1 ARBOR VILLAGE AT HAMILTON proper; thence on said East line North 00 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds West 285.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.12 acres, more or less.

This property is commonly known as: 11387 116th Street, Fishers, IN 46037 ("Real Estate").

Parcel No. 29-15-04-000-003.205-020

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

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriffs Dept
Sheriff of HAMILTON County, Indiana

/s/ Reynold T. Berry
Reynold T. Berry
Attorneys for Plaintiff
RUBIN & LEVIN, P.C.
135 N. Pennsylvania St., Suite 1400
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(317) 634-0300 / FAX No. (317) 453-8626
Email: rberry@rubin-levin.net
September 16, 2026

Fall Creek (Township)
11387 116th Street
Fishers, IN 46037
(Street Address)

NOTICE
RUBIN & LEVIN, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This document was prepared by Reynold T. Berry, Rubin & Levin, P.C., 135 N. Pennsylvania St., Suite 1400, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204; 317/634-0300
R8777 10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

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

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of Default Judgment entered June 3, 2026, against ClearCoat Roofing LLC, Neil Furry, Motor District Owners' Association, Inc., and State of Indiana Department of Revenue, as modified by the Court's Order dated July 8, 2026 (the "Judgment") directed to me from the Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2601-MF-000233, wherein The Peoples State Bank was Plaintiff and ClearCoat Roofing LLC, Neil Furry, Motor District Owners' Association, Inc., Beacon Sales Acquisition, Inc., d/b/a Beacon Building Products, and State of Indiana Department of Revenue were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Judgment with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on **November 19, 2026**, at 12:00 p.m. on said day, at the office of the Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Fall Creek Township, Hamilton County, Indiana:

Unit No. 26 in Motor District Condominium, as per plat thereof, recorded October 1, 2021 in Plat Cabinet 6, Slide 165, Instrument No. 2021071725 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana and as created by Declaration of Motor District Condominium dated June 29, 2021 and recorded July 15, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021051424 and First Amendment to the Declaration recorded October 8, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021073356, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, together with an undivided percentage interest in the common elements and limited common elements as provided for in the Declaration and any subsequent amendments and supplements thereto.

More commonly known as: 17745 Motor District Circle, #26, Westfield, Indiana 46074

State Parcel ID No. 29-05-33-008-026.000-015

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 No. 29D05-2601-MF-000233 in the Hamilton Superior Court of the County of Hamilton, Indiana."

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

Dated: October 01, 2026

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

Attorneys for Plaintiff:
Elizabeth A. Roberge
Christopher S. Roberge
Bose McKinney & Evans LLP
111 Monument Circle, Suite 2700
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
(317) 684-5000

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R8774 10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 2 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2504-MF-003907 wherein Federal National Mortgage Association was Cross-claimant and Counterclaimant, and Nicholas P. Uzubell, Nicole Uzubell and NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing were Cross-claim/Counterclaim Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of November, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot 718 in Avalon of Fishers Section Five B Secondary Plat, an addition to the Town of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded November 1, 2013 in Plat Cabinet 5, Slide 153 as instrument No. 2013066925, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

More commonly known as 14372 Pendragon Way, Fishers, IN 46037-7262

Parcel No. 29-11-25-020-015.000-020

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

/s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 22108-29
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727

Fall Creek Township

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

NOTICE
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R8775 10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D06-2510-CC-011730, wherein Plaintiff, Countryside Homeowners Association of Westfield, Indiana, and Defendants, Andrea B. Crippen, Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Valle Vista Health Systems, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose a public sale to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of November, 2026** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:

Lot Numbered 21 in Countryside, Section 2A, a Subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded as instrument Number 199909955180, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. Commonly known as 515 Grabill Drive, Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana 46074.

Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No. 29D06-2510-CC-011730 in the Superior Court of Hamilton County Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien. Specifically, the property is being sold subject to an Assignment of Mortgage from Andrea B. Crippen to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, for the original amount of \$133,472.00, dated June 14, 2021, and recorded on June 14, 2021, as Instrument No. 2021043782 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

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

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: WESTFIELD

COUNTRYSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. OF WESTFIELD, an Indiana nonprofit corporation, Plaintiff

By: Zachary D. Cronkhite (36604-49)
KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT
6125 South East Street, Suite A
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227
(317) 388-5560

R8778 10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 2 of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D03-1606-MF-005280 wherein U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust was Plaintiff, and Shelli A. Broadbent, Smokey Ridge Homeowners' Association, State of Indiana and HSBC Mortgage Corporation (USA) f/k/a Marine Midland Mortgage Corporation were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of November, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lot number 66 in Smokey Ridge section three a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 15, Pages 10-13 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

More commonly known as 13763 Driftwood Dr, Carmel, IN 46033-9170

Parcel No. 16-10-19-00-04-013.000

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

/s/ MATTHEW S. LOVE
MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 18762-29
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8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727

Clay Township

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NOTICE
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R8776 10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

— CICERO —

NOTICE

On October 6, 2026, Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:00 pm at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.

R8781 10/5/26

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED MEETING

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board Meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. has been rescheduled to Monday, October 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Please note that the meeting location remains the same: Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 IN-32, Zionsville, IN 46077, in the Main Hangar Jet Access Conference Room.

Hamilton County Airport Authority Board Members

Mr. Philip Beer, 1/1/25-12/31/28

Mr. Justin Clevenger, 1/1/26-12/31/29

Dr. Kent Erb, 1/1/26-12/31/29

Mr. William Frye, 1/1/24-12/31/27

Mr. Dave Richter, 1/1/26-12/31/29

R8782 10/5/26

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— FISHERS —

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISSOLVE

Notice is hereby given that CAJ Food products, Inc., a corporation organized under the Indiana Business Corporation Law (the “Corporation”), with its principal place of business in Hamilton County, Indiana has been voluntarily dissolved under and pursuant to Resolutions of its Board of Directors and sole Shareholder, in accordance with IND. CODE § 23-1-45.

Any person(s) with claims against the Corporation should mail a statement of such claims to the following address:

CAJ Food Products, Inc.
ATTN: Matthew T. Herzog, President
11650 Olio Road
Suite 1000, #263
Fishers, IN 46037

Such statement of claim shall include the following information:

- The name of the claimant,
- The address of the claimant,
- The amount of the claim,
- The date the claim came into existence,
- The basis for the claim, and
- A copy of any writing that establishes the claim.

Any and all claims against the Corporation will be BARRED unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after the publication date of this Notice.

R8770

10/5/26

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISSOLVE

Notice is hereby given that Pappas Weiss Herzog, Inc., a corporation organized under the Indiana Business Corporation Law (the “Corporation”), with its principal place of business in Hamilton County, Indiana has been voluntarily dissolved under and pursuant to Resolutions of its Board of Directors and Shareholders, in accordance with IND. CODE § 23-1-45.

Any person(s) with claims against the Corporation should mail a statement of such claims to the following address:

Pappas Weiss Herzog, Inc.
ATTN: Matthew T. Herzog, President
11650 Olio Road Suite 1000, #263 Fishers, IN 46037

Such statement of claim shall include the following information:

- The name of the claimant,
- The address of the claimant,
- The amount of the claim,
- The date the claim came into existence,
- The basis for the claim, and
- A copy of any writing that establishes the claim.

Any and all claims against the Corporation will be BARRED unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after the publication date of this Notice.

R8771

10/5/26

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Noblesville will receive sealed bids from those interested in purchasing the vehicle listed below from the City of Noblesville Fire Department pursuant to IC 5-22-22-5.

2001 Chevy 2500 Truck - VIN 1GCHK29U12E57793

Bids will be received at the Clerk's Office, 16 South 10th Street (Noblesville City Hall), Noblesville, IN. Bids will be opened and read aloud by the Board of Public Works and Safety at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 in the Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN. Questions about the vehicle should be directed to Deputy Chief Murry Dixon at mdixon@noblesville.in.gov or by calling (317) 776-6336.

R8664

9/21/26, 10/5/26

— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 4
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
ARVEST BANK,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
WISK DERIFOND and TSIGE BERELSMAN,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate
Against the property commonly known as 12030 Bird Key Blvd, Fishers, IN 46037-4181 and described as follows:

Lot Numbered 148 in Rolling Knoll at Hoosier Woods, Section Two, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument Number 200200017761, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendant: Wisk Derifond

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown:

Tsige Berelsman

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.

