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It takes a village

HSE Schools, Fishers Art Center & Hamilton East Public Library team up to bring the arts to every Kindergartener

Submitted

Kindergarteners throughout Hamilton Southeastern Schools recently practiced bongo drums at the Hamilton East Public Library, getting a hands-on introduction to music through a new program built on teamwork between a school district, an art center, and a public library.

The drumming was one stop in “The Arts, a Kindergarten Experience,” a partnership among HSE Schools, the Fishers Art Center (a division of the Indianapolis Art Center), and Hamilton East Public Library. The program will reach approximately 1,100 Kindergarteners across HSE’s 13 elementary schools, as each one will visit both the art center and the library during the school year.

The program is HSE’s sixth guaranteed student experience, part of a growing collection designed to give every student access to hands-on learning



Photo provided
Thank you to these caring teachers and volunteers: (Back row, from left) Sarah Emehiser, HSE Kindergarten teacher; Mallory Lynch, volunteer; Betsy Carter, volunteer, Alexa Pasco, volunteer, and Rupali Narang, volunteer. (Front row, from left) Emily Spears, Fishers Art Center teacher; Tiffany Pascoe, HSE School board president; and Hannah Wheeler, Fishers Arts Center teacher. Not pictured: Kelly Pandoli, volunteer; and Alayna Norton-Egleson, Fishers Art Center teacher.

throughout their time in the district.

A community effort from the start
Each partner brings some-

thing to the table. The Fishers Art Center offers a professional studio setting, the library brings its literacy mission and its makerspace, and

HSE ties every visit back to what students are learning in the classroom.

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So many questions

I’m tired of people being ugly to each other. I’m tired of all the pain I feel and hear every day. There’s too much of it.

John Coffey spoke those words in the 1999 film adaptation of Stephen King’s novel, *The Green Mile*.

I’ve repeated that quote quite a lot lately.

When did people become so ugly to one another? When did they feel free to go to battle on social media, saying things they would never say to someone standing in front of them? (Or would they?)

Why do people feel the need to hide behind fake names and anonymous groups? Should we trust their voice?

John Coffey felt the world’s cruelty as a constant burden.

Want to know something? I feel his pain.

Hurtful words are hurled like weapons. Insults are hurled because no one says, “Enough!”

What has happened to us as a people? Where has civility gone?

When did comedy stop being funny?

I’m tired of the chaos. I’m tired of the ugliness.

My mother would always say, “Pretty is as pretty does.” Well, I believe ugly is as ugly speaks.

What are we showing our children? How will they ever learn respect and the importance of treating others well?

Has ugliness become normal?

Have we put kindness in a drawer because it’s inconvenient and gets in the way of getting what we want?

The Golden Rule, “Do unto others as we would have done to us,” is tarnished.

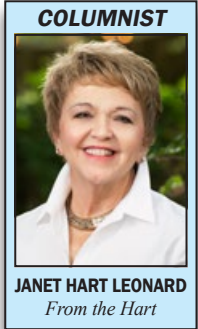
We cheer on brutality. We make death a spectacle.

The least of these are neglected and even harmed.

Might has become right.

Have we become blind, or do we refuse to see?

I want back the world I grew up in. I miss the world where people cared for children and the elderly, followed the Golden Rule, where kindness mattered, and where respect and manners were taught and shown.



COLUMNIST
JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

Colts & coats: a winning combination

Submitted

Indianapolis Colts safety Cam Bynum brought more than football to Westfield High School last week. He brought a message about faith, service, and making a difference in the lives of others.

Bynum visited the Westfield High School stadium to speak to hundreds of football players, from third graders to high school students. Along with signing jerseys and high-fiving excited young athletes, he shared an important reminder: there is something bigger than football. He encouraged the players to serve God, help the people around them, and make serving others a priority in their lives.

Bynum, who previously played for the Minnesota Vikings before joining the Colts, puts those values into action through the Bynum Faith Foundation. The foundation works to fight poverty through sustainable action, provide holistic relief, and expand flag football opportunities throughout Asia, all with the goal of inspiring hope, unity, and opportunity through faith.

Learn more at [Bynum-FaithFoundation.com](#).

A warm coat can make the difference

Bynum’s heart for others, especially children, led him to encourage the young football players to do more than listen to his message. He challenged them to put their concern for others into action by bringing winter coats and gloves to support Kids Coats of Hamilton County.

Founded in 2004, Kids Coats serves more than 3,000 children throughout Hamilton County each year. Its mission is simple but important: to ensure that no child in the community faces an Indiana winter without a proper coat. The organization also connects families with local community resources, support services, and partner churches.

Rather than operating a traditional central distribution center, Kids Coats partners with local churches and community centers to bring winter coats directly into neighborhoods throughout Carmel, Fishers, Sheridan, Arcadia, Noblesville, and Westfield. Fall distributions are made possible through partnerships with local school districts and churches, helping coats reach the children and families who need them most.

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Photos provided
(TOP) The Westfield High School football team welcomed Indianapolis Colts Safety Cam Bynum last week. He spoke of the importance of faith and making service to others a priority. **(ABOVE)** The Westfield Kids’ Coats team with Indianapolis Colts Safety Cam Bynum. (From left) Melody Wisely, Tina Mitchell, Cam Bynum, Eric Lohe, and Jeremy Thornberry.

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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](#).

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QUESTIONS

I’m tired of the anger. I’m tired of the ugliness. I’m tired of people being mean to those without a voice.

I’m a 71-year-old lady with a voice. Some have tried to silence me. Some have tried to shame me for my beliefs but as long as I have breath, I will use my voice. I have a tender heart but broad shoulders and thick skin. You have to when you write an opinion column.

The picture you see with my column was taken by my husband as I was pondering one morning. Pajamas, a comfy throw, messy hair, and a cup of coffee settle my thoughts as I ponder so many questions. Perhaps you have them as well.

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Reporter’s Spring 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. Visit janethartleonard.com. You can purchase her book “When the Hart Speaks” at amazon.com/dp/B0B1C7QKF6.

H CPR dedicates tree to Prevail in honor of 40th anniversary

The REPORTER

In recognition of Prevail, Inc.’s 40 years of providing life-saving services to survivors of crime and abuse, Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) has planted and dedicated a serviceberry tree in the organization’s honor at Cool Creek Park.

The tree was unveiled on Thursday, Oct. 8, by Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger and Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Director Chris Stice.

The dedicated tree provides a place for reflection while symbolizing growth, hope and healing. As the tree grows, it will serve as a meaningful tribute to the over 70,000 survivors who have found support through Prevail and a reminder of the organization’s ongoing work in the community.

“We are thrilled to honor Prevail during their 40th anniversary year and to help raise awareness of their important work throughout Hamilton County, especially during Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” Stice said. “As people pass by, we hope they are inspired to learn more, start conversations and consider how they can help create a safer community for everyone.”

The tree also carries



Photos provided by Prevail, Inc. Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Director Chris Stice and Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger stand next to the serviceberry tree.

special significance during October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A purple ribbon has been placed around the tree and will remain throughout the month as a visible reminder of the importance of community awareness and prevention.

“We are grateful to Hamilton County Parks and Recreation for honoring Prevail’s 40 years of service,” Wanninger said. “Prevail’s work has always been deeply rooted in community and a tree felt like a special way to capture that connection. Just as a tree grows strong with deep roots and the right support, survivors can find

strength and healing when they have a community that stands beside them.”

About Prevail

Prevail is a non-profit organization based in Noblesville and dedicated to offering crisis intervention and restorative support services free of charge for those who have experienced crime and abuse, in a confidential, supportive, non-judgmental environment that is meant to empower those served. Since the beginning, Prevail has been committed to empowering survivors and fostering a safe community free of violence. For more information, visit prevailinc.org.

VILLAGE

Rooted in standards, built for 5-year-olds

The program aligns with Indiana academic standards for visual arts, dance, music, and English/language arts, connecting what happens on the trip with classroom instruction.

Designed with young learners in mind, the activities span several modes of the fine arts: music, dance and movement, painting, and clay. Gripping a paintbrush, shaping clay, and keeping a beat on a drum give Kindergarteners age-appropriate practice with fine and gross motor skills while they create.

Literacy runs through the entire experience. Students read a book about a little girl and drumming before the Bongo Boy drumming session. Their itinerary also includes watercolor painting and a clay activity at the Fishers Art Center, plus a second library activity connecting the day back to reading.

The program’s arts focus adds something new to the district’s guaranteed experiences, which otherwise center on STEM or social studies, and introduces HSE’s youngest learners to the creative



opportunities available in Fishers.

Big-city opportunities, small-city collaboration

HSE Schools Board of Trustees President Tiffany Pascoe said the program shows what the community can do when it works together.

“It truly takes a village,” Pascoe said. “When our library, our art center, and our schools come together, our Kindergarteners get music, dance, painting, and clay, all tied to Indiana academic standards and building the motor skills and literacy that matter so much at this age. That’s what makes HSE so

unique. We offer big-city opportunities with small-city personalization and collaboration.”

A school district, an art center, and a library, each strong on its own, chose to pool their expertise so that every kindergartener in HSE gets the same rich introduction to the arts.

Special thanks go to the Fishers Art Center teachers and staff, HSE Schools staff (bus drivers, teachers, district leadership, and food services to name a few) and the classroom volunteers whose time and care helped bring this experience to life for HSE’s youngest learners.

COATS

Kids Coats of Hamilton County has several coat distribution events scheduled this fall:

- Week of Oct. 20: Arcadia, through the Hamilton Heights School District
- Oct. 24: Sheridan, through the Hamilton Heights School District
- Oct. 31: CrossRoads Church at Westfield, 19201 Grassy Branch Road
- Nov. 7: Green Valley Church of Christ, 19005 Cumberland Road, Noblesville

- Nov. 14: Delaware Township Community Center, 9094 E. 131st St., Fishers

Families seeking ongoing coat assistance can also contact the Merciful HELP Center at Our Lady of Carmel Catholic Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel. To learn more about Kids Coats of Hamilton County, its programs, or ways to help, visit kidscoats.org.

