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HAND opens six new affordable homes in Carmel

Home Place Duets demonstrates a collaborative approach to creating housing & supporting families

The REPORTER
Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) celebrated the opening of Home Place Duets last week, marking the completion of six new affordable three-bedroom rental homes in Carmel.

HAND welcomed community partners and supporters to the property Tuesday, Sept. 29, for an Open House and Ribbon Cutting, giving guests an opportunity to tour the completed homes before residents begin moving in.

Located at the corner of 108 & McPherson Street in the Home Place area, Home Place Duets includes three duplex buildings designed to fit naturally into the surrounding neighborhood, with an emphasis on quality, durability, and long-term community benefit. One of the six homes is handicap accessible.

Residents will be referred through Prevail, Inc. and Family Promise of Hamilton County. HAND will own and manage the homes, while the two organizations will continue providing services and support to the families they refer.

“Home Place Duets is a great example of what can happen when organizations bring different resources and expertise together around a shared need,” said Andrea Davis, HAND Executive Director. “HAND brings our experience developing, owning, and man-



Residents of these new Home Place Duets in Carmel will be referred through Prevail, Inc. and Family Promise of Hamilton County.

aging affordable housing, while Prevail and Family Promise bring the relationships and services they provide to families. Each organization brings something different to the table, and together we can provide both a quality place to call home and ongoing support.”

Each home has a property-based housing voucher that remains with the unit. Qualified residents will pay 30 percent of their income toward rent, with utilities included. To qualify for a referral to Home Place Duets, applicants must be experiencing homelessness or fleeing domestic violence.

The opening comes as HAND continues to see significant demand for affordable housing. From January through



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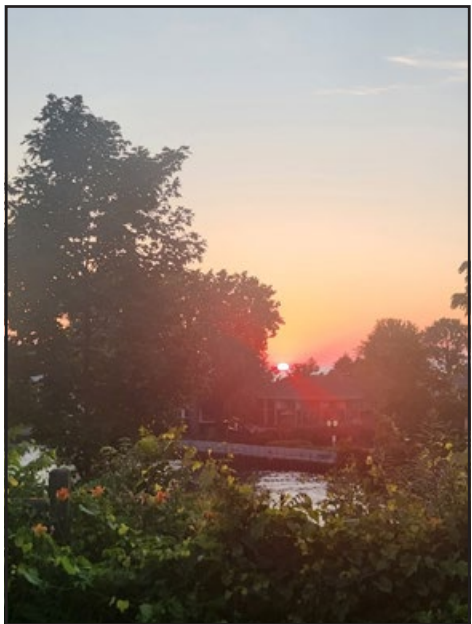


Photo by Megan Rathz

Chasing sunsets

We recently spent a week on a beautiful vacation. Each evening, we enjoyed going to a special spot and viewing the sunset. There’s something special about watching the sunset with your favorite people that makes it extra beautiful. We were blessed with gorgeous weather and relaxing days spent on the beach. There were long walks into town, ice cream, and lots of time spent with stunning views. The sunset each night was just the cherry on top of beautiful days.

Whenever we go on a trip, I think it’s normal as it’s winding down to feel a bit of a twinge of sadness as it ends. I’m so grateful for the time spent together and the memories made. I feel blessed to be able to share them with our children and family, but as it winds down, it makes you wish you could pause time. You could keep everything as it is right now. I wish the kids would stay this little for a while longer.

COLUMNIST

MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

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National Merit Scholars from Fishers High School (left) and Hamilton Southeastern High School (right) are among the top 1 percent high schoolers in the United States based on their PSAT results.

HSE Schools’ 14 National Merit Scholars exemplify journey of a student

Submitted by HSE Schools
“Excellence Starts Here” isn’t just Hamilton Southeastern Schools’ motto. It’s the standard of success that drives every facet of the district. From the athletic field to the performing arts stage, to vibrant student clubs and rigorous coursework, every accom-

plishment is rooted in a shared commitment to high expectations. Nowhere is that standard clearer than in the achievements of Fishers High School (FHS) and Hamilton Southeastern High School’s (HSEHS) 2027 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, including nine

from FHS and five from HSEHS, who were honored at a breakfast last Thursday, Oct. 1. Congratulations to these students on this outstanding academic achievement:

Fishers High School

- Asher Burgoyne
- Cooper Chapple

- Sashi Ganapaneni
- Owen Jerrell
- Abeer Khan
- Abiola Olutayo
- Allison Svilenov
- Seth Tennekoon
- Ben Wu

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Information about two ballot measures

Indiana has two statewide ballot measures certified to be on the ballot on Nov. 3.

The state legislature has referred a constitutional amendment to the ballot that would require city and town court judges to reside in the county where the court is located or in a county closest to the court which borders the county where the court is located.

The legislature has also referred a constitutional amendment to the ballot to provide offenses other than murder or treason are bailable unless the accused poses a substantial risk to any other person or the community if the presumption is strong, and the state proves that no condition of release will protect the community.

COLUMNIST

RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

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

St. Christopher’s Pumpkin Sale returns Oct. 8

Submitted
Fall is here, and St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church is bringing back its annual Pumpkin Sale.

There you’ll find more than 600 pumpkins and gourds in all shapes and sizes – star gourds, swan gourds, and elf houses – perfect for decorating your home for fall. Everything will be available Oct. 8 to 31 on the side lawn of the church.

St. Christopher’s is located at 1402 W. Main St., Carmel. The pumpkin sale has something for everyone, from the perfect porch pumpkin to col-

orful gourds for fall decorating. Even better, 100 percent of the proceeds benefit the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, which provides food to more than 30 local food pantries serving neighbors throughout Hamilton County. St. Christopher’s loves that this simple fall tradition directly helps to put food on the tables of neighbors right here in Hamilton County.

So pick a pumpkin and make a difference.

Pumpkin patch hours

- Monday to Friday: Noon to 8 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sunday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Photo provided by St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church

Come meet the candidates

The Reporter is doing our part to help voters make informed decisions when casting their ballots whether early, absentee, or on Election Day.

As of today, Oct. 6, The Reporter will publish Candidate Bios for all candidates who choose to engage with our readers. Those will publish every Monday through Friday through Election Day (and at [this link](#)), and those pages will be updated as more candidates choose to submit their information.

Polling places are listed on Page 7 at [this link](#). Please note that Vote Centers will **not** take effect in Hamilton County until the May 2027 primary election.

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August 2026, 560 people completed HAND’s online housing interest form asking to be added to its waiting list. With the completion of Home Place Duets, HAND now owns and manages 163 affordable homes across 12 rental communities in Hamilton, Boone, and Tipton counties.

Home Place Duets represents one response to that need: adding quality housing in a community where affordable options can be difficult to find. The small-scale development adds six homes while fitting into an established residential neighborhood, giving families the opportunity to remain connected to the community.

“At the end of the day, this work is about more than completing a development,” Davis said. “It’s about making sure people have the opportunity to live in a quality home and remain part of the communities where they work, raise their families and build their lives.”

The collaborative approach extended to the development itself. The \$3 million Home Place Duets development was made possible through a combination of public and private investment, including HOME-ARP funding through the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority, Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant funds and financing from Lake City Bank. Home Place Duets was developed by HAND with H-E Homes serving as custom home builder, Inherent Commercial as owner’s representative and CEC Inc. as engineer.

As the long-term owner and property manager, HAND will continue caring for the homes and serving the Home Place Duets community after residents move in.

Residents are expected to begin moving into Home Place Duets in October.

About HAND

Founded in 2003, Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development, Inc. (HAND) is a nonprofit organization that provides quality affordable housing and advocates for housing options where everyone can thrive. HAND develops, owns, and manages affordable rental communities in Hamilton, Boone, and Tipton counties.

Today, HAND owns and manages 163 affordable homes across 12 rental communities and continues working to build and preserve housing options for individuals and families throughout Central Indiana.