BRYAN K. REDMOND

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.

8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400

Indianapolis, IN 46250

By /s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND

BRYAN K. REDMOND

Attorney No. 22108-29

Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE

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R8761

10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

29D01-2609-EU-000425

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT #1)

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
OF CHARLES WILLIS LUGAR JR.,)
DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on

September 23, 2026 Charles Willis

Lugar III was

appointed Personal Representative

of the Estate of Charles Willis Lugar

Jr., deceased, who died on July 19,

2026.

All persons having claims against

this estate, whether or not now due,

must file the claim in the office of

the Clerk of this Court within three

(3) months from the date of the first

publication of this notice, or within

nine (9) months after the decedent's

death, whichever is earlier, or the

claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this

date: September 23, 2026.

Kathy Kragg Williams

Clerk of the Hamilton County

Superior Court 1

Stacy N. Todderud

Attorney at Law

961 Keystone Way

Carmel IN 46032

R8760 10/5/26, 10/12/26

29D03-2609-EU-000429

Hamilton Superior Court 3

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT 3)

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
NORMA JEAN MCKUNKIN,)
DECEASED)

George G. Slater, Attorney

SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC

600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128

Carmel, IN 46032

317-571-9600

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton

County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Kathleen

Marie Lambert was on September

28, 2026, appointed Personal

Representative of the Estate of Norma

Jean McKunkin, deceased, who died on

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 said

claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on

September 28, 2026.

Kathy Kragg Williams

Hamilton County Clerk

R8762 10/5/26, 10/12/26

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 Kragg 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-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 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Date: September 15, 2026

Kathy Kragg 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-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 Kragg Williams

Hamilton Circuit Court

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-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 Kragg Williams

Hamilton Circuit Court

R8687 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 Kragg 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 Kragg 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@chwlaw.com

R8713 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

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R8712 9/21/26, 9/28/26, 10/5/26

IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT

COURT

STATE OF INDIANA

Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-011298

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

Public Notice

The following will be sold for charges:
3849 W STATE ROAD 47 SHERIDAN on 10/23/2026 @ 12:00PM
• 2014 FORD 1FADP3F2SEL360674 \$2,510.00
18702 CHAD HITTLE DR WESTFIELD on 10/23/2026 @ 2:00PM
• 2023 AUDI WUAWCFSXPA901696 \$2,230.00

R873110/5/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON)
))
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF)
Hinshaw & Keys Drain #347
Jennings Property Vacation
Station 3+65 to Station 6+60
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Drainage Board at its regular meeting September 28, 2026 adopted the reconstruction report of the Surveyor and the Amended Schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessment for periodic maintenance, finding that the costs, damages and expense of the proposed improvement would be less than the benefits which will result to the owner of lands benefited thereby.

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

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

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

BY: Mark Heirbrandt
PRESIDENT
ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
SECRETARY

R873110/5/26

NOTICE

Celloco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build five (5) pole communications structures. A 34-foot pole communications structure will be built at the approx. vicinity of 18731 Little Chicago Road, Noblesville, Hamilton County, IN, 46062, Lat: 40-3-35.568, Long: -86-4-17.436. A 44-foot pole communications structure will be built at the approx. vicinity of 3671 East 169th Street, Westfield, Hamilton County, IN, 46062, Lat: 40-1-59.016, Long: -86-6-14.796. Three (3) 45-foot pole communications structures will be built at the approx. vicinity of 10458 Geist Road, Fishers, Hamilton County, IN, 46037, Lat: 39-56-20.544, Long: -85-57-42.768; 13139 Howe Road, Fishers, Hamilton County, IN, 46038, Lat: 39-58-46.416, Long: -85-58-48.648; and 11612 Tamarisk Boulevard, Fishers, Hamilton County, IN, 46037, Lat: 39-57-27.432, Long: -85-57-4.572. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Alex Haskins, a.haskins@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111.

R875210/5/26

NOTICE

Celloco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build three (3) new pole communication structures at the approx. vicinity of the following locations: one (1) 45-foot pole at 11618 Kittery Drive, Fishers, Hamilton County, IN 46037, Latitude: 39-57-27.252; Longitude: -85-57-38.304; one (1) 44-foot pole at 17026 Gray Road, Westfield, Hamilton County, IN 46062, Latitude: 40-2-8.196; Longitude: -86-5-23.46; and one (1) 45-foot pole at 10164 East 131st Street, Fishers, Hamilton County, IN 46037, Latitude: 39-58-44.76; Longitude: -85-59-16.512. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Edward Reynolds, e.reynolds@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111.