Cam Bynum’s visit offers a wonderful reminder that the influence of a

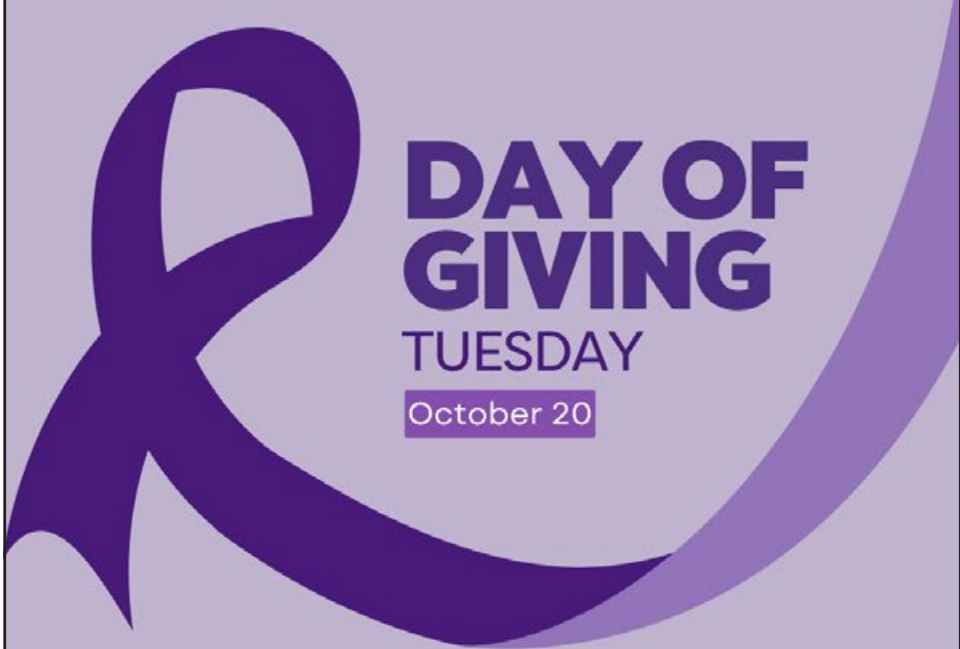
professional athlete can extend far beyond the football field. By encouraging young players to serve others – and inspiring them to help provide winter coats for children in need – he is helping turn a message of faith into meaningful action.

Football and winter coats may seem like an unlikely combination, but when they bring people together to care for children, they make a winning team.



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Two courageous Carmel teens save three lives in water rescue

The REPORTER

Prompt action by two Carmel teens helped avert tragedy when a grandmother and two young children ended up in a retention pond.

At approximately 11:15 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, Carmel fire fighters and police officers were dispatched following reports of two children submerged in water. Upon arrival, emergency responders found the children, ages two and four, safely out of the water, alongside local brothers Maddox and Grant Larger, ages 15 and 14, who were continuing to assist the family.

According to reports, the children’s grandmother was struggling in the retention pond after the stroller holding the two-year-old had become partially submerged, while the four-year-old was strapped to her back. Neither the grandmother nor the four-year-old knew how to swim.

Noticing the distress, Maddox and Grant took swift action and jumped into the pond to aid in rescue. Together, the boys helped to pull the grandmother and the four-year-old to dry land. Maddox then pulled the stroller out of the water,

unbuckled the two-year-old and began back slaps until the child resumed breathing.

Both children were conscious, crying, and evaluated by first responders. Carmel public safety teams noted that the quick thinking and decisive actions of Maddox and Grant undoubtedly saved the life of the two-year-old.

“The immediate actions taken by Maddox and Grant demonstrated remarkable courage and quick thinking under pressure,” Carmel Police Sgt. Matt Keinsley said. “Their heroic efforts made the difference between a tragedy and a miraculous

outcome.”

Maddox and Grant will be recognized for their heroic efforts at the Nov. 16 Carmel City Council meeting.



Westfield authors Danyele Easterhaus & Michelle Merritt release new book

Submitted

Westfield authors Danyele Easterhaus and Michelle Merritt are marking the release of their second book together, *Emergent Power: Midlife Women Redefining Love, Health, & Work*, out today, Oct. 14.

The pair first partnered as contributing authors on the 2025 Amazon No. 1 best-seller *Empathy Impact*, and each is now a two-time bestselling author. To coincide with the launch, both women are also introducing new podcasts: Easterhaus’s *On the Mic with D* and Merritt’s *The 2 a.m. Circle*.

In her chapter, “One More Thing,” Easterhaus writes a raw account of caring for her father through his final months and the honest work of grief and rebuilding that followed.

“This chapter came from the hardest year of my life,” Easterhaus said. “*On the Mic with D* grew out of that same need, a place for honest, unscripted conversations about what midlife actually feels like.”

Merritt’s chapter, “The Posse,” is about the three friends who have carried her through career reinventions, cross-country moves, and family crises for more than three decades, and what she has learned about not reinventing ourselves alone.

“Every person needs a posse – people who show up without being asked twice,” Merritt said. “Bringing The 2 a.m. Circle to life is about giving others permission to build that same kind of support system.”

The two chapters sit alongside essays from 11 other women writing about

health, identity, and reinvention in midlife.

The book’s release also marks the debut of two new podcasts. Easterhaus is launching *On the Mic with D*, featuring candid conversations on relationships, culture, and leadership. Merritt

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Early Voting Totals

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Judicial Center 4,457

4-H Fairgrounds 7,150

TOTAL 11,607

Democrats showed up this primary, now comes the general

By AIDA KARIM
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This Nov. 3, Hamilton County could come to witness an election unlike ever before.

For the first time in recent county history, the number of Democratic voters in the May 2026 primary outnumbered their Republican counterparts in specific races. Republicans still maintain an overall majority.

Democratic voters experienced a significant increase in participation during the latest primary election in large part due to the number of Democratic candidates on the ballot. This election saw the largest number of contested nominations within the party.

The Reporter looked at voter statistics for the 2024 and 2026 primary and uncovered some interesting developments.

Compared to the 2024 primary, voter participation for State Representative in House District 29 increased by 29.7 percent for the Democrats in 2026.

More Democrats accounted for voters in Hamilton County Council Districts 1 and 2. Of the total number of votes cast in the primary, 51.1 percent of voters in District 1 and 52.6 percent of voters in District 2 cast a Democratic vote.

Hamilton County Council Districts 3 and 4 had a Republican majority of voters, with 62.1 percent of voters in District 3 and 53.8 percent of voters in District 4 casting a ballot for the GOP candidates.

Voter participation for township trustee in Fall Creek witnessed a 52 percent Democrat majority, while Republicans maintained a stronghold in Washington and White River townships.

When comparing midterm years, even the number of Democratic state convention delegate candidates saw an increase of 182 people, with 35 candidates in 2022 and 217 candidates in 2026. Republican state delegate candidates decreased by 57 people, with 163 candidates in 2022 and 106 candidates in 2026. (State convention delegates are selected during the primary election, not the general.)

The Reporter spoke with Hamilton County Election Administrator Beth Sheller about her observations this coming election.

Sheller said she noticed a higher than normal number of ballots being sent out for a midterm election.

“I feel like voters are more engaged this election than a regular midterm, but of course we won’t know that until we see the turnout on Election Day,” Sheller said.

Greg Ballard seeks to “open the door” for independent candidates

By AIDA KARIM
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Editor’s note: When The Reporter reached out to all candidates for Indiana Secretary of State, Greg Ballard was the only one who responded in a timely manner.

Greg Ballard says the partisan divide is putting Indiana’s future at risk. As the Lincoln Party candidate for Secretary of State, he’s looking to challenge the status quo.

Ballard shares the ballot with three other candidates this election: Republican Max Engling, Democrat Beau Bayh, and Libertarian Lauri A. Shillings.

According to Ballard, after serving as mayor of Indianapolis, he was asked to run for different positions from governor to the House and Senate, but “none of them felt right.”

About a year ago, Ballard said a man named Nathan Gotsch came to him.

Ballard said he was “looking at the toxicity, the hyperpartisanship, and the divisions in the political atmosphere right now.”

According to Ballard, Gotsch did a lot of polling and raised money for a group called Independent Indiana. The organization came to the conclusion that there are no competitive elections in November.

“The main election is now the primary because of gerrymandering. The November election is of virtually no consequence for most of Indiana,” Ballard said.

said. “There’s one person who could win that race. It’s going to be the Republican in the red areas, and it’s going to be the Democrat in the blue areas.”

Ballard told The Reporter he thinks voters need more choices and more people available to run for office.

Lincoln Party founding

Ballard told The Reporter the foundation of the Lincoln Party is based on the principles of the nation’s founding fathers.

“We don’t want to create a litmus test for anybody,” Ballard said. “There are a lot of people who have their own opinions and don’t quite fit the binary choices. The partisanship ideology gets in the way of good government, and we want to change that.”

In order to get his name on the ballot, Ballard needed to collect 36,943 petition signatures of registered voters, or 2 percent of the votes cast for Secretary of State in 2022.



Ballard

submitted 10 fraudulent signatures in Hamilton County.

Ballard told The Reporter his campaign found out and the individual was dismissed immediately.

Ultimately, Ballard successfully collected 40,361 signatures.

Editor’s note: Ballard will now appear as the Lincoln Party candidate for Secretary of State on this year’s general election ballot. In order for potential Lincoln Party candidates to maintain automatic ballot access for the next four years, Ballard will need to get at least 2 percent of the vote on Nov. 3. Furthermore, once established, all minor parties in Indiana must attain 2 percent of the vote in the Secretary of State race in each general election in order to maintain automatic ballot access for the following four years. This also means that party (or those parties) must hold nominating conventions to select candidates.

If elected

According to Ballard, the office of Secretary of State should be independent of politics. He said the chief election officer carries a unique responsibility in the state.

“Once I’m in office, I will not endorse, I will not donate to anybody. I will not fundraise for anybody who’s running for office

under my peer review,” Ballard said.

In light of the Supreme Court involvement over six disallowed votes during the May 2026 primary election of State Senator Spencer Deery, Ballard said the Recount Commission should be abolished.

“The election recount commission looks at campaign finance laws and are supposed to meet when there’s a discrepancy,” Ballard said. “However two Republican appointees and two Democratic appointees don’t want to address the issues because they don’t want to hurt whatever candidates have to come before them, so they don’t meet.”

According to Ballard, the commission’s function needs to be assigned to retired administrative law judges in order to deter the office from partisan disputes.

Ballard’s campaign developed a “Voter’s Guide” this election. The guide book contains information about individual candidates, where to vote, how to vote, how long the voting centers are open, and a sample ballot on the last page.

You can access Ballard’s Voter’s Guide online at gregballard.com/guide.

Early voting is underway and you can no longer register to vote in this election, but you can check your voting status at indianavoters.in.gov. You also find information on voting in Hamilton County at hamiltoncounty.in.gov/222/Current-Election-Information.