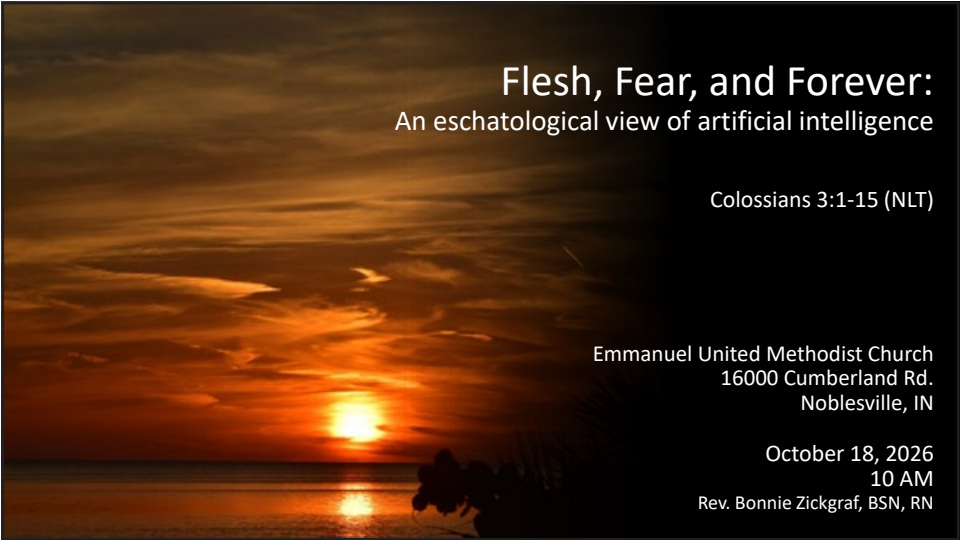
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CHASING

As the week came to a close, we packed up all of our things and headed back home. Even after a great trip that I’m sad to leave, I welcome being home in my own bed and seeing our dogs. I don’t need a vacation from my life. I enjoy our normal reality and home. Even so, I was still bummed the week was over.

I really struck me after we got home from our trip that my son was in the backyard playing and excitedly ran in the house and told all of us to get outside and check out the sky that night. He was so excited to see the sunset in our own yard.

It made me pause as I looked up in our backyard when I saw the sunset that night. It literally looked like what you would picture if God painted a watercolor in the sky.

Sometimes we go chasing sunsets in places where all we need to do is look up at the sky from our own backyard.

I was equally delighted with the fact that my son on his own made it a point to notice something I wasn’t even paying attention to. In fact, something that would have passed me right by without him pointing it out to me.

It made me remember that you don’t need to do extravagant things to make memories with your kids. You don’t have to spend a bunch of money for the time to be priceless. Sometimes all we need to do is open our eyes to beauty in our everyday lives.

Don’t go chasing sunsets. Don’t live your life for a vacation. Just look up at the sky from your own backyard.

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

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MERIT

Hamilton Southeastern High School

- Thomas Bezza
- Liam Kenyon
- Tyler Orris
- William Pence
- Hojin Shin

Established in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Program remains one of the most prestigious academic competitions in the United States. The program recognizes exceptional academic achievement and identifies some of the nation’s highest performing students.

Both schools’ honorees represent the top 1 percent of high school seniors nationwide based on their performance on the preliminary SAT (PSAT). These students now advance in the competition for nearly 7,000 National Merit Scholarships, worth approximately \$26 million, awarded in spring 2027.

The designation opens doors to transformative higher education opportunities. Many universities, such as the University of Evansville, recruit finalists with full-ride scholarship offers, turning years of dedication into college funding.

While the National Merit title is awarded in high school, it is not based on a single test day’s effort. It is the culmination of a district-wide journey that begins the moment a student enters kindergarten.

“One of the things that really prepares students well is to have a challenging, rigorous, relevant curriculum throughout their journey,” said Jason Urban, assistant superintendent of secondary education. “It’s a journey that starts in elementary school through having a culture of expecting high levels of learning for every student.”

To ensure every student stays on target, HSE uses early testing as a growth tool rather than a hurdle. Freshmen and sophomores take practice exams to gain skill-by-skill feedback, giving parents, teachers, and counselors actionable data to tailor schedules and challenge students through Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit courses.

“There isn’t an ideal ‘type’ of student,” Urban said. “Every student brings their own learning style and experiences. What they all share is a love of learning. If you love to learn and you’re in an environment at school and at home that reinforces that, great things happen.”

HSE Schools’ Journey of a Student framework serves as the blueprint for nurturing well-rounded, capable leaders. By focusing on key skills, attributes and dispositions throughout their school years, the district prepares students to excel in any discipline.

“It was rewarding to see the work I had put into preparing reflected in the recognition, and I’m grateful to have earned the opportunity to be a part of this group of scholars,” said Allison Svilenov, a scholar from FHS. “Having teachers that genuinely cared about their students and were passionate about teaching had a tremendous impact on the type of student I am today.”

HSE Schools intentionally elevates academic milestones to match the energy of athletic state championships or performing arts accolades. Both Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern high schools celebrate National Merit honorees with special family breakfasts, giving academic excellence the spotlight and community praise it deserves.

“Being named a semifinalist feels less like validation and more like a shared achievement with my school,” said Thomas Bezza, a scholar from HSEHS. It reminds me how fortunate I am to be surrounded by passionate HSE educators, my thoughtful friends, and my supportive family. It also serves as fuel for tackling future academic challenges. Work hard, play hard, and on test day, trust yourself and your preparation.”

Ultimately, these milestones celebrate far more than individual test scores. They recognize the vast support system behind each child – the family members, mentors, teachers, and community members who poured into them along the way. Honoring the student honors that collective journey.

To learn more about how HSE prepares students for lifelong success, visit hseschools.org/academics/journey-of-a-student.

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Brittney Long appointed Public Access Counselor

By KARA KENNEY
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Indiana has a new public access counselor following criticism about how the agency handles complaints.

Gov. Mike Braun appointed Brittney Long to the position Friday, Oct. 2.

Long, an attorney and former magistrate judge, began her new role Oct. 5. She succeeds Jennifer Ruby, who resigned Tuesday, Sept. 29, after serving in the position since March 2025.

The public access counselor leads a nonpartisan office that educates government officials and resolves disputes involving the state’s Open Door Law and Access to Public Records Act. Braun said Long’s legal background and passion for service make her an ideal fit to bring transparency and accountability to the state.

The appointment comes as several media groups recently threatened to sue the office. The organizations argued the agency’s failure to address complaints

undermined the public’s ability to hold government officials accountable. In a letter to the state, the groups called the office a “black hole” where complaints disappeared indefinitely.

Dave Arland, executive director of the Indiana Broadcasters Association, said the counselor provides a vital service by ensuring all levels of government – from small town councils to the state legislature – follow transparency laws. Arland said the role is critical when government bodies make decisions behind closed doors or withhold records that should be available to the public.

Long most recently served as deputy general counsel for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. She previously served as a magistrate judge for the Bartholomew County Circuit Court from 2022 to 2026.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/gov-braun-names-new-public-access-counselor](#).



Long



Photos provided by Bierman Autism Centers

Trick-or-Treat is for everyone, and Bierman Autism Centers wants every kid to enjoy Halloween.

Bierman Autism Centers brings Trunk-or-Treat to Westfield on Oct. 17

The REPORTER

This October, Bierman Autism Centers (BAC) will hold a Trunk-or-Treat from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 17, at its Westfield location, 16414 Southpark Drive. Kids can move through decorated trunks, play simple games, and get their face painted, all in a setting built around their needs.

The event is free and sensory-friendly, designed specifically for children with autism and other developmental needs, while welcoming siblings, caregivers, and the broader community.