R875410/5/26

NOTICE

Celloco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build four (4) new 34-foot pole communication structures within Noblesville, Hamilton County, IN 46062 at the approx. vicinity of the following locations: 18165 Little Chicago Road, Latitude: 40-3-5.148; Longitude: -86-4-17.112; 17573 Pebble Brook Boulevard, Latitude: 40-2-36.708; Longitude: -86-4-46.596; 5783 East 169th Street, Latitude: 40-1-58.8; Longitude: -86-4-15.708; and 5371 East 169th Street, Latitude: 40-1-58.44; Longitude: -86-4-44.148. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Edward Reynolds, e.reynolds@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111.

R875510/5/26

otice to Creditors of Dissolution of

Advanced Pain Management of Central Indiana, P.C.

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Advanced Pain Management of Central Indiana, P.C. was dissolved on August 5, 2026.

All creditors, if any, are warned to present their claims against said corporation within two (2) years after the publication of this notice or such claim will be forever barred, as provided by Indiana Code §23-1-45-7.

Present claims with supporting documentation to:
Advanced Pain Management of Central Indiana, P.C.
c/o Gregory J. Cagnassola, Esq.
DeFur Voran LLP
8409 Fishers Centre Drive
Fishers IN 46038

R876610/5/26

NOTICE OF INTENT

Wawa, Inc (260 W. Baltimore Pike, Wawa PA 19063) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environment Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with Wawa located at the southeast corner of E 191st Street and Chad Hittle Drive, Westfield, IN 46074. Runoff from the project site will discharge to an existing regional detention basin. Please direct questions to Patrick Moore at patrick.moone@wawa.com.

R87389/30/26, 10/5/26

— WESTFIELD —

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R87389/30/26, 10/5/26

— CLAY TOWNSHIP —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION CLAY TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA

Notice is hereby given that on October 20, 2026 at 9:00 am and on October 27, 2026 at 9:00 am in the public meeting room of the Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Avenue, Carmel, Indiana, 46280, the Township Board (the “Board”) of Clay Township, Hamilton County, Indiana (the “Township”), will hold separate public hearings regarding a Preliminary Determination Resolution (the “Determination Resolution”) determining the public utility and benefit to the Township to undertake all or any portion of the following projects: (i) financing of the purchase of property located at 407 and 445 Smoky Row, Carmel, Indiana consisting of 23.92 acres to be maintained as a nature preserve; and/or (ii) the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement and/or installation of equipment and improvements at one or more of the existing Carmel/Clay Parks (collectively the “Projects”). The Projects will be financed by the Township and will be owned and operated by the Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement between the Township and the City of Carmel, Indiana.

As part of the Determination Resolution, the Board will also consider approval of one or more series of General Obligation Bonds of the Township (the “Bonds”) in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 to finance the costs of the Projects along with incidental expenses related thereto including the costs of issuance of the Bonds. Such Bonds will be issued pursuant to Ind. Code 36-10-3 et seq. and will be payable from ad valorem property taxes levied on all taxable property in the Township, will bear interest at a rate not to exceed seven percent (7.0%) per annum, with a maximum term of twenty (20) years after the date of issuance.

At the same time and place the Board will conduct a separate public hearing on the additional appropriation of the proceeds of the Bonds. Such additional appropriation will be included in the Determination Resolution.

At each public hearing, the Board will make certain information available to the public regarding the Projects and the Bonds as required by statute. At the public hearings the Board will receive or hear remonstrances from persons interested in or affected by the Determination Resolution, and following the public hearing on October 27, 2026, the Board will consider adoption of the Determination Resolution. Taxpayers are invited to attend the hearings and testify as to the public utility and benefit of the Projects.

Taxpayers needing special accommodations to attend the hearings should contact the Office of the Clay Township Trustee at (317)846-2773 no later than 48 hours prior to the first hearing.