A look at voter participation in the County Council races, May 2026 Primary

	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
GOP Votes Cast	5,103	4,825	6,396	5,998
Dem Votes Cast	5,337	5,344	3,899	5,151
Total Votes Cast	10,440	10,169	10,295	11,149
GOP Percent of Total	48.9%	47.4%	62.1%	53.8%
Dem Percent of Total	51.1%	52.6%	37.9%	46.2%

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is launching *The 2 a.m. Circle*, a show about the friendships people can call on at any hour. Both shows carry the themes of each author’s chapter into an ongoing conversation with listeners.

About the Authors

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Get to know Indiana’s comptroller candidates

By MACKENZIE KLEMAN
[Indiana Capital Chronicle](https://indianacapitalchronicle.com)

A little-known statewide office responsible for disbursing and reporting how Indiana’s state tax dollars are spent is on the ballot this election season.

Three candidates are vying to be Indiana’s next comptroller: Incumbent Elise Nieshalla, a Republican, is seeking re-election against Democratic nominee Jessica Bailey and Libertarian John Schick.

The comptroller, formerly known as the state auditor, is responsible for accounting, disbursing and reporting how Indiana spends its \$26 billion in annual state general fund revenues.

Former Gov. Eric Holcomb appointed Nieshalla to the position in 2023.

The comptroller compiles an annual financial report for lawmakers and governors to plan future budgets, pays the state’s 30,000 employees, disburses funds to state agencies and local governments and administers Indiana’s deferred compensation fund.

She also manages the state’s transparency portal, intended for Hoosiers to know how their tax dollars are spent, and is a member of the State Board of Finance.

Nieshalla describes her ascent to the position as a nat-

ural progression from president of the Boone County Council and Indiana County Councils Association.

She spent the previous two decades in economic development and real estate acquisition for the Indiana Department of Commerce, now known as the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

The role taught her the basics of state government – “it’s all about jobs,” she said.

“For a long time, I’ve known that it’s my responsibility to do my part to keep the republic,” Nieshalla said, adding: “And here I find myself now as a leading financial officer for the state of Indiana, and doing my utmost to keep Indiana fiscally strong, disciplined, responsible and transparent.”

Democrat Bailey is finishing her second term as clerk of courts for Porter County, where she manages marriage licenses, traffic and criminal records and oversees county elections. She also spent six years with the Porter Township school board.

The apolitical nature of the comptroller’s office is attractive to Bailey, who said she was inspired to seek the nomination to make Indiana’s transparency portal more accessible to the average Hoosier.

As clerk of courts, Bailey said she started a mo-



Nieshalla



Bailey



Schick

bile voting center out of a single-wide trailer for Porter County residents whose community polling centers had closed, so early voting wouldn’t be so inconvenient.

“I think if we just put some of that out-of-the-box thinking into the comptroller’s office, it’ll make it much easier and more accurate for Hoosiers to get information functions like the transparency portal,” she said.

Schick, a Northwest Indiana management consultant now in his fourth campaign for comptroller, joined the Libertarian Party in 2002. He rose through the ranks as secretary for the state central committee and now district leader for Congressional District 1.

Schick sees his political outsider status as an asset for the office, which he said would benefit under the direction of a comptroller who is not a member of either major political party.

“An independent state comptroller would make it clear that it’s run inde-

pendently (of the governor and legislature),” he said, “and isn’t there just to have the same set of priorities as the legislature that’s making the decisions.”

Inside the transparency portal

Nieshalla is proud of Indiana’s transparency portal, an online database of state assets, contracts, employees, finances, local governments and vendors. “It’s a phenomenal tool,” she said.

In May, Nieshalla launched a new dashboard dedicated to federal expenditures in Indiana.

Federal funding surged from an average of between \$12 billion and \$14 billion a year to \$26 billion at the peak of the coronavirus pandemic and has remained elevated since then, she said.

“When you have that much money coming into a state so quickly ... those dollars are vulnerable to fraud, waste and abuse because of the administration and

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Did you know you can give plastic bags a second purpose while helping a neighbor in need?

If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back to the community this holiday season, the Altrusa Club of Hamilton County will host a hands-on service project to support the homeless. Join them on Friday, Nov. 30, at the Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers and lend a helping hand.

Club members and guests will transform plastic bags into crocheted mats that provide a dry, protective barrier from cold or wet ground for those who need a



Photos provided by Altrusa Club of Hamilton County

(ABOVE LEFT) Altrusa members collected food and supplies donations for the Mary Rigg Food Pantry during their October meeting. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Members Gloria and Brenna present a completed crocheted mat made of plastic bags for people experiencing homelessness in the local community.

place to sleep or rest.

Anyone is welcome who's interested in giving back, meeting others in the community, and helping

turn something as simple as a plastic bag into something useful for a neighbor in need.

To learn more about

Sheridan middle & high school Ag brings learning to life ... literally

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools' (SCS) Agriculture Department, led by Scott Ison and Brett Beckner, is continuing to create opportunities for students.

Each year, there are new opportunities that allow students to explore different careers, pathways, and opportunities that they might have after high school. The most recent was an inside look at manufacturing and being able to grow produce

in the laboratory.

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, members of Sheridan's FFA put the new grow laboratory to use. They planted several cool-season vegetables to test the laboratory's growing conditions and abilities. Several flats have already begun to germinate, and students are able to see that progress every day. This new lab allows students and FFA members to learn about and actually see plant growth, cultivation,

and production. Eventually, students hope to be able to sample some of their harvest and see how they can upgrade their process in the future.

On Friday, Oct. 2, students in Sheridan's Ag Power and Fabrication classes visited EMC for Manufacturing Day. During the visit, students were able to tour the facility, better understand potential careers within the industry, and see how the concepts they study in class connect

to the real world. At EMC, students were able to see modern manufacturing practices and how they produce parts that are distributed across the globe.

Both experiences demonstrate Sheridan's commitment to hands-on learning as well as to the development of career-ready students. The Ag Department is helping students learn practical skills, discover potential new interests, and prepare for the future.

CCPR's Extended School Enrichment students to celebrate 'Lights on Afterschool'

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's (CCPR) Extended School Enrichment (ESE) program will join communities across the country in celebrating Lights on Afterschool on Thursday, Oct. 22. The annual event recognizes the positive impact of after-school programming and advocates for continued support of these essential services.

Lights on Afterschool was created by the After-school Alliance, a nonprofit organization that works to expand access to affordable, quality afterschool programs for children nationwide. The event raises awareness to the important role afterschool programs play in supporting



Photo provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

To celebrate Lights on Afterschool, all 11 ESE sites will hold their own themed festivities, including Halloween costume parties, carnivals, glow parties, and more on Thursday, Oct. 22.

students' development, encouraging lifelong learning, and providing working families with reliable care.

ESE is celebrating its 20th year of partnership with Carmel Clay Schools,

providing quality after-school care to families at 11 elementary schools across Carmel. Each day, students explore a variety of clubs and activities, ranging from STEM

and art to sports and other hands-on activities that encourage creativity, teamwork, and exploration.

For more information about ESE or to enroll, visit carmelclayparks.com/ease.

CANDIDATES

assimilating those funds in so quickly," Nieshalla said. "So we needed to have the brightest sunlight on those dollars to be able to look back and look forward and say, 'Are those dollars being spent as they were intended?'"

The federal number is now dropping each year.

National debt advocacy

Nieshalla and state Treasurer Daniel Elliott formed a coalition of 37 state financial officers who lobby lawmakers to take action on the \$40 trillion national debt, leaning on Indiana's balanced budget amendment as a model for the federal government.

Failure to act could result in national bankruptcy – eroding the U.S. dollar's status as the world's reserve currency, she said.

Nieshalla worked with Hoosier lawmakers as chair of the National Debt Crisis Task Force for the State Financial Officers Foundation on a resolution asking the federal government to act. Other states are doing the same.

"They're working to get it passed in as many states as possible to build this movement from the states, because what we're asking the federal government to do is some of the most difficult work,"

Nieshalla said, as it will require reforms of America's most popular social programs: Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security.

"We've got to get back to basics and understand that resources are finite and that there are consequences for a debt load of \$40 trillion ... and \$1 trillion in annual cost of interest."

Bailey and Schick each said the national debt is concerning, but they would prefer to focus their attention on state issues where they could have more impact.

Opponents push to improve portal

Bailey and Schick each said they'd like to make the portal more user-friendly to the average Hoosier.

"Republicans talk a lot about the state transparency portal, but it's not very transparent," Schick said. "When you get into it, you realize it's not really giving you very much information about how much money is being spent."

A search of state expenditures in his home Porter County shows "60% of all spending goes into a single account called settlements," he said, "and it doesn't describe at all how all that money is being spent."

If elected, Schick said he'd "completely" rework the site and issue regular press releases about how state monies are spent on issues of the day like Flock cameras. "It's spending of public money and should not be hidden behind a wall of opacity," he said.

Bailey said there are practical solutions to site glitches – case sensitive searches requiring the exact spelling of an employee or contractor's name, which she said could be corrected to function more akin to Google by generating suggested names and search terms.

She'd like to add other information too about the prevailing wage and minimum standards for state contractors.

"It's a very good tool, and I think it's a good starting point," she said.

Bailey wants more focus on State Board of Finance

The three-member State Board of Finance supervises state funds – authorizing loans, appropriations and transfers made between accounts that don't require legislative approval.

Bailey said she'd like to see the board engage in more public discussion, so

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Hoosiers aren't left out. The meetings often last only a few minutes.

"As a county official, if I need more money in my budget, or if I need to transfer money within my (accounts), I go to the county council," she said. "They are the fiscal stewards of the county money. ... They want to know why it wasn't high enough. They want to know where the money went, what the expenses were, what cost went up and what I plan to do with the additional money."

The State Board of Finance should do the same, she said. "But there's no discussion at a public meeting, so how are taxpayers across the state supposed to know what's happening with their money?"

Nieshalla said board members review information in advance to "make sure it's on the up and up." Many requests are routine, she said. Others are subject to additional scrutiny: "We do our due diligence to make sure we understand the request, why, what it's going toward and then we vote yea or nay."

This story was published on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at indianacapitalchronicle.com.

HSE Schools highlights academic growth & expanded opportunities

Submitted by HSE Schools

More students at Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern high schools are taking on advanced coursework, and more are succeeding.

Since 2022, Advanced Placement (AP) participation has increased 21 percent at Fishers High School (FHS) and 38 percent at Hamilton Southeastern High School (HHS). During that same period, the number of students earning qualifying AP scores has grown even faster, increasing 40 percent and 59 percent, respectively.

Those results were among the academic highlights shared with the Hamilton Southeastern Board of School Trustees on Wednesday, Oct. 14, along with strong ILEARN performance and a look at how educators are using student data to strengthen instruction and provide targeted support.