“Trunk-or-Treat is one of my favorite mornings of the year because it’s about making sure every child

gets to experience the fun of Halloween,” said Christina Gallagher, EVP of Client Intake and Growth at Bierman Autism Centers. “Watching a child walk through the trunks at their own pace, play a game, get their face painted – that’s what this is about. We want families in our communities to have a place where they can come, feel comfortable, and enjoy the morning together.”

What families can expect

- **Trunk-or-Treat Trail:** Decorated trunks with safe, sensory-friendly treats, at a pace kids can set themselves.

- **Games and activities:** Simple, hands-on games

like ring toss or bean bag toss, designed for all ability levels.

- **Face painting and crafts:** Creative, low-pressure stations for kids who want to make something or transform into a favorite character.

- **Costumes welcome, never required:** Come dressed up or come as you are.

- **Sensory-Friendly Comfort Zone:** A quiet corner available all morning for anyone who needs a break.

All activities are free. Capacity is limited to protect the sensory environment. RSVP at [biermanautism.com/events](#).

“We also know that for

some families, a community event like this can be a chance to connect with someone who understands what they’re navigating,” Gallagher said. “We’ll have a table where families can stop by, ask questions, and find resources if they’re navigating a new diagnosis or looking for additional support. We can share more about what we offer at Bierman, including ABA, speech, and occupational therapy, all within an early learning environment. If a family just wants to come enjoy Trunk-or-Treat, that’s exactly what we want them to do. And if they’re looking for support, we’re here for that, too.”

Special Olympics Indiana’s Polar Plunge showcase moving to SKYLAKE Adventures

The REPORTER

Special Olympics Indiana is bringing its 2027 Polar Plunge season showcase

to a new location, moving the signature fundraising event from Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis to SKYLAKE Adventures, a new adventure park just east of the Town of Sheridan.

The move marks a new chapter for the Polar Plunge, which has become one of Special Olympics Indiana’s most popular and recognizable fundraisers. The bucket-list experience will continue to challenge Hoosiers to brave the cold and raise funds to support athletes with intellectual disabilities while offering participants a new setting for a day of fun, celebration, and community.

“Polar Plunge is about so much more than getting into cold water. It is about people coming together, challenging themselves and showing their commitment to our athletes,” said Jeff Mohler, president and CEO of Special Olympics Indiana. “Eagle Creek Park has been a wonderful partner for so many years. We are excited to take that experience to SKYLAKE Adventures and introduce



our plungers to a new venue that gives us even more opportunities to celebrate what makes Polar Plunge so special.”

SKYLAKE Adventures opened in June 2026 just north of Westfield’s Grand Park Sports Campus. The destination’s first phase included a six-acre manmade lagoon, white-sand beaches, floating obstacle courses, water slides and other outdoor attractions. For its new winter adventures, activities will include a large snow tubing hill, ice skating and holiday activities.

The new venue provides a distinctive backdrop for the season-ending celebration while preserving the traditions that have made Polar Plunge a favorite among participants, including costumes, teams, fundraising challenges and, of course, the opportunity to take the plunge for Special Olympics Indiana. Ramp access to the water will create opportunities for individuals who use wheelchairs to participate.

“Special Olympics Indiana is an incredible organization, and the Polar Plunge has become such an iconic tradition in communities across our state,” said Sean “Mouse” Howard, co-founder of SKYLAKE Adventures. “We couldn’t be more excited to welcome the athletes, families, volunteers, supporters and plungers to our beautiful new park. We built this place around adventure, bringing

people together and creating experiences they’ll remember, so this partnership feels like a natural fit. We’re honored that Special Olympics Indiana has chosen SKYLAKE Adventures for such a meaningful event, and we can’t wait to jump in alongside them.”

The 2027 Polar Plunge season will feature more than 20 events across Indiana from January through March, welcoming individuals, families, businesses, schools, law enforcement agencies, and community groups. In 2026, more than 3,000 Hoosiers participated and raised more than \$1 million for Special Olympics Indiana.

The two-day event at SKYLAKE Adventures will include a school plunge on Friday and a community plunge on Saturday. Nearly 1,000 individuals registered for those two plunges in 2026.

Funds raised through Polar Plunge help Special Olympics Indiana provide year-round sports training and competition, as well as health, leadership, and other programs for more than 20,000 Hoosiers with intellectual disabilities.

Additional details about the 2027 Polar Plunge season, including the complete schedule, registration information, and season showcase details, will be announced soon.

For more information, visit [PolarPlungeIN.org](#) or [soindiana.org](#).

Morgan Hicks of Noblesville named to Flagler College’s Spring 2026 President’s List

The REPORTER

Morgan Hicks of Noblesville was among a distinguished group of Flagler College students recognized for academic excellence during an award ceremony held Friday, Sept. 25, as part of the College’s Friends and Family Weekend.

The President’s List, compiled by the Office of Academic Affairs, recognizes students who have

demonstrated an exceptional standard of academic achievement. To qualify, students must earn a 4.0 grade-point average while completing at least 12 semester hours of graded credit. This past semester, 160 students, representing both traditional and Public Administration (PAD) programs, earned a place on the President’s List out of 2,086 students.

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Letter to the Editor

Reader: Robyn Cook is the right trustee for a growing Jackson Township

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my support for Robyn Cook for Jackson Township Trustee.

I believe one of the most important qualities in a township trustee is a willingness to do the work – not just during regular business hours, but whenever necessary to understand the issues facing our community and ensure that Jackson Township has a voice.

Robyn has demonstrated that commitment time and time again.

One accomplishment that stands out to me is her leadership in getting a new Jackson Township fire station built. Our previous station was approximately 50 years old and significantly outdated for the needs of a growing community. Robyn recognized that our firefighters and residents needed a modern facility capable of serving Jackson Township today and into the future, and she put in the time and effort necessary to help make that happen. The township’s own materials identify the new fire station as a major investment in public safety and the future growth of Jackson Township.

I also appreciate that Robyn understands the township does not operate in a vacuum. Decisions made by the Planning Commission, Board

of Zoning Appeals, Cicero Town Board, county government and other local entities can directly affect Jackson Township residents.

Robyn makes the effort to attend these meetings, understand what is being discussed, and stay involved in decisions that affect our community. She understands how these different boards and committees work together and, importantly, makes sure that Jackson Township’s interests are part of the conversation.

That kind of involvement requires a tremendous amount of time. Many of these meetings take place after normal working hours, yet Robyn continues to show up, listen, ask questions, and stay engaged. Her service is not limited to simply attending meetings required by her position. She goes beyond that because she wants to understand what is happening in our community and how those decisions may affect the people who live here.

A recent example is the new water tower at Bakers Corner. Rather than simply accepting information at face value, Robyn reached out to county commissioners to ask questions and seek clarification about how the project could affect Jackson Township residents. To me, that demonstrates exactly what we should expect from

a township trustee: someone willing to ask questions, gather information, and make sure our residents’ interests are being considered.

Jackson Township is growing and changing. With that growth come complicated decisions involving development, infrastructure, public safety, utilities, and the future of our communities. I believe having a trustee who understands how all of these pieces fit together is extremely important.

Robyn Cook has demonstrated that she is willing to put in the countless hours necessary to serve this community. She attends meetings, communicates with other government officials, asks questions, seeks information, and works to understand the issues before making decisions.

For me, supporting Robyn Cook is about supporting someone who has demonstrated through her actions that she is committed to Jackson Township and willing to put in the work to serve it.

I am proud to endorse Robyn Cook for Jackson Township Trustee, and I hope other Jackson Township residents will take the time to look at her record of service and involvement in our community.

Jenna Majors
Jackson Township

Letter guidelines this election season

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

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

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

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

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

The Reporter will not publish Letters to the Editor containing personal attacks. [Click here](#) to read The Reporter’s policy on attack ads and Letters to the Editor.