Dated: October 5, 2026

Paul Hensel, Trustee
Clay Township of Hamilton County, Indiana

R876710/5/26

— FISHERS —

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R876710/5/26

— FISHERS —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Solicitation documents for purchasing SURPLUS TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT – iMac Computers

from the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation are available on the web site www.hseschools.org. (Please refer to the link near the bottom of the HSE home page referencing “Public Notices”). This website is the official source for all documents related to this solicitation. Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation is not responsible for documents distributed through any other means.

Surplus technology devices are Apple iMac computers. Please refer to the website for specific model information.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: prior to 4:00 pm local time (EST) October 14, 2026

RECORDING OF PROPOSERS: 3:00 pm local time (EST) October 15, 2026

Vendors shall submit bids according to the Instructions, Provisions and Specifications stated in the solicitation documents. Questions should be addressed via email to HSE’s Director of Infrastructure Technologies, Tom Kouns (tkouns@hse.k12.in.us)

R876810/1/26, 10/5/26, 10/8/26, 10/12/26

— NOBLESVILLE —

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

Taylor Morrison of Indiana, LLC (501 Pennsylvania Parkway, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN, 46280) 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 their Gatewood Lakes Section 1B project, located at approx. 14291 E 156th St, Noblesville, IN 46060. Run-off from the project site will be discharged to Sand Creek. Questions or comments should be directed to Paul Claire of Taylor Morrison of Indiana, LLC at 317-714-3346.

R876910/5/26

— FISHERS —

— 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 SUVs 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

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

R87709/28/26, 10/5/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA - 11100 USA PARKWAY, FISHERS, INDIANA

The City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana (“City”), hereby provides NOTICE that the City’s Common Council (“Council”), at its September 21, 2026 meeting, approved R092126A - Request to Approve Declaratory Resolution designating certain property as an Economic Revitalization Area And Authorizing Personal And Real Property Tax Abatements - 11100 USA Parkway, Fishers, Indiana 46038 (“ERA”). Pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 6-1.1-12.1-2.5 and 5-3-1 et. seq., the City hereby provides notice that on October 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., during its duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting, the Council will hold a hearing on the ERA designation and will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons. Following the hearing, the Council will consider whether to adopt a confirmatory resolution to establish the ERA and grant tax abatements to JD Sports (the Finish Line, Inc.). A depiction of the affected area is available and can be inspected in the Office of the Hamilton County Assessor.

R87399/30/26, 10/5/26

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R87399/30/26, 10/5/26

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE TO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, RESIDENTS OF THE AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOOD, TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AFFECTED OF PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING THEREON

Neighborhood associations, residents of the affected neighborhood, taxpayers of the City of Noblesville Redevelopment District and all other persons affected hereby are notified that the City of Noblesville Redevelopment Commission (the “Commission”) is considering the adoption of a Declaratory Resolution (the “Declaratory Resolution”) establishing the Noblesville East Residential Development Area (the “Area”), an allocation area (the “Allocation Area”) consisting of the entire Area, and a Residential Housing Development Program (the “Housing Program”) in connection therewith. The proposed Area includes three residential developments as identified by the following parcel numbers: 12-11-13-00-00-001.001; 12-11-13-00-00-002.000; 12-11-12-00-00-009.000; 12-12-07-00-00-010.000; 12-12-07-00-00-009.000; 12-11-13-00-00-001.000; 12-11-13-00-00-001.000; 12-12-18-00-00-001.000; 12-11-13-00-00-005.001; 12-11-13-00-00-004.000; 12-11-13-00-00-003.001; 12-11-13-00-00-003.101; 12-11-13-00-00-003.000; 12-11-13-00-00-003.001; 12-12-18-00-00-010.000; 12-12-18-00-00-009.000; 12-12-18-00-00-004.000; 12-12-185-00-00-010.003; 12-12-18-00-00-010.002; 13-12-19-00-00-054.000; and 13-12-19-00-00-001.000

The Area is located generally on the east side of the City bounded on the north by East 156th Street, on the west by Ohio Road, on the east by Cyntheanne Road and on the south by Innovation Mile.

The Commission proposes in the Declaratory Resolution to use incremental real property taxes levied and collected in the Allocation Area in accordance with Indiana Code 36-7-14 and Indiana Code 36-7-25 to finance road improvements, utility infrastructure improvements, and economic development projects, all in or connected to the Allocation Area (collectively, the “Project”). The proposed Declaratory Resolution, the Economic Development Plan and Residential Housing Development Plan for the Area, and supporting data including maps and plats describing the proposed Area, have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the Secretary of the Commission, Noblesville City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 (the “City Hall”).