During the 2025-26 school year, more than 2,800 students across both high schools took AP courses, with more than 2,400 earning at least one qualifying score of 3 or higher.

Additionally, 58 percent of graduating seniors at FHS and 56 percent at HHS have earned at least one qualifying AP score. HHS also achieved a record 89.3 percent AP success rate.

forming school districts.

While those results are encouraging, district leaders emphasized that assessment data plays an important role in identifying where students need additional support and where they are ready for greater challenges.

Indiana's redesigned ILEARN assessment provides checkpoints throughout the school year, allowing educators to monitor student progress, identify learning gaps, and adjust instruction before the end-of-year assessment.

At the junior high level, for example, students receive targeted instruction during a dedicated period based on specific skills they have not yet mastered. Those interventions change throughout the year as students' needs evolve.

HSE Schools has taken a similar approach to literacy instruction, investing in updated curriculum, research-based reading practices aligned with the science of reading and instructional coaches in every K-6 building. These coaches work alongside teachers to examine classroom data and make instructional adjustments based on student needs.

"Strong results are worth celebrating, but they also show us where we can continue to improve," Kegley said. "Whether a student needs additional instruction to master a skill or is ready for a greater academic challenge, our responsibility is to recognize those needs and respond. That's the work happening in our classrooms every day."

District leaders emphasized that academic progress is not the result of any single program or initiative, but rather the combined efforts of teachers, staff, students, and families, supported by effective curriculum, professional development, and timely information about student learning.

As HSE Schools looks ahead, the focus remains on strengthening foundational skills, providing targeted support, and expanding opportunities for students to pursue more challenging coursework.

"Our goal is to keep raising expectations while making sure every student has the support and opportunities to meet them," Kegley said.



Kegley

What's encouraging is that we're seeing more students take on challenging coursework while continuing to achieve at high levels," Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "We want to continue opening doors for students while making sure they have the academic foundation and support to be successful."

The district has continued to expand advanced coursework based on student interests and emerging career opportunities, including AP Precalculus, expanded computer science offerings and opportunities in areas such as cybersecurity.

The academic update also highlighted the district's performance on the 2025-26 ILEARN assessment, with 66.4 percent of students demonstrating proficiency in English language arts and 68.1 percent in mathematics. Both results were more than 24 percentage points above state averages, placing HSE among Indiana's highest-per

Nominations now open for Blackhawk Wall of Fame

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) launched the Blackhawk Wall of Fame this past year. This new tradition was created to honor the individuals who have dedicated themselves, led, served, and left a lasting impact on the SCS community.

The Wall of Fame recognizes both alumni, employees, and dedicated community members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, support, and commitment to SCS and the values of being a Blackhawk. These individuals can be students, educators, coaches, or just Sheridan supporters.

SCS has had a long tradition of excellence, which is built on the hard work and passion of students, educators, alumni, and, of course, the community. SCS puts "community" in its name for a reason. Community is what drives this school system because community is what brings everyone together.

Individuals inducted into the Wall of Fame are passionate leaders with an unwavering commitment to students and the community. SCS invites everyone to continue the tradition by submitting future Wall of Fame nominations. This tradition honors those who have served, supported, achieved, or contributed to the school community and overall success of SCS.

To submit a nomination, go to tinyurl.com/SCSWallOfFame. SCS wants to continue to celebrate those who continue to make a difference and embody what it truly means to be a Blackhawk. The next class of inductees will be honored at the Hardwood Homecoming festivities, held in January.



Trail of terror runs through Red Bridge Park

The REPORTER

The seventh annual Cicero Haunted Trail & Fall Festival returns to Red Bridge Park on Friday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 24. Kid-friendly hours are 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., but when darkness falls, that’s when the Haunted Trail will transform into a truly scary adventure.

Trolley and golf cart shuttle stops will be available at these locations:

- Boathouse Restaurant
 - Jackson and Pearl streets
 - Jackson and Washington streets
 - United Family Wesleyan Church, 210 Washington Ave. (golf cart pickup only)
- Golf cart parking will be available only at Red Bridge Park. Trolley pickups will take place at designated Cicero parking lots. Please

Buy from St. Christopher’s Pumpkin Patch, help Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

Submitted

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

Come choose from hundreds of 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 through Halloween 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 colorful gourds for fall decorating.

Even better, 100 percent of the proceeds benefit the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, which provides food to

note that parking is not permitted along Morse Landing Drive.

Admission is based on free-will donations, with all proceeds benefiting Cicero Parks. Donations help support local parks and community activities while allowing families to enjoy this special Halloween tradition.

This year, you can purchase a \$40 Fast Pass to bypass the long lines at the Haunted Trail. Fast Passes will be available for purchase at the event each day; there will be no advance sales.

The Haunted Trail was founded by Lisa and Brian Bear and Cheryl Trietsch, whose dedication has helped make this event a beloved annual tradition in Cicero. For additional information, call Lisa Bear at (317) 513-4086.



more than 30 local food pantries serving neighbors throughout Hamilton County.

Right now, \$3,000 has been raised for HCHFB, but the people of St. Christopher’s would love to get that number to \$7,000 to have an even greater impact.

St. Christopher’s loves that this simple fall tradition directly helps to put food on the tables of neighbors right here in Hamilton County.

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.

Proposal offered to add School Resource Officers at Westfield Washington Schools

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) and the City of Westfield presented a proposal to expand the district’s School Resource Officer (SRO) program during the Oct. 13 WWS Board of School Trustees meeting.

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city and the Westfield Police Department at the meeting.

Mayor Scott Willis, Westfield Police Chief Shawn Keen, WWS Director of Personnel and Safety Mike Hall, and WWS Superintendent Dr. John Atha have worked together to develop a long-term approach to school safety that emphasizes highly trained officers, strong relationships with students and staff, and consistent law enforcement presence in schools.

Chief Keen and Westfield Executive Chief of Staff Danielle Carey Tolan shared details of the proposed partnership, which would establish a comprehensive approach to school safety through dedicated officers, specialized training, and stronger relationships with students and staff.

The proposed plan was voted on and adopted by the school board; however, implementation is contingent upon voter approval of the WWS operating referendum on Nov. 3.

The proposed program reflects a vision Chief Keen has advocated for since becoming police chief: developing a team of highly trained law enforcement professionals who specialize in school safety.

Under the proposed partnership, the Westfield Police Department would be responsible for employing, training, supervising, and deploying officers. WWS and the city would coordi-

nate on school safety planning, emergency preparedness, student support, and program implementation. The agreement represents a shared commitment to establishing a sustainable SRO program.

SROs serve a role that extends beyond traditional law enforcement. In addition to helping prevent and respond to safety concerns, they serve as educators, mentors, and trusted adults who build positive relationships with students and staff. While they are not school counselors or disciplinarians, they provide another layer of student support and help strengthen connections between students and law enforcement.

“When I had been superintendent for just 15 days, Chief Keen sat down with me and shared his vision for what a school resource officer program could and should be,” Superintendent Atha said. “He believed we needed more than police officers assigned to schools: we needed highly trained professionals who understand the unique environment of schools, build meaningful relationships with students and staff, and have the training and leadership necessary to keep our schools safe. This plan is truly a win-win for the City of Westfield and Westfield Washington Schools. It is another example of what we can accomplish when we work together and invest in the safety and future of our community.”

The proposed program would include a minimum of 13 SROs, two sergeants, and one lieutenant. This structure would provide dedicated coverage for each school building (there currently are not enough SROs to cover each building full-time), along with consistent supervision, training, and support for officers.



Atha



Keen



Willis

“While Westfield Washington Schools excels in many areas, I believe there is an opportunity to further strengthen the SRO program through a comprehensive, relationship-centered approach,” Chief Keen said. “My vision begins with ensuring that every school has a dedicated SRO to promote safety, build trust, and provide a consistent law enforcement presence. Beyond ensuring adequate staffing, I envision a program that prioritizes meaningful relationships between SROs, students, and school staff. Achieving this goal requires ongoing, specialized training that equips SROs with the skills and knowledge necessary to engage effectively with students, foster positive connections, and respond appropriately to the unique challenges within an educational environment.”

The proposal also outlines a shared financial responsibility between the district and the city. Beginning in 2027, and only if the operating referendum is approved, WWS would cover 80 percent of program costs, with the city covering the remaining 20 percent. This shift would mean WWS could cover about \$1 million of the \$1.6 million the city currently spends, meaning WPD can reinvest that \$1 million back into community safety.

“One of my commitments when running for Mayor was to strengthen public safety throughout Westfield, including in our

schools,” Mayor Willis said. “This proposed partnership is another step toward delivering on that promise. By working together, the city and Westfield Washington Schools can establish a stronger, more sustainable school resource officer program while allowing the Westfield Police Department to reinvest approximately \$1 million into public safety initiatives throughout our community. This is a responsible approach to taxpayer dollars that prioritizes the safety of our students, teachers, and staff while strengthening public safety for all Westfield residents.”

The proposed SRO program expansion is among the school safety priorities identified in the WWS operating referendum which appears on November’s ballot. The expanded program would not move forward under the proposed funding arrangement unless the referendum passes. Additional planning and formal approvals would also be necessary before implementation.

“I believe our students and staff deserve this level of commitment, and investing in a well-supported, relationship-focused SRO Program is an important investment in the safety, well-being, and success of our entire community,” Chief Keen said.

The recording of the Oct. 13 Board of School Trustees meeting can be seen on the WWS YouTube channel at [tinyurl.com/3ztzm5u](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ztzm5u).

Sheridan students in top 10% in ILEARN biology assessment

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Every spring, current students taking biology take the state-mandated ILEARN test.

At Sheridan High School (SHS), students enrolled in biology prepare all year for this assessment. The teachers behind the biology courses are Kurt Olsan and Ryan Kelleher.

“We prepare all year long for this assessment by ensuring students have access to rigorous curriculum and hands-on experiences that bring the content to

life,” Kelleher said.

Students partake in labs, experiments, activities, and projects to be able to understand the core concepts of biology. During one of the most exciting experiments, students create their own self-contained ecosystem within a two-liter bottle. This bottle, filled with earth matter, fish, plants, and worms, creates an environment where students can see Earth’s carbon, nitrogen, and water cycles in action and observe biology come to life.

Through these projects, students are better able to

comprehend and understand the core of biology, which they were then able to demonstrate on the state assessment. SHS students truly demonstrated their understanding and performance, ranking 27th out of 290 Indiana public school corporations – a placement within the top 10 percent.