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Letter to the Editor

Reader: Doug Allman’s work speaks for itself as Fall Creek Township Trustee

Dear Editor:

I am writing to offer my strong support for Doug Allman in his candidacy for Fall Creek Township Trustee.

Since taking office in 2017, Trustee Allman has shown a consistent and genuine commitment to improving the lives of residents throughout Fall Creek Township, and our neighborhood has experienced the benefits of his leadership firsthand.

One of the most meaningful areas of support has been his continued involvement in addressing nuisance property issues. For years, our neighborhood struggled with conditions that impacted overall quality of life. Trustee Allman not only listened to our concerns but took

action. His willingness to stand with residents and advocate for a healthier neighborhood has made a lasting difference. He has been a strong and consistent advocate for our neighborhood and we have benefited from his support and knowledge.

Most recently, when flooding impacted our area along Fall Creek, Trustee Allman responded quickly and effectively. His expedited attention brought relief at a moment when residents were anxious and uncertain. His understanding of local conditions – and his ability to mobilize solutions – was evident throughout the response.

Additionally, the protected nature areas he has helped establish, including Fall Creek Woods, have become

treasured assets for our community. These spaces are beautiful and widely enjoyed, reflecting his vision for preserving natural environments while enhancing quality of life.

Trustee Allman has not only the vision to create a stronger community, but also the skill, knowledge, and established relationships with Fishers, Fortville, and Hamilton County leadership to make that vision a reality. His work already speaks for itself.

I strongly support Doug Allman’s candidacy and encourage Fall Creek Township residents to remember all he has already done for us when they vote this November.

Jennifer Davison
Fishers

Letter to the Editor

Reader: Emily Angel Shaw has “skills, knowledge, compassion, and integrity” to serve as judge

Dear Editor:

My service as a juror in Hamilton County gave me an appreciation for how important judges are to our community. What stayed with me most was the conduct of the trial judge who treated everyone with respect, applied the rules, and ensured the process was fair. When the judge read our verdict, only then did we learn something that we were not allowed to hear during the trial – the defendant had a prior conviction for the same charge.

At that moment, I saw what fairness in a courtroom looks like.

Fairness, respect, integrity, ethics. These qualities matter in our judges.

Emily Angel Shaw will be an outstanding judge for Hamilton County Superior Court 8. Through her work as Director of Family Law Services at Kids’ Voice of Indiana and her private law practice, Emily’s 14 years of experience across Indiana courts cover multiple areas of law, including criminal, family law, domestic violence, protective orders, and evictions.

Emily’s knowledge of family and victim resources and her experience managing a non-profit and her law office provides her with the skills re-

quired for setting up a new court.

Emily’s advocacy experience gives her an understanding of the challenges citizens have navigating the legal system.

Emily believes that our courts must keep our community safe. She believes justice should be fair, swift, and efficient and that every case is someone’s life, not just a file.

Emily Angel Shaw possesses the skills, knowledge, compassion, and integrity to be judge of Superior Court 8.

Debbie Dean
Carmel

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Milling & paving starts Friday at 116th & Allisonville

The REPORTER

Milling and paving operations for the 116th Street and Allisonville Road Improvement Project are scheduled to begin Friday, Oct. 9, with work continuing through Friday, Oct. 16.

• **Friday, Oct. 9 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.:** Milling and paving of the outside lanes of Allisonville Road. Access points along Allisonville Road may be temporarily closed for several hours as crews work through the area and will reopen when possible.

• **Saturday, Oct. 10 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.:** Milling and paving of the inside lanes of Allisonville Road. Expect lane and turn restrictions.

• **Monday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. to Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 a.m.:** Overnight mill-

ing along 116th Street. Access points may temporarily close as equipment moves through the area.

• **Oct. 13 to 16 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. nightly:** Overnight paving along 116th Street. Access points may temporarily close as paving equipment moves through the area and will reopen as work allows.

Motorists should expect lane restrictions, traffic shifts, and delays during these operations. Area businesses will remain open and accessible, although individual access points may be temporarily impacted.

For project updates, visit FishersIN.gov/Road-Construction, follow [@DriveFishers](https://twitter.com/DriveFishers) on X, or subscribe to updates at FishersIN.gov/Subscribe and FishersIN.gov/Allisonville.

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Westfield Fire Department receives pet oxygen mask kits



Photo provided by City of Westfield

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, Invisible Fence donated Project Breathe pet oxygen mask kits to the Westfield Fire Department (WFD), Vernon Township Fire Department, and Zionsville Fire Department at the recently completed WFD Station 384, 1315 E. 191st St. These donations equip firefighters with specialized oxygen kits that help save pets from smoke inhalation during home fires. Each kit includes small, medium, and large masks to fit pets ranging from cats to large-breed dogs, plus oxygen tubing compatible with equipment carried on fire trucks and ambulances.

The Reporter catches work in progress at Judicial Center



Reporter photos

The expansion project on the west side of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center is well underway. The \$70 million expansion will add 133,000 square feet to the Judicial Center, including seven new courtrooms, upgraded security, and more public space. The project is expected to be complete at some point in 2028.

Letter to the Editor

Recent Noblesville grad says referendum goes “beyond money”

Dear Noblesville Community,

My name is Tina Lam. I’m a recent 2026 graduate of Noblesville, and my parents have been business owners for over 13 years. I spent my K-12 through the Noblesville district, and now my younger siblings are entering elementary school with the same educators I had.

It breaks my heart seeing the community split over the referendum. As a first-time voter, I’ll be checking yes. Every voice deserves a chance, and I will be encouraging my peers to do the same. I was lucky enough to be a part of the East and High school orchestra, take AP classes, obtain a CNA license, and stack dual enrollment credits for university. All of these activities without my parents or I having to spend more than small fees. My biggest hope is that my siblings will grow up and enjoy the same experiences I did.

I understand that the message of taxes is frightening. I had this conversation with my parents, who just bought their first home in June. But it’s beyond a few dollars a month, it’s securing futures for the next child.

More people need to understand that it’s beyond money. This is a child’s future, an educators lifelong goal on the line. My mom frequently sees my old educators at work, and they always ask how I’m doing. Now I worry, will the people who helped shape me have their future secured?

I’m currently studying Nursing at IU Indy, and I still live in Noblesville just 5 minutes away from downtown. Thank you Noblesville Schools, and thank you to the town of Noblesville. I wouldn’t be here without the support of my community.

To anyone reading, thank you for your time.

Tina Lam
Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

Reader: Susie Davis is the kind of public servant Fall Creek Township should keep

Dear Editor:

I have known Susie Davis for 25 years. We met when we were co-room parents for our sons’ class at Fall Creek Elementary. We also served on the PTO together volunteering our time at numerous school events over the years. Susie was also an active volunteer in our neighborhood over the years.

More recently, Susie and I have worked together to help local candidates get elected. She has also worked 12-hour days inside polling locations on Election Day.

Susie was asked to be on the Fall Creek Township Board a few years ago when one of the board members resigned. As always, was happy to step in and help. She has been a great addition to the Board, working alongside Fall Creek Township Trustee Doug Allman. They have worked hard to keep our township taxes the lowest in Hamilton County.

More importantly to me than all of her great works is the kind and considerate person Susie is. Whether it’s for her family, friends, or neighbors, she is always there to help and give support. I doubt I could find a single person who knows Susie and doesn’t have something nice to say about her. She is just that type of person and friend you want in your life and community.

I respectfully ask for your vote to keep Susie Davis, one of the most decent people I’ve ever known, on the Fall Creek Township Board.

Rachel Quade
Fishers

Letter to the Editor

Former Noblesville school board president makes case for approving new referendum

Dear Editor:

As a former board member and past president, I know firsthand how important this funding is. It continues the operating support Noblesville voters have approved since 2010, and it will keep our community and schools strong and vibrant.

I support a Yes vote on Noblesville Schools public question 3 on Nov. 3.