Notice is further given that the Commission on October 21, 2026 at the hour of 10 AM, Eastern Standard Time, in the Media Room at The Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile, 14157 CJ Way, Noblsville, in accordance with Indiana Code 36-7-14-53(d)(3), will hold a public meeting to obtain views of neighborhood associations, residents of the affected neighborhood, taxpayers and any other interested parties to obtain their views with respect to the proposed Housing Program, as well as the proposed Declaratory Resolution, the Area, the Allocation Area and the Project all in connection therewith. At the public meeting, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will hear all persons interested in the proposed proceedings.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2026.

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

R87349/29/26, 10/5/26

~ Notice ~

Executive Session

Location: 836 Division St., Noblesville

Time & Date: October 6, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. that day.

Agenda: A real property transaction including:(i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; [I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B)(D)]

R87379/29/26, 10/5/26

— SHERIDAN —

Sheridan Town Council and APC Special Meeting Notice

This notice is to inform you of a Joint Meeting of the Sheridan Town Council and the Advisory Plan Commission to be held on October 6, 2026, 5:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The purpose of the meeting is to hear an update on the revised 2027 Sheridan Unified Development Ordinance.

Jennifer Miller
Director of Planning and Development

R87359/29/26, 10/5/26

APC Public Notice

This notice is to inform you of a PUBLIC HEARING to be held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission on October 15, 2026, 6:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss:

- 26-RZ-01 Recon Pointe by Vitreon Group and Goat Land, LLC – Represented by Vitreon Group. Petitioners seek to rezone +/- 19.32 acres from AG2: Agricultural Business District to R1: Residential Large Lot. Planner: Jennifer Miller
- 26-PP-02 Recon Pointe by Vitreon Group and Goat Land, LLC – Represented by Vitreon Group. Petitioners request approval to primary plat +/- 19.32 acres into 16 individual residential lots with 2.2 acres of common area. Planner: Jennifer Miller
- 26-PUD-02 Mill Crossing by Forestar. Petitioner seeks to rezone +/- 210.6 acres from AG1: General Agriculture District to Mill Crossing PUD. Planner: Jennifer Miller

Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission. People interested in presenting their views in person written or verbally shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place. Agenda items may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the APC. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during regular business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission
Jennifer Miller, Secretary

R876310/5/26

APC Public Notice

This notice is to inform you of a PUBLIC HEARING to be held by the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission on October 15, 2026, 6:30 PM, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan. The hearing will discuss the following:

- 26-V-12 1119 E 234th Street
Petitioner requests Variances of Standard to allow a lot area of 9 acres where 1.5 acres is required (Article 4 Low Density Residential Section 4). Planner: Jennifer Miller

Written suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Sheridan Planning and Development Department at or before such a meeting held by the Town of Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals. People interested in presenting their views in person, written or verbally, shall have the opportunity to do so at the above-mentioned time and place.

Hearings may be continued as found necessary by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Department of Planning and Development at 506 S. Main Street and may be viewed during the regular office hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals
Jennifer Miller, Secretary

R876410/5/26

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

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Dated this 30th day of September, 2026.

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— WESTFIELD —

— 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.

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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.”

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THE LAW OFFICE OF SASSANO, DEIGHTON, DELANEY, HIGGINS & MOMMSEN CO., L.P.A. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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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 *Millenium 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

Sheridan’s first year of fall marching band

The Final 62: making room for what’s next

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

This is Sheridan High School’s first year of fall marching band. In previous years, we’ve done marching band during the summers, marching in parades on the Fourth of July, performing at the State Fair, and going to competitions. Now, we march at football games, making shapes that resemble our school’s initials, SHS.

I, Morgan Ciambella, am No. 7 in our positions, and I play the clarinet. So far, this year has been a good way to experiment with marching band.

On the other hand and perspective, I, Maleah Seats, also known as Jupiter, am No. 26 in the positions and am usually located directly on the 50-yard mark of the football field. I play Percussion, and am marching Snare this year. I believe if more people try to show up, we will actually be able to make marching band fun again.