The test measures students’ understanding of key biology concepts and skills, and 65.5 percent of students at SHS scored at proficiency or above, significantly above the state average of 46.8 percent.

Student Impact of Westfield receives \$107,693

The REPORTER

Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) has awarded Student Impact of Westfield a grant totaling \$107,693. The funding will help Student Impact strengthen programs serving young people in Westfield and surrounding communities and build the organizational capacity needed to deepen its impact over the next several years.

IYI made the grants in connection with Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana (SYPI), an initiative Lilly Endowment Inc. launched in 2023. The initiative seeks to help youth-serving organizations working throughout the state improve their abilities to promote the academic, physical, and social well-being of young people, ages five through 18.

With this support, Student Impact will invest in its first staff position dedicated exclusively to community development and fundraising. The Community Development Manager will cultivate individual and corporate donors, strengthen community

partnerships, expand grant funding opportunities, and grow recurring donations to help ensure the long-term sustainability of Student Impact’s programs. The work is expected to help Student Impact continue meeting the growing needs of Westfield youth and families while building the organizational capacity to sustain and expand its impact in the years ahead.

“We are grateful for this investment in Student Impact and in the youth people we serve,” Student Impact Executive Director Brittany Delph said. “This grant will help us strengthen the foundation of our organization so we can continue providing a safe, consistent place where students feel they belong, build meaningful connections, and grow in confidence. By investing in our capacity today, we are working to ensure that the support and opportunities our students depend on will be here for years to come.”

Student Impact will also work to strengthen its fundraising systems, double its

monthly donor base, and cultivate 25 new corporate sponsors and donors over the grant period. These efforts will help diversify revenue, support existing programs, and position the organization for sustainable growth.

Student Impact is one of 168 youth-serving organizations awarded SYPI grants totaling more than \$40 million. A full list of grant recipients is available at [tinyurl.com/4scs3d7n](https://www.tinyurl.com/4scs3d7n).

About Student Impact of Westfield

Founded in 1999, Student Impact serves students in grades 6 through 12 through after-school programming, summer camp, basketball leagues, student leadership, and other opportunities that foster friendship, connection, and personal growth. Student Impact’s mission is to empower students through meaningful connections in a safe and consistent space where they grow in confidence and are equipped to lead. Nearly all programming is free for families. Learn more at [TheRockWestfield.org](https://www.therockwestfield.org).

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County Parks Director Chris Stice elected to American Academy for Park & Recreation Administration

The REPORTER

Chris Stice, Director of Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR), has been elected as a Fellow of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), one of the highest professional honors in the parks, recreation, and conservation field.

Stice was formally inducted during the Academy's Annual Networking Reception and Awards Dinner on Sept. 30, held in conjunction with the 2026 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Conference in Philadelphia, Pa.

Induction to the Academy recognizes distinguished leaders whose careers have demonstrated exceptional service, visionary leadership, and lasting contributions in parks, recreation, and conservation, and the outstanding service to the communities they serve. Academy Fellows represent the profession's most accomplished practitioner, educators, urban directors, and advocates who have significantly advanced the quality of life through parks, recreation, and conservation in communities across the nation.

Membership is determined through a rigorous nomination and peer-review process and is limited to 150 active members. Candidates must demonstrate a distinguished record of professional achievement, leadership, service to the profession, and meaningful contributions that have strengthened parks, recreation, conservation, tourism, sports management, or related fields. The Academy recognizes Fellows in four categories:

1. Practitioner/Professional: Senior leaders with at least 15 years of execu-



(ABOVE LEFT) Former Director of the National Park Service Fran P. Mainella took a moment to post with Hamilton County's own Parks Director. (ABOVE RIGHT) The HCPR team was there to support Stice at the ceremony.

tive level experience.

2. Educator: Distinguished university faculty or academic leaders with at least 15 years of service advancing parks and recreation education.

3. Advocate: Professionals from the private or nonprofit sectors whose leadership has significantly benefited the profession.

4. Urban Director: CEOs or Directors leading major public metropolitan park, recreation or conservation systems serving urban populations.

Founded in 1980, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration advances excellence in the administration of parks, recreation and conservation through leadership, research, education, mentoring, and public service. The Academy promotes innovation, supports scholarly research, recognizes exemplary leadership, and serves as a trusted voice on issues that shape the future of the profession.

"The Academy is honored to welcome the Class of 2026," said AAPRA President Elizabeth S. Kessler, Executive Director of the McHenry County Conservation District in Woodstock, Ill. "This distinguished class represents exceptional leadership, innovation, and service from across the country. The



Photos provided

collective experience, commitment to public service, and passion for improving communities through parks, recreation and conservation will strengthen the Academy in achieving its vision and help inspire the next generation of leaders."

Stice's election as a Fellow recognizes a career spanning 30 years of service to Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, its elected officials, Park Board, staff, and community. Throughout his tenure, he has helped lead the acquisition and development of the county park system, growing it from 200 acres to more than 1,800 acres and expanding the staff, programs and opportunities that contribute to Hamilton County's quality of life.

His leadership has advanced park development, conservation, public access, and trail connections throughout the county. He has also supported expanded recreational opportunities, including the 44,000-square-foot indoor archery complex, year-round camping at White River Campground, the development of Seven Streams Park and Bur Oak Bend properties, as well as the expansion of Potter's Bridge Park and the Na-

tion's Trail.

"My goal has always been to create places where our community can experience what I call 'mantle moments,' memories so meaningful that a photograph of that experience earns a place on the fireplace mantle at home," Stice said. "Whether it's a child's first fishing trip, a family gathering or a quiet moment connecting with nature, our parks provide the setting for stories people cherish for a lifetime."

Beyond Hamilton County, Stice has contributed to the parks and recreation profession through national and regional leadership. His service includes chairing the NRPA National Conference Program Committee, serving on the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) Board and Legislative Committee, serving as president of the Indiana Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) Board, and serving as president of the Great Lakes Park Training Institute Board. Through these roles, he has been a strong advocate in the parks and recreation field.

Learn more about the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration at aapra.org.

Save the date for WYAP's 2027 Masquerade Ball

The REPORTER

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) announces the return of its annual Masquerade Ball from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2027, at Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Please plan to attend this unforgettable evening featuring live music, Creole-inspired cuisine, festive ambience, and an opportunity to support Westfield youth.

Early Bird tickets are now available. Get your tickets by Jan. 15 for just \$100 per person. Grab them now at tinyurl.com/WYAPMasquerade2027.

Interested in becoming a sponsor?

Businesses and individuals can also support WYAP through a variety of 2027 Masquerade Ball sponsorship opportunities. Payment for sponsorships can be found at the link above. If you have questions, email klogan@westfieldyap.org.

Your support makes a difference

Proceeds from the Masquerade Ball directly benefit WYAP, allowing the organization to continue connecting youth with mentoring, tutoring, mental health counseling, camps, enrichment activities, and more. Learn more at WestfieldYAP.org.

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Westfield PD's Billy Adams graduates from FBI National Academy

The REPORTER

Westfield Assistant Chief of Police Billy J. Adams has graduated as a member of the 299th session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place on Sept. 17 at the National Academy in Quantico, Va.



Adams

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their

agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

Assistant Chief Adams has nearly 28 years of law enforcement experience, with 19 of those serving the city of Westfield. He has held positions of patrolman, patrol sergeant, patrol lieutenant, administrative lieutenant, Captain of Support Services, and currently as the Assistant Chief of Administration.

State Trooper Jon Troyer promoted to Sergeant

The REPORTER

During a recent ceremony, Indiana State Police Superintendent Anthony Scott announced the promotion of Trooper Jon Troyer to the rank of Sergeant.



Troyer

Troyer was selected through a competitive promotion process including a written test, oral interview, and overall evaluation of job performance. In his new role, Sergeant Troyer will supervise and mentor a squad of Troopers in the Indianapolis District.

Sergeant Troyer is from Eureka, Ill., and is a 2014 graduate of Eureka High School. After graduation

he attended Eureka College, where he earned a BS in Biology and Criminal Justice-Sociology. He was selected to attend the 78th Indiana State Police Academy and successfully graduated Dec. 13, 2018. During his time on ISP, Troyer has served as a field training officer, a drug recognition expert, and is a certified Federal Motor Carrier Inspector. He was awarded the 2023 Trooper of the Year for the Indianapolis District and has received two separate lifesaving awards.

Sergeant Troyer currently resides in Hamilton County with his wife and children.

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Diwali casts a light on Carmel

By WYNNE BRUBAKER
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The lights shining within each of us illuminate our futures and dispel our doubts. Carmel’s third annual Diwali celebration on Oct. 10 honored this inner light while bringing together a multicultural community.

Dr. Anita Joshi, Carmel city councilor and chair of the Diwali committee, spoke to The Reporter about what it means to celebrate Diwali.

“Diwali is a festival of lights,” Dr. Joshi said. “It’s celebrated all over India by multiple religious groups: Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and Buddhists. It is celebrated usually in the fall, but it is on the lunar calendar, so it changes year to year. It is a celebration of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. The idea is to use the diyas – the little tea lights that you see everywhere – to illuminate the space so that there is no darkness. It is to bring light, bring joy, bring family together to celebrate the holiday.”

Food and dancing were only a part of the allure for those attending the festival.

“The decor is gorgeous and well done,” Dr. Joshi said. “We have over 200 performers, 15 different dance teams, and 12 different restaurants and vendors serving authentic Indian food and drinks. We have wonderful cultural arts and crafts activities for the kids. There’s going to be block printing, flower bracelet making, and so much more.

The details in the decorations and vibrant activities brought the Carmel Diwali Festival to life, with a remarkable addition to this year’s festivities.

“This year for the first time, we [sold] a take-home teacup that is printed with our Diwali logo, and it’ll say ‘Carmel Diwali ‘26.’” Dr. Joshi said.



Reporter photos by Wynne BruBaker

(ABOVE) As the sun was setting over Carmel on Friday, Oct. 9, VIPs were getting an early taste of Diwali before the festival of light would open to the public on Saturday. (BELOW) With 15 dance teams, more than 200 performers, and a dozen food vendors, there was something for everyone at Carmel’s third annual Diwali celebration.

Dr. Joshi and the Carmel Diwali Committee organized the festival to represent aspects of Indian culture in Hamilton County.

“As an American-born woman of Indian heritage, it was important for me to share my culture,” Dr. Joshi said. “I’ve done that all my life with my friends and people who are close to me, and we found that there was a growing community here in Carmel – the Indian diaspora has grown. We thought it was high time that we brought our neighbors together with us to celebrate joy in different ways. We also enjoy all of the other beautiful celebrations like the Christkindlmarkt, and everything else that happens on Carter Green, so to be able to bring another cultural celebration to this space was just really important to me.”