The current referendum expires at the end of 2026. It provides about \$25 million a year for teachers, class size, career and STEM courses, safety, and student support. It cannot be used for buildings or debt.

If it fails, the district says it would cut about 20 percent of staff, reduce programs, and consider closing an elementary school. The ballot maximum is higher than the rate the board has committed to use. For a \$350,000 home, the district estimates about \$1.88 more a month than residents pay now.

The students of our community are counting on us. Please join my family in voting Yes this November. Thank you.

Kevin Kalstad
Past President, Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees

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(ABOVE LEFT) An INDEX team member walks students through the operation of an INDEX MS40-6 CNC multi-spindle during MFG Day 2026. (ABOVE RIGHT) INDEX President and CEO Michael Huggett speaks to students about INDEX's history and the importance of keeping manufacturing in America.

INDEX Corporation MFG Day 2026 shows students what's possible in manufacturing

The REPORTER

INDEX Corporation welcomed more than 180 Hamilton County high school students at its North American headquarters in Noblesville last Friday, Oct. 2, for MFG Day 2026, showing them the wide range of futures a career in manufacturing can open up, from the production floor to engineering, service, finance, and sales.

Students moved through the facility in small groups, rotating through stations where INDEX team members explained how the equipment operates and what it takes to build, program, and service it. Stations included the INDEX MS40-6 CNC multi-spindle, the TRAUB TNL12 sliding headstock lathe, toolholder rebuilding, shipping and logistics, and 3D printing.

The 3D printing station was led by a Fishers High School student currently

interning at INDEX, giving visiting students a direct look at where their own interest in manufacturing could take them.

INDEX President and CEO Michael Huggett spoke to students about the company's history and the importance of keeping manufacturing in America, where an estimated four million manufacturing jobs will need to be filled by 2030.

“At INDEX, our goal is to help American manufacturers keep jobs here at home and stay globally competitive in the markets where they're facing the toughest pressure, so we're not losing manufacturing overseas,” Huggett said.

INDEX works with local schools to offer internships across both technical and business-focused roles and sponsors local robotics groups, connecting students with real-world experience before they graduate.



Photo provided by INDEX Corporation
A Fishers High School student interning at INDEX leads the 3D printing station for visiting students during MFG Day 2026.

MFG Day is a nationwide initiative held on the first Friday of October to introduce students to careers in manufacturing. INDEX

has hosted MFG Day events at its Noblesville headquarters since 2019, making workforce development a central part of its mission.

About INDEX Corporation

INDEX is a global leader in advanced CNC turning and milling tech-

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Jim Irsay 1976 Acts of Kindness Day surpasses expectations, impacts more than 10,000 residents

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Carmel and Kiwanis Club of Carmel recently joined forces to launch the “Jim Irsay 1976 Acts of Kindness Day,” a community-wide initiative celebrating Carmel’s 50th anniversary as a city while honoring the memory and legacy of Jim Irsay.

What began as a shared effort between two service organizations quickly grew into something far greater than anticipated, inspiring acts of kindness throughout the community and demonstrating the powerful impact that can be achieved when organizations come together with a common purpose.

“The total number of volunteers for the day, 607, and the total number of individuals impacted, 10,261, went far beyond the numbers originally envisioned,” according to Dr. Richard M. Markoff, Jim Irsay 1976 Acts of Kindness Day Chairman and member of the Rotary Club of Carmel.

This collaborative, community-wide initiative featured multiple service projects across Carmel. The outpouring of support, the number of volunteers and the numerous and varied success stories highlighted the giving nature of the Carmel community.

The event was born of the shared mission of both organizations: to strengthen communities and develop leaders through service.

“The Kiwanis Club of Carmel was honored to partner with the Rotary Club of Carmel and the Indianapolis Colts to sponsor the Jim Irsay 1976 Acts of Kindness on Aug. 5 in celebration of Carmel’s 50th Anniversary as a city!” said Gayle Webb, past president of the Kiwanis Club of Carmel. “It was amazing to see

the overwhelming collaboration with so many in our community – other service organizations, businesses, churches, individuals, etc. From sunup to sundown, we all performed countless acts of kindness! When service-minded people put their heads together, great things happened for our Carmel community. We look forward to more collaborations!”

The following is a sampling of actual results for the Acts of Kindness Day:

- Shoe Collection at Village of West Clay, Claridge Farms, and Jackson’s Grant involved 210 volunteers and impacted 3,327 students and adults.

- Merciful HELP Center at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Pack the Cruiser had 52 volunteers and impacted 2,240 individuals.

- Lou Newman Piano Concerts for Woodland Terrace and Rose Assisted Living involved four volunteers along with the Colts cheerleaders and impacted 92 people.

- Congregation Shaarey Tefilla, Congregation Beth Shalom, and ALO Property Group supplied 14 volunteers for Popsie’s Pantry to impact 150 individuals.

- Black Orchid Barbers personally visited every single Carmel Fire Department station. Firefighters and EMS professionals received product samples and complimentary hair cut vouchers to thank them for their service, courage, and commitment to the Carmel community. Two volunteers impacted 200 individuals.

- Indiana University Hospital North’s 12 volunteers assisted 400 individuals with their women’s hygiene kits.

- Cornerstone Lutheran Church Comfort Dog Ministries had 11 volunteers

with support dogs giving demonstrations for educational purposes throughout the day.

- Blakley Corporation provided four volunteers to work at furnishing a Habitat for Humanity home.

- Indianapolis Colts volunteers included Pete Ward, Steve Campbell, Joe Reitz, Kelly Tilley, Colts Cheer (four), Ginny Terpening, and Mika Takahashi, all providing support for other teams and volunteers throughout the day.

- Appel Heating and Cooling provided a 15 percent discount on services rendered on Aug. 5, while Apex Detailing and Company had two volunteers available to give their services to a family with two autistic children.

- The Carmel Firefighters Bicycle Helmet Project’s two volunteers donated five helmets.

- Crooked Creek Food Pantry’s volunteer, Judy Ford, bagged approximately 150 bags of canned goods for distribution.

- Neighborly Love volunteers assisted a local individual with yard work.

In addition to volunteer activities, several monetary donations were made, along with in kind offerings.

- Damar Services contributed \$150 for the rental of Village of West Clay Mission House for the Day’s kick-off event and supplied all food and refreshments.

- Cash Contributions to Pack the Cruiser at Kroger totaled \$624.

- Carmel Parks and Recreation Campers created artwork for nearly 1,000 snack bags

- Current in Carmel is in the process of highlighting six months of feature stories regarding the 50th anniversary of Carmel as a City.

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Photos provided

The first-ever Jim Irsay 1976 Acts of Kindness Day was a massive success thanks to the community’s push to do good things across Carmel.

Magazine featured Popsie’s Pantry in a full-page write-up on the Jim Irsay 1976 Acts of Kindness Day Kick-Off in its September/October issue.

“Sharing those impressive (and rewarding) numbers!” said Brad B. Boyd, Area Director, Global Membership Growth & Engagement with the Kiwanis Club of Carmel. “To end up with more than ten-fold our original target is simply astounding ... and a tribute to your community networking connections and the strong relationship we pulled together between Carmel Rotary and Carmel Kiwanis leaders. I am so pleased and proud to have played a small role in it.”

Carmel City Councilman Jeff Worrell said, “The monumental success of the Jim Irsay 1976 Acts of Kindness Day, touching over 10,260 lives through the dedication of 607 volunteers, is a powerful testament to the heart and spirit of Carmel. Celebrating our 50th anniversary as a city isn’t just about looking back at our history; it’s about actively shaping our community’s character today. The Rotary Club of Carmel and the Kiwanis Club of Carmel, along with every single volunteer, showed what is possible when neighbors show up for one another with open hearts and a shared commitment to kindness.”