I, Morgan, remember first joining band in seventh grade. A lot of my friends were in band, and I’ve always loved music. At the start of that year, I became friends with Jupiter. Jupiter and I grew close really quickly, and they spoke about marching band a lot. I wanted to learn what marching was like, so I’m happy I got to experience it.

As for me, Jupiter, I joined as soon as I could. I had started drum lessons about a year beforehand, so I already had some experience going in. When I was going

into the seventh grade, I was invited into the high school marching band. After I got back to school, that’s all I talked about for months. I shared so many memories with my friends about everything that happened.

Throughout this year, we’ve performed pre-game at three football games, and more soon. Trying to learn with so little time and marching “veterans” has been tricky. We’ve been practicing in the high school

gyms. Many marchers have gotten frustrated with this because there are no direct spots to look off, meaning it’s more common than not that you have to take a guess at where you’ll be located that day. Luckily, we’ve started to get a good feel for where our spots are, so you only ever move about a few inches on or off yesterday’s spot. When we do use the football field after school, it’s much easier to know where exactly we’re expected to be.

Putting all of that aside, though, marching band has been pretty fun. We’ve learned new songs and pieces, learned to get used to marching a lot, and are now one step closer to being able to march the halftime shows!

We hope to gain more marchers and supporters for our marching band so we can eventually march in ISSMA contests. By going to these contests, it could help our school become more well-known and would hopefully encourage more people to come and join our band program.

We are a very welcoming community and always enjoy having new people come along.

October has a way of making us pause.

The leaves begin to change, the mornings feel a little different, routines begin to settle into a rhythm, and suddenly we realize how quickly the year has moved. It feels like yesterday we were welcoming January with new intentions, new plans, and maybe even a few resolutions.

And now, here we are: the final quarter of the year.

From October through December, there are 62 working days remaining in 2026, after the federal holidays. Sixty-two days to finish what we started, adjust what isn’t working, prepare for what is changing and perhaps make room for something new.

Sixty-two days may sound like a short amount of time, but think about how much can happen in 62 days.

A conversation can change a relationship. A decision can change a direction. A new habit can become a routine. A simple invitation can create a new connection. A small act of kindness can become someone else’s reason to believe in community.

Change is one of the few things we can always expect. Sometimes we choose it. Sometimes it chooses us.

A new job. A child growing into a new stage. A relationship changing. A new responsibility. A dream that looks different than it did six months ago. Sometimes change arrives quietly, like the leaves changing colors.

Other times, it arrives suddenly and asks us to adapt before we feel ready.

But perhaps adapting doesn’t mean having everything figured out.

Perhaps adapting simply means being willing to pause, look around and ask, “What does this season require from me?”

Fall reminds us that letting go is not failure. Trees don’t hold onto every leaf simply because it was once part of them. They release what is no longer needed and make room for what comes next.

Maybe there is something we need to release, too.

An expectation that no longer fits. A habit that isn’t serving us. A fear that has been holding us back. Or perhaps a version of ourselves we have simply outgrown.

And maybe there is something we need to prepare for.

The beauty of community is that we don’t have to navigate change alone.

At a table, we share more than food. We share stories, experiences, questions and sometimes even uncertainty. Someone else’s story may give us courage for a change we are facing. Someone else’s perspective may help us see an opportunity where we only saw an obstacle.

That is what Taste of Community continues to mean to me: creating space for stories that remind us that we are not alone in the seasons we are experiencing.

So, as October begins, I invite you to look at these



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final 62 working days differently.

What are you working toward?

What needs your attention before the year ends? What change are you preparing for? What can you control, and what do you need to learn to release? Perhaps most importantly, who can walk alongside you?

We often enter the final months of the year focused on what still needs to be accomplished. But maybe this season is also an invitation to notice how far we have already come.

There is still time to make a decision, start a conversation, extend an invitation, repair a relationship, try something new, or simply

slow down enough to listen to what your heart has been telling you.

The season is changing. And so are we.

Let’s not fear the change ahead. Let’s prepare for it with curiosity, courage, and community.

Because sometimes the next chapter doesn’t require us to have all the answers. It simply asks us to turn the page.

What will you do with your next 62 working days? I’m happy to hear from you at TasteofCommunity25@gmail.com.

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

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