Dr. Joshi said that bringing Diwali to Carmel provided Indian people with a way to connect with their cultural heritage.

“Anytime a culture comes together to celebrate its heritage, it makes people feel proud,” Dr. Joshi said. “It makes people feel seen. It makes people feel excited that they are really a part of



the big Carmel community and that their heritage can be celebrated along with everyone else. It’s a really lovely way to bring the Indian community together, and then share that joy with their neighbors.”

However, the Diwali celebration in Carmel is not just for Indian people. Dr. Joshi told The Reporter that the celebration supplied everyone in the community with an opportunity to learn about their neighbors’ culture and traditions.

“This is not at all just for Indian people,” Dr. Joshi said. “This is a celebration of community. And when I say community, it’s not just the Indian community. It’s the entire community of Carmel because Carmel is a very diverse place. It is a place that has many different languages and ethnici-

ties represented, and there are so many people from all over the world that live here. To share in one another’s festivals on a regular basis is super important to get to know your neighbors. These are things that we share as a community, and it binds us together more strongly.”

Along with the community connection, the Carmel Diwali Festival teaches people about Indian cultures.

“It is an opportunity to learn about Indian culture and about this great holiday,” Dr. Joshi said. “You can see so many similarities in how other holidays are celebrated. We all talk about light and food and festivities and dance and music, and that is part of every celebration in every culture. You start to see the similar threads that all bind us together as a community.



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club
(From left) Kris Murphy, Renee Jensen, Linda Hallett, and Debbie Schuller.

Westfield Lions’ “Fore the First Responders” golf outing raises \$17,800

By JEFF LARRISON
Westfield Lions Club

On Sept. 15, the Westfield Lions held their third annual charity golf outing, “Fore the First Responders,” raising \$17,800 to help purchase much-needed equipment for the Westfield Police and Fire departments, including a Kevlar vest for WPD’s newest K-9 officer.

Funds will also be donated to the Westfield Fire’s non-profit foundation, which addresses firefighter hardship and supports bereavement, training, and their memorial.

This year’s event was held at Wood Wind Golf Course, 2302 W. 161st St., and attracted 108 golfers. Mayor Scott Willis welcomed the golfers and stayed to participate in the outing.

The success of this year’s event was due in large part to the numerous sponsors who stepped up to support the Lions. Silver Sponsors included Tom Roush Mazda, Marc Lopez Law, One Touch Automation, Moyer Fine Jewelers, Etica, Garmong, and PVA Wealth Advisors. Tom Roush Mazda also provided a new Mazda

CX-7 as a hole-in-one prize, but no golfer was able to make the shot.

The Hamilton County Firefighters Local 4416 PAC stepped up to support their members by sponsoring the beverage cart and several players in the outing.

Along with the Silver Sponsors, 24 hole sponsors helped make this year’s event the most successful in its three-year history. The Westfield Lions greatly appreciate the support of all the sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and others who helped make the event possible.

The Lions’ Golf Committee chair, Dave Sobczak, said, “Our first responders do so much for the Westfield community, and we wanted this year’s fundraiser to provide them with equipment they can use every day.”

The Westfield Lions continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to serving the community, including supporting local schools, the Westfield Fire Department, and the Westfield Police Department.

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Donald Robert Dolphin

June 6, 1942 – October 10, 2026



Donald Robert Dolphin passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026. He was born on June 6, 1942, to Benjamin and Alice (Wood) Dolphin in Lakewood, Ohio. Don lived in Rocky River and Bay Village before attending Purdue University where he met his wife, Judy. He graduated in 1965 with a degree in Pharmacy.

Don was drafted in 1966 and spent time in Ft. Dix, Ft. McClelland, Ft. Benning, and Ft. Hood before he was sent to Vietnam as a 1st Lieutenant of a mortar platoon, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Division.

Don worked at Hooks Drugs until 1996 and then worked at Long Term Care until he retired in 2007.

Don enjoyed tournament racquetball and golf including volunteering at golf tournaments around the country. Also, dinner with friends throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Dolphin; children, Jeff and Shelly (Eusebio Palacios); grandchildren, Jason and Justin; and sister, Sue Wright.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

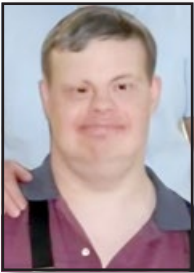
The Dolphin Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Don's care.

Memorial contributions may be made in Don's memory to Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

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Danny Lee Baitz

August 30, 1964 – October 14, 2026



Danny Lee Baitz was welcomed into Heaven by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on October 14, 2026, following an illness.

Danny was born on August 30, 1964, to his parents, Eugene (Bud) and Phyllis Gunning Baitz. He was the baby brother of three older siblings and was treasured by his family. Dan was a graduate of the Tipton High School Class of 1983 and was very proud to be a Blue Devil! He always wore a smile and was a friend to all he met.

After high school, Dan began working for Janus Developmental Services, where he faithfully served for many years at their workshop. His favorite role was when Janus sent him to work for several years at the canteen in the lower level of the Hamilton County Judicial Center. He loved waiting on customers and bringing a spot of joy to people's day. In 2000, he was honored by Janus as Client of the Year.

Outside of work, Dan competed in bowling through Special Olympics of Indiana and also enjoyed attending summer camp for many years. Dan grew up on the family farm and loved spending time with his dad and his brother Denny, riding in the tractor and combine, or joining Denny in the grain truck for trips to the elevator in Ekin during harvest, until the family's retirement from farming. He dearly loved the animals on the farm throughout the years – dogs (Abby, Callie, and Phoebe); cats (Puff and Casey); and even “Mr. Rooster”!

Dan was a lover of music; his favorite artists ranged from Elvis, to The Beatles, to Dolly Parton, to Carrie Underwood and many more. He even visited Graceland with his parents as a young man, a treasured memory for him. He was also an avid sports fan, cheering on the Colts, Purdue, and IU, depending on who was winning at the time! For many years, Dan had a “steel trap” memory – he knew the birthdays and anniversaries of many extended family members by heart! If you needed to know a date, he was the person to ask. He deeply valued relationships in his life – both friends and family.

Surviving him are his brother and sister-in-law, David and Tammy Baitz; niece, Leslie (Chris) Robinson; nephew, Andy (Andrea) Baitz; great-nieces and great-nephews, Brittney (David), Olivia, Grant, Tanner, Patton, and Rylynn; aunt, Phyllis Baitz; close family friends, Perry and Kathy Williams; and many beloved cousins.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Phyllis; his brother, Denny; and his sister, Linda.

The family wishes to express gratitude and thanks to the care teams at Riverwalk Village, Riverview Hospital, and Paradigm Health for taking excellent care of Dan.

Visitation and the funeral service was held Monday, October 19, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home in Cicero.

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Mike C. Bentley

June 12, 1956 – October 10, 2026



Mike C. Bentley, 70, Noblesville, died Saturday, October 10, 2026.

Born June 12, 1956, in Noblesville, Mike was the second oldest son of Marilyn (Cook) and Willard Bentley.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years Jill (Harper) Bentley; his daughters Audrea, Nicole, and Jessica; his son Michael; his grandchildren Dace, Ayla, Paul, Daniel, Ashley, Beverly, Cameron, and Ethan; and his brothers and sisters, Pam (Bentley) and Ted Brown, Willie Bentley, Robin (Bentley) and Tom Collins, Jason Bentley, Cindy (Bentley) and Buddy Coverdale, and Thomas and Julie Bentley; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by: John E. Bentley, Jane Ann Bentley Leeper, Wilma Kay Bentley, Jerry Bentley, Karen Bentley, David Bentley, James Bentley, and Carl Bentley.

Mike proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine. He later served his community as an officer with the Noblesville Police Department and then as a deputy of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Of the many roles he held in his life, his service to his country and his community were the two professional accomplishments he held highest.

Mike was a loving brother, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved fishing, playing cards, and spending time with his family. But above all, he loved his wife and best friend.

Mike was always focused on helping those around him, with an ever-present willingness to give to others who were in need. He requested not to have a traditional funeral. Instead, he asked those whose lives that he impacted celebrate him in their own way, and to honor his memory through acts of generosity to those in need.

The Bentley family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Mike's care.

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Dr. Ryan Christian Wallace

February 16, 1977 – October 11, 2026



Dr. Ryan Christian Wallace, 49, Noblesville, passed away at home on October 11, 2026, surrounded by his loving wife and children, following a courageous, and hard-fought battle with lymphoma.

Born on February 16, 1977, in Kokomo, Ind., to Sally Marner Smith and Dennis Wallace, Ryan discovered an early passion for science and medicine. He forged an untraditional path to his medical career, paving his own way and inspiring countless others by proving that a dream of practicing medicine is always within reach. He proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1995 to 1998 as a medical services journeyman while earning his Associate's Degree. He went on to attend Butler University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biology, before graduating with his medical degree from Indiana University in 2004. He completed his Family Medicine Residency at Ball Memorial in 2007.

An award-winning, board-certified family medicine physician, Dr. Wallace dedicated over 23 years of service to the residents of Delaware County, working in the Emergency Department at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. Serving as the Assistant Medical Director, he was widely respected by colleagues and staff alike for his exceptional leadership, calm bedside manner, sharp diagnostic insight, and profound love for emergency medicine.

Medicine was far more than a profession to Dr. Wallace – it was his true calling. Beyond his duties in the Emergency Department, he was deeply devoted to teaching and mentoring the next generation of physicians. Through Ball Memorial Hospital's Family Medicine Residency program, he poured his time into staffing, taking call, delivering lectures, and guiding residents.

When he stepped away from the hospital, Ryan enjoyed making memories with his family. He loved camping at state parks in their big blue camper, walking his beloved dogs-Joey, Pickles, and Pepper, who will miss him dearly-and vacationing at their favorite beach house in North Carolina. An avid traveler, he enjoyed hiking national parks, visiting Disney World with his girls, listening to audiobooks, participating in his book club, shopping, collecting, and exploring new restaurants.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Apryll; his children, Max (21), Henry (18), Gracelyn (14), and Ellie (11); his mother, Sally Smith; his father, Dennis Wallace; and his half-brothers, Todd Santee and Brandon Wallace. He was a husband, father, brother, uncle, and son. He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, November 14, at The Bicentennial Pavilion at the Silos @ 37, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to his daughters' College 529 funds. Donations can be made online at Ugift529.com using Ugift code H99-62W for Grace-lyn and V7J-P1B for Ellie.