By dedicating a single day to collective impact, the partnership’s aim was to inspire civic pride, expand community engagement and leave a lasting, positive mark on Carmel. The Jim Irsay

1976 Acts of Kindness Day did all that and more. The event was approved by the Indianapolis Colts.

“The Irsay family and the Colts organization are grateful that 1976 Acts of Kindness was created in honor of the late Jim Irsay,” said Pete Ward, Chief Operating Officer for the Colts. “This event was symbolic of Jim’s commitment to generosity, compassion, and commitment to helping others, and we are grateful for this recognition of his legacy.”

About Rotary Club of Carmel

The Rotary Club of Carmel, founded in 1972, regularly contributes to local community projects and non-profits including the Merciful H.E.L.P. Center, Crooked Creek Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Carmel Summer Lunch Program, Trinity Free Clinic, and many more. Carmel Rotary’s youth outreach includes Leadership Connection, a leadership skills development and scholarship program for Carmel area high school students; Interact, a Rotary sponsored service club for youth ages 12 to 18; and the Youth Exchange Program, hosting incoming high school students from abroad and sponsoring outbound local high school students from Carmel to countries around the globe. Carmel Rotary is proud to present and provide the leadership for CarmelFest, Carmel’s annual 4th of July parade and celebration. Carmel Rotary is also involved in service projects around the

globe, with the major focus areas of peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy and economic and community development. The primary focus of Rotary International and all clubs is the eradication of polio from the face of the earth.

About The Kiwanis Club of Carmel

The Kiwanis Club of Carmel, founded in 1918, is a service organization dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time through hands-on service and impactful partnerships. The club regularly supports organizations such as Brooke’s Place, Indy Hygiene Hub, Kids Coats, Children’s TherAplay, and Riley Children’s Hospital, and leads signature initiatives like its annual “Night of Service,” which brings together members and guests to complete meaningful projects benefiting local nonprofits. The club also supports the Parent Komfort Kart program at Riley Children’s Hospital, providing essential items to families. The Kiwanis Club of Carmel is deeply committed to youth leadership through its sponsorship of the Carmel High School Key Club, which engages more than 200 student members in service and leadership development. Through service projects, fundraising efforts, and community collaboration, the Kiwanis Club of Carmel continues to make a meaningful impact in Central Indiana and beyond.

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness endorses David Turk for HSE School Board District 3

Submitted

David Turk’s campaign for Hamilton Southeastern School Board District 3 announced on Monday, Oct. 5, that it has earned the endorsement of Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness.

Fadness has led Fishers since the city incorporated in 2015 and is in his third full term as mayor. Over that time, he has built a reputation for practical, results-driven leadership focused on making Fishers one of the best places in the state to raise a family, with strong public schools at the center of that work.

“As Mayor of Fishers and father of three HSE students, I know how important our schools are to our families and community,” Fadness said. “David Turk offers responsive, practical leadership focused on keeping our schools strong.

That’s why I support David for HSE School Board.”

Turk said the endorsement reflects the kind of common sense, family-first leadership he is running on.

“HSE gave my family everything,” Turk said. “Mayor Fadness has spent his career listening to families and finding practical solutions instead of getting caught up in politics. That’s exactly the kind of school board member I want to be. This isn’t about a party. It’s about making sure every family in this district gets what mine did.”

Turk, who has run his campaign as the common-sense candidate for HSE School Board, has built his platform around three priorities: protecting and strengthening HSE’s special needs and special education programs, keeping good teachers in

the district through competitive pay, and applying smart, responsible budgeting to how the district spends money.

Turk is a Fishers resident, real estate developer, and father of three. He grew up in Hamilton County, attended Noblesville High School, and earned a degree in Biology from Purdue University. He and his wife, Rachel, moved their family to Fishers so their son James, who is blind, could learn in-person from HSE’s teachers and specialists, after his previous school could only offer him Braille instruction over Zoom during the pandemic.

For more information about David Turk’s campaign for HSE School Board District 3, visit turkforhse.com or email david@turkforhse.com.

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Bicyclist critically injured after being hit by car in Westfield

By KENDALL PIERSON
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A woman was seriously injured Saturday evening after she was hit by a car while riding a bike in Westfield.

According to the Westfield Police Department, at 7:05 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of **Cora Drive and West 186th Street** on the report of a personal injury crash involving a bicyclist and a vehicle.

Arriving officers found a woman suffering from life-threatening injuries, and she was given life-saving medical treatment at the scene.

She was taken to the



Photo provided by Westfield Police Department

hospital in critical condition, and as of Sunday night, she is “critical but stable,” according to police.

Police say the driver of the vehicle that hit her remained at the scene and is cooperating with police.

The incident remains under investigation and police did not provide any further information.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/bicyclist-critically-injured-after-being-hit-by-car-in-westfield.

Applications open for \$1,500 Ken Nunn Memorial Scholarship

The REPORTER

The Ken Nunn Law Office has opened its second round of entries for the semi-annual Ken Nunn Memorial Scholarship. One student will be awarded \$1,500 to use toward tuition, books, supplies, or other educational expenses.

Applications are open now and close at 11:59 p.m. Dec. 6.

Now in its sixth campaign since 2024, applicants will respond to the prompt: “If you could change just one event in world history, which would you choose to change? Why?” Students are encouraged to explore the

Ken Nunn Law Office

impacts of pivotal historical events and explain the changes they would make and how those changes would change history.

Students interested in applying should review the full eligibility rules and submission requirements, and then apply at kennunn.com/ken-nunn-scholarship.

A winner will be announced on Dec. 18.

“Education is the doorway to opportunity,” Ken Nunn said. “It’s important to me to help young people succeed in life.”

Eligibility requirements

- Students must have been accepted into (and plan to attend) a two- or four-year university in Indiana.
- Students must be Indiana residents.
- Students must hold a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.
- Students must submit a 500- to 750-word essay.
- Students must submit their application by 11:59 p.m. Dec. 6.

Employees of The Ken Nunn Law Office and their relatives are not eligible to participate.



Photo provided by WYAP

Looking to get involved in Westfield? WYAP seeks new board members

The REPORTER

Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) is searching for new Board Members with various experiences and skill sets.

WYAP serves youth in the community by connecting them with services such as mentoring, tutoring, mental health counseling, camps, en-

richment activities, and more.

WYAP holds several incredible events throughout the year, such as the Youth Recognition Breakfast, “The Double” Walk/Run, and its newest event, The Masquerade Ball.

WYAP’s Board Members help make all of these amazing events happen, as

well as so much more. If you want to make a difference and have a few hours to give every month to help youth in Westfield, please [click here](#) to learn more and apply.

The deadline for applications is Friday, Oct. 23.

If you have any questions, please email klogan@westfieldyap.org.

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Election Board will meet to review Provisional Ballots at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 2026, in the County Clerk’s Office at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Suite 106, Noblesville.

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Oct. 12, 2026, has been canceled due to no business items for consideration.

The Noblesville Parks Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, has been canceled.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a workshop session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Hamilton County Election Board will meet to address any Election Day matters at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026, in the County Clerk’s Office at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Suite 106, Noblesville.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet to discuss adoption of the 2027 budget at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, 2026, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St.

The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees and the Westfield Library Foundation Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, in Meeting Room 2A at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd, Unit A.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026.

A regular meeting will follow at 2 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Carmel Police Department Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) for the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A regular meeting will follow at 2:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) in the Support Conference Room at Carmel Police Department Headquarters, 1000 S. Range Line Road.

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



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6:50 pm City Alliance Semis II | Varsity Volleyball | Indiana SRN

Thurs Oct 8 - Girls Volleyball

6:00 pm Brownsburg vs **Noblesville** | JV Girls Soccer | HCTV Sports

7:30 pm Brownsburg vs **Noblesville** | JV Girls Soccer | HCTV Sports

Fri Oct 9 - Football

6:45 pm Eastern vs **Sheridan** | Football | Bragg Sports

6:50 pm Terre Haute South vs Chatard | Football | Indiana SRN

6:50 pm Covington Catholic vs Cathedral @ Butler Bowl | Football | Indiana SRN

6:50 pm **Guerin** vs Mt Vernon | Football | Indiana SRN

7:00 pm **Fishers vs Westfield** | Football | Fishers Sports Network

Sat Oct 10 - Volleyball, Freshman Football & College Football

10:00am Carroll vs **Fishers** | Varsity Volleyball | Fishers Sports Network

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Altrusa & The Food Florist team up to support nonprofits



Nothing says fall like comfort food with a cause! Altrusa Club of Hamilton County held its second annual fundraiser with The Food Florist on Sept. 30, selling frozen take-and-bake meals to support local community projects. The successful fundraiser also collected donations benefiting Prevail, a local organization that supports adult and children survivors of abuse. Funds raised will help support local literacy initiatives, including Head Start and libraries, Prevail's holiday boutique, The O'Connor House, and other community service projects. To learn more or get involved, email Club Co-President Sharon Porter at sharon@justnoteworthyevents.com.

Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division releases September data

Submitted by Indiana State Police

The Indiana State Police (ISP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) is responsible for enforcing both state and federal regulations on all commercial motor vehicles (CMV). Major tasks include conducting Safety Inspections, New Entrant Safety Audits, and Compliance Reviews to ensure compliance with equipment and hours-of-service regulations.

CVED is also tasked with enforcing Indiana's size and weight laws and ensuring that commercial carriers are properly registered and paying their fair share of fuel tax dollars. Additionally, they assist in the investigation of commercial vehicle crashes (post-crash inspections) and manage the annual school bus inspection program.

From Aug. 15 to Sept. 15, due to their enforcement efforts, ISP CVED accomplished the following:

- Total CMV Inspections Completed: 4,789 (Total Out of Service Drivers: 589; Total Out of Service Vehicles: 683)
- Total Number of Over-size Violations: 31
- Total Number of Over-weight Violations: 267
- Total Number of Violations: 9,441
- Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device: 267
- Speeding: 1,051
- Total Traffic Enforcement: 1,632
- Read and Speak English: 50

From Aug. 31 to Sept. 5, ISP CVED participated in a Labor Day Trafficking Awareness campaign with partner CVED agencies at



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the Michigan State Police, Illinois State Police, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

ISP CVED also conducted two Separate Weigh Station Bypass Enforcement Details with ISP District personnel, FMCSA, and Federal Law Enforcement agencies at the Terre Haute (Putnamville District, Interstate 70 eastbound at the Illinois state line) and

West Harrison (Versailles District, I-74 westbound at the Ohio state line) weigh stations.

ISP CVED's enforcement efforts are part of Governor Mike Braun's public safety platform to ensure safe environments to travel, work and live for all Hoosiers and for those who traverse the "Crossroads of America."

Our skillful son Tony

If you have been reading my series of columns on how Mrs. K and I are dealing with the August floods that ravaged our home, you have read about our son, Tony. He is Donna's son from a previous marriage, but I call him my son because that is the role he has taken on in my life.

It is Tony who came to our rescue when we needed a place to stay – driving his RV to our property. It is Tony who has contracted all the labor we have used and who has done much of the hands-on work himself.

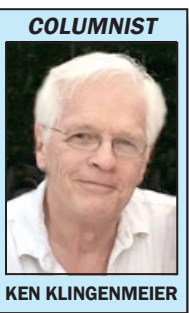
Tony is a brilliant ace of all trades. He performs at a top and precise level in carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, car repair, designing and building, handyman work, appliance repair ... anything and everything to do with hands-on problem solving.

Working under the banner of his company, Anew Look, he provides his customers with all the above, and has gained a reputation for his hard-working, honest and thoughtful services. He has been the engine to our recovery from the flooding disaster we have been through.

But Tony's skills are not the only inspiring thing about the man. His path to his successes has been a rocky one at times, to say the least. His present state is a testament to his ultimate strength of character – a strength that was not always at the fore, but which had to be discovered and decided upon.

Tony was born the middle child of Mrs. K's five children. As such, he strove for attention with silly antics, daredevil stunts, and a general look-at-me attitude. As he grew, he wasn't immune to getting in trouble and causing his mom more than a few gray hairs as he tested life with minor crimes and eventual drug use. More serious problems followed and Tony found out what it was like to be incarcerated.

Eventually after several such episodes of loss of freedom and dangerous downward steps into drug use, Tony figured things out. He developed his faiths in God and in himself. He decided



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to take a different tack. The result was a 180-degree change in the direction of his path in life.

Somehow, Tony always has had the talent for understanding the mechanical arts.

By observing others, as well as trial and error, he learned to do just about every hands-on skill you can think of. I call him a genius in his special abilities. I have never seen him at a loss when it comes to figuring out spatial problems or knowing about the workings of literally every kind of system.

One of my favorite Tony stories is about how a brother-in-law was having some trouble with the engine in his car, an Acura. No one could figure out the problem or how to resolve it. When Tony heard about it, he attacked the situation – first going into an auto parts store and finding a book with an exploded diagram of an Acura engine. He memorized the diagram. From that he disassembled the Acura engine in his sister's driveway, laying all the parts out, found the problem, cleaned and fixed the troublesome part, then reassembled the engine. His sister's husband said the car ran better than it ever had. Then he fixed his sister's Lexus. Same results.

Nowadays, Tony is much in demand for a variety of services. He has been working hard every day on the recovery of our home, the same home he grew up in. From the very first post-flood days, his contractor's network of workers, skilled and unskilled, have provided the repairs to our walls and floors, working at special rates for him, saving us money.

Tony is a man who has been at the bottom of life's pile. I saw him there. He turned his life around because he saw that where he was heading was a dead end, emphasis on the dead. He had enough, and found that the escape hatch was in himself – he only had to turn the knob.

Tony's story is an inspiring one and it is an ongoing tribute to his mother's creed: "Never give up." She never gave up on her middle son, and she has been rewarded.

MyRacehorse brings racehorse ownership within reach for Hoosiers

Submitted

MyRacehorse has helped everyday fans become owners of horses competing – and winning – on some of racing's biggest stages. Now, the launch of the MyRacehorse Indiana Racing Club brings that opportunity closer to home, giving Hoosiers a way to own a real share in a racehorse and experience the sport alongside fellow local owners.

Through its fractional ownership platform, MyRacehorse makes an experience traditionally associated with substantial financial commitments accessible to more people. Owners follow their horse's progress, hear from its racing team, and experience the anticipation of watching their own horse compete.

Hoosiers have already been part of some of MyRacehorse's biggest moments. In 2020, 128 Indiana MyRacehorse owners shared in Authentic's Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup Classic victories. In 2024, 78 Indiana owners celebrated Seize the Grey's Preakness Stakes win. The Indiana Racing Club builds on that experience with a focus on Indiana racing and opportunities to connect with the sport firsthand.

"The MyRacehorse Indiana Racing Club gives Hoo-

siers a new way to experience racing as actual owners," MyRacehorse CEO Michael Behrens said. "When you purchase a share, you own a real interest in a racehorse and get to experience ownership from the barn to race day. That's what MyRacehorse is all about, making real racehorse ownership accessible to more people and bringing them closer to the sport."

An Indiana horse. A local ownership experience.

The club launches with Smokinghot Justice, a stakes-winning Indiana-bred filly trained by Aaron West. She gives owners a local connection to the broader MyRacehorse experience: a horse to follow, a racing team to learn from and fellow owners to cheer alongside at Horseshoe Indianapolis in Shelbyville.

Smokinghot Justice won the 2025 Miss Indiana Stakes and was a finalist for Indiana's champion two-year-old filly that year. She recently finished second in the Ellen's Lucky Star Handicap in August. Her upcoming targets includes racing at Horseshoe Indianapolis on Indiana Champions Day on October 24.