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Danny “Dan” L. Morris

October 11, 1949 – October 8, 2026



With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Danny “Dan” L. Morris on October 8, 2026, just shy of his 77th birthday. Born on October 11, 1949, in Noblesville, Dan was known for his loving nature, supportive spirit, unyielding loyalty, and dedicated service to his community and family. He was a lifelong resident of Arcadia, where he was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Dan graduated high school from Hamilton Heights and shortly after joined the United States Navy. Dan was a man of many passions. He was a major supporter of Hamilton Heights Athletics and an ardent IU Hoosier fan. He loved camping, especially at the White River Campground, and found joy in the simple pleasures of life, like swinging on his front porch with his beloved dog, Sassy.

In his youth, Dan raced stock cars, a testament to his adventurous spirit. His dedication led him to serve as a school bus driver at Hamilton Heights for over 40 years, a job he loved dearly.

Dan was widowed, having been married to his beloved wife, Terry Morris, on September 22, 1972. He was a devoted father to his sons, Troy (Jackie Hayden) and Patrick (Leslie) Morris. He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Penny (John) Bringle, and several loving nieces and nephews, and his bonus grandchildren, Kaylee, Kamryn, Hayden, Jordyn, and Charley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Terry Morris; his parents, Alonzo and Florence Morris; and his brother, Darrell Huse. Above all, what mattered most to Dan was his family, to whom he gave his unyielding love and support.

The visitation and funeral service for Dan were held Tuesday, October 13, 2026, with Pastor Jody Brown officiating, at the Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The family requested all who attended to please feel free to in wearing your favorite Hamilton Heights gear to remember Dan's passion and dedication to Hamilton Heights Athletics and School Corporation.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that contributions be made to the Hamilton Heights High School girls' volleyball, basketball, or softball teams. Donations can be made at the funeral home during Dan's services or mailed to Hamilton Heights High School Athletics, Attn: Kurt Ogden, c/o Danny Morris, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia, IN, 46030.

Dan will be greatly missed, but his spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. We encourage those who knew Dan to share their memories and upload photos to the memorial page, as a tribute to his life and legacy.

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Scot A. Stallsmith

November 20, 1961 – October 9, 2026



Scot A. Stallsmith, lovingly known as “Red” or “G-pa,” was a loving father, a proud grandpa, a cherished brother to his brothers and sister, the most fun uncle, and a devoted friend. Scot, 64, Noblesville, passed away on October 9, 2026. He was born on November 20, 1961, in Hartford City, Ind., to Orval and Judith (McClellan) Stallsmith.

His family meant the world to him, and few things brought him more joy than watching his grandchildren play sports. Whatever the game, G-pa was their biggest fan.

Red never met a stranger. From Indiana to Florida, he made friends everywhere along the way and always had a story to tell. Always the life of the party, he enjoyed every minute and brought laughter and fun wherever he went. He loved golfing, fishing, boating, racing, and sharing stories and laughter at the Elks, Eagles, and Moose. He loved sports of all kinds, but his heart always belonged to the Indiana Hoosiers.

A proud business owner with an unmatched work ethic, Scot put his heart into everything he did. He was always giving to his friends and family, generous with his time, his help, and his love. He was also the best BBQ and seafare chef around, always happiest bringing everyone together over a meal.

Above all, Scot will be remembered for his love for his family, the friendships he adored, and the pride he took in being Dad and G-pa. His stories and the time shared with him will remain treasured memories. He will be deeply missed and forever loved, his family carrying his love and encouragement with them always.

He is survived by his daughters, Tia Vote (Andrew) and Savana Stallsmith; brothers, Les Stallsmith, JR Stallsmith (Kathy), Mike Stallsmith (Kelly), Mitch Stallsmith; sister, Natalie McIntire (Mark); and his grandsons, Oliver and Harrison Vote. Numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation and the memorial service were held Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Graveside services were held Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Hartford City Cemetery, 2173 State Road 26, Hartford City, Ind. “Celebrate Scot” took place Thursday, October 15, 2026, at the Elks Lodge, 35 S. 9th St., Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Scot's memory with a donation to the BE Foundation at befoundation.info/donate. Donations in Scot's name will support Blackford High School, youth sports, and other meaningful causes.

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Fall into friendship

There is something magical about fall. The air turns crisp, the trees put on their most colorful show, and familiar streets begin to look different. We pull out our cozy sweaters, reach for warm cups of chai

or coffee, and find ourselves slowing down just enough to notice the beauty around us.

But fall also reminds me of something else: friendship.

Like the changing leaves, friendships come in different colors, shapes, and seasons. Some friendships begin in childhood and grow alongside us. Others find us unexpectedly – in a workplace conversation, a neighborhood gathering, a community event, or while sharing a meal around a table. Some people enter our lives for a season, while others become part of our story for years to come.

When I think about friendship, I am reminded that belonging does not always begin with a grand gesture. Sometimes, it begins with a simple hello, an invitation to sit together, a message asking, “How are you doing?” or remembering to check in when life gets busy.

We often talk about building stronger communities, but communities are made of relationships. And relationships grow when we make time for one another.

As our calendars fill with school activities, work commitments, holiday preparations, and end-of-year responsibilities, it can be easy to postpone that coffee date, delay that phone call, or assume someone else will reach out first. Yet, behind every busy schedule is a person who may appreciate being remembered.

Perhaps this fall is an invitation to reconnect. Reach out to an old friend you have not spoken with in months. Welcome a new neighbor. Invite someone who often stands on the edge of a gathering to join your conversation. Sit with someone whose story you have not yet heard.

Friendship also asks us to embrace differences. We may



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POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

celebrate different holidays, prepare different comfort foods, speak different languages, or see the world through different experiences. We do not have to be identical to find common ground. Sometimes, the most meaningful friendships grow when we become curious about what makes someone else who they are.

In my *Taste of Community* journey, I continue to see how sharing stories creates opportunities for connection. A dish can open a conversation. A memory can reveal a shared feeling. A simple question can help two people discover that, despite their differences, they have more in common than they imagined.

Perhaps that is the beauty of friendship: it gives us room to be ourselves while encouraging us to make room for others.

And just as trees do not hold on to every leaf to remain beautiful, friendships also change. People move, priorities shift, and seasons of life take us in different directions. We can appreciate the friendships that shaped us, nurture those that continue to grow, and remain open to the new connections waiting to unfold.

So, as fall paints our community in shades of gold, orange, and red, let us remember that warmth is something we can offer one another, too.

Who could use a little friendship from you this fall?

Maybe it is someone you already know. Maybe it is someone you have yet to meet.

Take the first step. Share a cup of chai, exchange a story, extend an invitation, or simply show up.

Because sometimes, the smallest act of friendship becomes the beginning of someone’s sense of belonging.

And every story shared is an opportunity to grow a little closer, together.

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

God & the frying pan

“Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.” (Galatians 1:10)

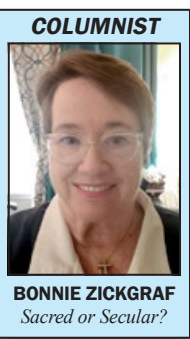
Many of us teachers and preachers can be our worst (or best) self-critics.

Our hearts and minds are often poured into each lesson, each message, each sermon, spending hours upon hours until it feels “just right.” We are often hyped-up, prayed-up, and ready to go with the best message possible, ready to dazzle those who would hear. Ready to please our God.

Afterwards, though, we may think our delivery “could have been better.” We can receive both positive, uplifting kudos, and cruel, negative criticism, that later can either become blessings in disguise in unexpected ways or fester into persistent, irritating thoughts of self-reproach.

So with all these thoughts in mind, I prayed two days after my last message delivery, speaking to God while washing the dishes, as I sometimes do. Peering out the back window above the kitchen sink and up to my wrists in Dawn dishwashing bubbles, I asked our Lord if He was pleased with “how it went.”

The sun was going down and began to cast an orange outline to the underside of the bluish-gray clouds. It was beautiful. I turned and



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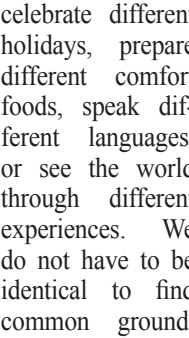
reached for the last item to wash: the frying pan on the stove. I glanced out of the window again and saw the answer to my prayer.

It was an unmistakable profile of the face of Jesus in the cloud. I dropped the dish cloth in the sink, grabbed a towel and went out to the back porch just to confirm, just to stand silently to enjoy this amazing view. He was pleased and was telling me He is near.

A minute or so passed by and I went back inside, thanking Him for His kind message. Returning to my frying pan in the sink, I glanced at the cloud once again and where the face of Jesus was in that cloud, there was now the clear shape of a beautiful heart. A heart!

My own heart was full, my Spirit content. Tears welled up at the thought of His tender, overwhelming love. God is very near, among the frying pans, the dish soap, and embedded within our messages and lessons. He is always pleased when we share His true Word, and even more so when we pray to Him. Such a caring, loving God He is!

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.



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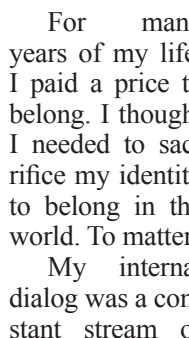
For many years of my life, I paid a price to belong. I thought I needed to sacrifice my identity to belong in the world. To matter. My internal dialog was a constant stream of worry about what was “wrong with me.” Over time that loop played simultaneously while I tried on the outside to pretend I was “normal” like I perceived my peers to be. I became a master multitasker at an early age.

I did an excellent job at it. As my friend said in my column last week, “you hid it so well.” Meaning my pain. My physical disability cannot be disguised.

It was my duty to hide it. I needed to protect my family from shame and ease their burden. Early on, I started to shoulder the burden, thinking that would make things better for them if I could act as “normal” as possible.

I was very aware of how my life was causing hardships to my family. They never told me that, I just knew. The surgeries, the therapies, the doctors all took valuable time and

The price of belonging



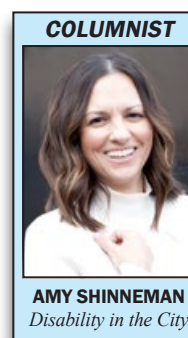
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financial resources from our family. It felt awful knowing that and not being able to fix it. The only thing that was happening were a lot of doctors taking a stab at trying to figure me out. To help me get better. Cutting, casting, bracing, rehabilitating, but none of it “fixed” me.