Shares in Smokinghot Justice are available starting \$250, giving participants a

real fractional ownership interest in the horse.

Ownership beyond Race Day

For Indiana Racing Club owners, the experience extends beyond watching Smokinghot Justice cross the finish line.

Owners become part of her journey through regular horse and training updates, trainer insights and invitations to local experiences. Planned opportunities include barn visits, trainer meet-and-greets and owner race-day gatherings at Horseshoe Indianapolis. Select paddock and winner's-circle opportunities are subject to availability and applicable access rules.

Through the MyRacehorse app, owners can follow workouts and race entries, watch race replays and receive announcements and event invitations, keeping them connected to their horse between race days.

"MyRacehorse makes owning a racehorse approachable, and you get so much more than an ownership share in a horse," said Ken Myles, a MyRacehorse fractional owner. "You get to follow the journey, learn about the sport and feel like you're part of a community. Being able to experience all of that close to home in Indiana is really exciting."

Connecting more people to Indiana racing

The club combines MyRacehorse's ownership platform with Indiana's established racing community, connecting owners with local racing professionals and introducing new audiences to the state's horse racing and breeding industries.

"Bringing new owners into our sport is important to the continued strength and growth of Indiana horse racing," said Dan Spears, President of the Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders' Association (ITOBA). "Programs like MyRacehorse Indiana Racing Club introduce people to ownership in an approachable way while connecting them with the breeders, trainers, horses and racetracks that make up Indiana's racing community. The more opportunities we create for people to participate firsthand, the stronger that community becomes."

According to Purdue University, horse racing is a nearly \$2 billion industry touching all 92 Indiana counties. Its economic impact extends beyond the racetrack to farms, feed and hay producers, veterinarians, horse-care professionals, transportation providers and other local businesses.

The MyRacehorse Indi-



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Smokinghot Justice won the 2025 Miss Indiana Stakes and was a finalist for Indiana's champion two-year-old filly that year.

ana Racing Club is open to eligible participants age 18 and older. No previous horse racing or ownership experience is required. Educational resources, horse updates and ownership information are available through the MyRacehorse platform, with Horseshoe Indianapolis helping facilitate local in-person racing experiences.

Visit the [MyRacehorse Indiana Racing Club website](#) for more information. To review the offering and learn more about ownership in Smokinghot Justice, visit [Smokinghot Justice's offering page](#).

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

DO NOT FORGET THE LORD

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.
Deuteronomy 8:1-2 (NIV)

Roger P. Carter

January 12, 1958 – September 27, 2026

Roger P. Carter, 68, Fishers, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Sunday, September 27, 2026. He was born on January 12, 1958, in Greenfield, Ind., to Noble L. Carter and Patricia L. Ward Carter Williams.

Roger was a 1976 graduate of Edgewood High School. During high school, he was an outstanding athlete and received many athletic awards as well as being involved in poetry, writing, and journalism clubs. Roger continued his education at Indiana University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Business in 1980.

Roger was employed with CIBA Pharmaceutical for many years when he won many awards for outstanding sales performance. After which he became the Broker of Hamilton County Real Estate. On March 2, 1991, Roger and Marguerite (Peggy) Foley were married in South Bend, Ind.

Roger was preceded in death by his father, Noble L. Carter.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Carter; daughter, Ava Carter; son, Samuel Carter; and mother, Patricia (Lee) Carter Williams.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 24, 2026, at Colonial Hills Baptist Church, 8140 Union Chapel Road, Indianapolis, where the Funeral Service will begin at noon.

A Committal Service will follow in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family with arrangements.

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John Tener

December 8, 1938 – September 3, 2026

John Tener, who grew up in Noblesville, died on September 3, 2026 after health complications from cancer.

John was born near Cleveland, Ohio in 1938 to Grace and Alan Tener. He was the middle son between brothers Bob and Jim. The family soon moved to Noblesville. Their home was a welcoming place for many of the kids' friends. John's mother dubbed their home "Grace's Home for Wayward Boys." Steeped in Indiana basketball at an early age, he took great pride in being a member of the starting five of the Noblesville High School basketball team, whose winning streak took them to the semi-finals in the state-wide championship tournament.

John graduated from DePauw University, where he met his first wife, Ellie. Following college, he served for four years as an officer in the U.S. Navy. During much of that time, he served as a supply officer on the U.S.S. Randolph aircraft carrier, which was called to duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After the Navy, he attended Indiana Law School and was on a team that attended the National Moot Court competition and won Best Brief. John's oldest daughter, Beth, was born that same year. After law school, he worked a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge J.E. Eschbach in Fort Wayne, Ind., an opportunity to learn about trial law which he treasured.

John joined the Robinson + Cole law firm in Hartford, Conn. He and Ellie had their second daughter, Sharon, the next year. He worked with the firm for 40 years, specializing in complex commercial litigation and property insurance coverage litigation. John took great pleasure in training young lawyers, helping them to try cases and work as a team.

John moved to the Boston office of Robinson + Cole, as his first marriage ended. He later married Nancy Sconyers and they moved to Newton, Mass., where they lived for 20 years.

John was involved in many community activities, including the nuclear freeze movement, fundraising bike rides, cycling advocacy, and political campaigns. Physical exercise was one of his joys: he played basketball into his '50s, ran two marathons, and enjoyed hiking, cycling, and rowing.

John relished his role as father and grandfather. He took delight in children. His welcoming, spirit, sense of humor, and curiosity extended to those he just met and lifelong friends. He maintained meaningful friendships from every phase of his life. His oldest friends described him as the glue that held his friendship circles together.

John is predeceased by his father, Alan Tener, his mother, Grace Tener, and his brothers, Bob Tener and Jim Tener. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Tener, his daughters, Beth Tener and Sharon Tener, his grandson, Arlo Tener, and his first wife, Ellie Tener.

Details on where to make donations in John's name are included at the bottom this page: eatonfuneralhomes.com/obituary/John-Tener.

Evangeline Louise Taylor Smith

October 23, 1937 – October 1, 2026

Evangeline Louise Taylor Smith, "the lady known as Lou," passed peacefully from this life with family at her side, on October 1, 2026, at age 88.



She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Larry L.R. Smith; by a son, Sean Moss Smith (Jama), and by four grandchildren: Jake, Conor (Jocelynn), Caroline, and Cameron. She is pre-deceased by a son, Rannan Moss Smith (Julie), in 2018.

Lou was born in Western Tennessee, but was raised and educated in Kentucky, and always considered herself a Kentuckian, and spoke often and with gratitude of the education she received in Kentucky's schools from elementary and secondary schools in Mayfield, through graduation from the University of Kentucky in Lexington where she earned "with distinction" a B.A. in English literature, and a Phi Beta Kappa key. After graduation and a brief stint at teaching in Denver, she returned to her beloved Kentucky and as Research Assistant to the founders of the UK Medical School, used her skills in organization and writing to assist the establishment of the Medical Center.

She was married at Christmastime in 1959, to Larry L.R. Smith, a classmate at UK and resident of Lexington.

Their return to Lexington from Denver resulted in a move to Cincinnati where their two sons were born. A move to Indianapolis followed in 1967, and Lou became a fulltime homemaker. Her life was filled with the joy of her family and her avocations of gardening and the building of her library. She was an active volunteer in several organizations, offering her skills in organization, writing and lecturing to educate others. Her close relationship with her four grandchildren brought unsurpassed joy and fruition to her life of loving and serving others.

The rite of Christian burial for Lou will be observed in a private, graveside service at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens on Allisonville Road on October 7, 2026. The family respectfully asks that attendance be limited to close family.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to The American Boxwood Society (boxwoodsociety.org); or Geist Christian Church (geistchristian.org).

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