When the mocking started in school, I knew that my efforts to appear “normal” were not fooling everyone. The kids that bullied me knew. Everyone knew I was disabled, but that was not a word ever used to describe me. Crippled, handicapped, and physically challenged were words that stung every time. I still cringe when others use those words to describe me. Doctors used the most clinical and ugly words to paint my portrait. I often felt like a freak leaving my testing and appointments.

My body was just a job to them, and it felt like I was more of an object rather than a human.

The words they used in their dictations were



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cold, void of any empathy. As I got older, I read their words from copies of the dictations we would get in the mail. I still have some of them, and it still hurts to read them.

I felt anything but human reading their medical terms. It made me loathe myself even more than I already did. It affected the little self-confidence I had and still does to this day.

They were doing their job, but the fallout fell solely on me. I did not know how to talk to anyone about it. I was too young to form it into words. That was a living hell. My differences were an automatic separation from everyone else. My self-rejection was as harsh as any other rejection I may have received. When my friends would tell me they did not even see my disability, it baffled me.

Although that is what I was going for, the fact that they said that to me meant my efforts were working. How was I fooling them, but not the bullies? When they told me that, something about it did not feel right to me.

I told myself that my friends were protecting me by telling me that.

Feeling good about looking good on a budget this fall

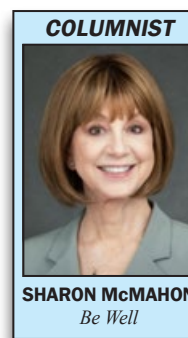
Style is forever... It's about something else that comes from within you.

– Ralph Lauren

It seems like a weird time to be bringing up “style” or “fashion” doesn’t it? Our community has faced historic flood issues and damage. The world, as well, is enduring earthquakes and floods causing catastrophic damage and loss of life. Measles has reared its ugly head again after years of eradication. Politics is as crazy and often ridiculous as ever. Who wants to talk about fashion and/or style?

Well, I do, at least for now.

I, of course, am not a professional designer of fashion/couture or style, but I have an interest in such and a theory about the importance of style in particular as it relates to the world around us. Society is inundated with images of not only how we should look but how we drape our bodies to look our best – or so



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Be Well

they say. I wholeheartedly believe that the way we present ourselves stylistically is important to both our physical and mental health.

Remember, this is an opinion column, and I will share those observations. Keep in mind I am addressing female style, for the most part. First, and foremost, *size is irrelevant to this issue.* If you are a size 2 or a size 20 or anything in between, you can still present yourself in a positive, stylish, and yes, comfortable way to the outside world. It is widely accepted that if you feel better about yourself you will approach emotional and mental issues with more clarity, and you will take better care of yourself with increased fitness activity and nutrition.

The world is populated with many sizes of humans and I fully believe that if we are taking the best care of ourselves, we will want to present ourselves in the most attractive manner.

Some of you, dear readers, may believe that I am referring to spending a hefty portion of our incomes on fashion – nothing could be farther from the truth! In fact, much of what is referred to as “fast fashion” is not inexpensive and often poorly made and not among the items I would recommend other than an occasional trendy addition to the wardrobe.

I am referring to style – something we all have whether we realize it or not. What colors do you like and make you happy? Solid colors mostly, or printed fabrics? Sleeve length? Skinny, straight, wide leg, flared, or barrel jeans? Tailored and fitted, or ruffles and loose fitting? We all have our preferences and other than a brief foray into another style once in a while we are usually more content with our personal style choices.

Along with the fit and the style to which we prefer, an issue may be cost and selection. Hear me out – I firmly believe that we can dress ourselves attractively and comfortably on a small budget. Department store

prices can be unattainable for some, although sometimes you can find a “super sale” but I endeavor to say that you can often find great bargains of just what you are looking for in consignment and thrift stores (I once nabbed a Lauren blazer for \$10 *with tags attached!*) and sometimes the big box stores if you shop carefully and mindfully.

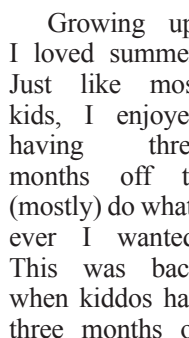
My main point is this: We all have our personal style, we all wish to present ourselves to the world in stylish manner, and we all want to look and feel our best* I know I do, and I believe that you do as well!

*Footwear – *so important.* Search out and purchase the best you can afford; it is difficult to smile when your feet hurt and after all, your smile is your best accessory!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for to any issues you may have related nutrition or fitness activity.

Falling in love with Autumn



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Perfectly Imperfect

Growing up, I loved summer. Just like most kids, I enjoyed having three months off to (mostly) do whatever I wanted. This was back when kiddos had three months of summer break vs. two. Spending time at Lake of the Woods in Bremen, Ind., almost every weekend was especially wonderful.

I continued to enjoy my summers as an adult. But as middle age approached – along with menopause – summers became a little more challenging. I couldn’t take the heat like I used to thanks to good ol’ hot flashes.

And we had a challenging summer this year. Almost constant rain, like we’ve rarely seen before, led to heartache for those affected by the massive flooding in Indiana. It seemed like when it



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wasn’t raining, we were in crazy heat waves. I typically work outside on my back deck during the summer, but that scenario was rare this year. My body couldn’t take the heat.

Maybe that’s why I’m especially grateful for fall this year. I laugh now when I remember how I used to long to live in a tropical climate year-round. Nope. Give me four seasons for the rest of my life! I’ve learned to appreciate each one as I’ve shared in past columns.

I know I’m not alone – I constantly see social media posts about how people love fall, or autumn if you prefer that term. While I’m not a pumpkin spice gal, I still love so much about the season.

Every year, I look forward to the opening of the Apple Store at Conner Prais-

ie. If you’ve never been there, be sure to head over soon – it closes Oct. 31. While every treat and item is a delight, I’m a fan of their plain caramel apples, although they’re so big I can only eat half. There’s not a better caramel apple anywhere else.

I practically squeal the first day I can wear my favorite hoodie to walk the dogs on a crisp fall morning. This week I also broke out the flannel pajamas and fuzzy socks. Heavenly. While I struggle with the shorter days at times, being able to light candles again in the evening is so comforting.

And Mother Nature really shows off this time of year. It’s fun to see the trees in our neighborhood showing more of their gorgeous red, orange, brown, or yellow leaves each day. Driving south on Allisonville Road is a glorious sight, not to mention going to Southern Indiana to see other autumn views.

Speaking of ... do you know it’s good to “leave the leaves”? Leaves in your yard provide winter habitat for pollinators, beneficial insects, and wildlife. Plus, they give your soil some good nutrition. You can learn more about this practice at xerces.org/blog/leave-the-leaves.

Fall holidays are also wonderful, although I steer clear of the super scary Halloween décor, movies, etc. I love the fact that we have an entire holiday in November set aside for giving thanks. I’m already looking forward to having five days off in a row for Thanksgiving.

What sorts of things are you enjoying or looking forward to this autumn?

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Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall’s September Timesheet

Welcome to The Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It is to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it is important that you know what is being worked on as transparently as is possible in county government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you will choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, consider volunteering, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, September work included: watching Board of Commissioners meetings, Noblesville and Cicero Council public meetings, and two days of 2027 budget finalization meetings.

The September in-person Personnel Committee meeting was canceled. The Finance Committee met to review 2027 expected rev-



enues, the grants committee did not meet, and the Insurance Committee did not meet in September, but we did receive word that our recommendation to move forward with a new Pharmacy Benefits Manager was forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for their approval.

During September, I received 11 constituent service requests and communications. This column doesn’t allow space to describe the calls, messages, and texts from folks that were impacted by the floods.

Please allow me grace as I summarize interactions into three primary areas: Questions about immediate needs (food, shelter, pets), communications about short term issues (homes, mitigation, and remediation), and lastly, messages about the long-term issues (recovery, FEMA, county, state of Indiana and federal benefits).

I did the best I could by responding in a timely fashion to direct folks and connect them to the right people and places. I made three in-person visits to the Riverwood area during the month to check in on neighbors and find out how their interaction with FEMA, state agencies, and Hamilton County EMS were going. The largest volume of communications was in support of peo-

ple trying to coordinate with the right person or agency to address an issue.

A constituent wrote to me stating that Hamilton County had a reporting problem in how we categorize the ethnicity of people arrested and booked into the county jail. His allegation was that the County categorized people as white ethnicity when they were nonwhite. As is the process, I researched his point with the Sheriff and was able to reply confidently that no such mis-categorization was taking place.

A constituent wrote to me asking for my help in a public records request. I coordinated with the County Attorney’s office, who connected with the individual to fulfill their request.

Of special note this month was attending the Noblesville State of the City address, the 9/11 25th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony, and completing the 2027 budget maintaining a flat tax rate with increased expenses for people, insurance, and facilities.

It was an honor to represent you at this year’s annual Silver Sneakers Ball, a fundraiser for Champ Camp, at the Cicero Police & Fire Public Safety dinner, and at the Kiwanis Club annual Books for a Bright Future Dinner.

This will be my last Timesheet report to you prior to the upcoming election. It has been my pleasure to

serve the people of Hamilton County during these last four years. I’ve tried my best to accomplish my objectives of transparency, fiscal conservatism, and public safety.

If you like what you’ve read in this column (you can find 46 of these columns online at tinyurl.com/r4z4vwd2), I’d appreciate your support in the election on or before Nov. 3, and I’d be honored if you’d tell your friends. If you don’t like what you’ve read here, please tell me. Call me at (317) 832-1104 and let’s talk about it.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during September 2026. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners’ priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people’s business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it is important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it is important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.



What’s it like to write a column on my 78th birthday? I’m about to find out. For one thing, it’s not something I can do ever again.

I’m writing today (10/9) on the anniversary of my coming into the world way back when in Buffalo, N.Y. I wouldn’t normally consider 78 to be a highly significant benchmark – but this past year, with all that has taken place in the last seven or eight weeks, it has been significant in its impact.

Age has complicated the recovery – to be sure.

But I’ll put that aside today in order to discuss how lucky I am to reach 78.

Part of my perception of being this age is driven by what I experienced through observing relatives, in-laws, and friends who have met the same plateau in past years while I was younger. The ‘old man’ of my past impressions has changed from the slow moving, taking-it-easy, possibly ill-tempered old coot. Now we see a much more vital, engaged, and dare I say hip (?) older individual. (Remember, I’m talking about MY perceptions here – but hey, look around. These old dudes are a lot flashier than in years past.)

In terms of longevity, I am the champion Klingenstein male in my line. Starting with my father, the ages of demise of my forebears were 67, 39, 39, 47, 36, 52, and 66 (data compliments of Ancestry). Obviously, life was tougher in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Which leads me to one of the points I wish to make here – I grew up and have lived in the golden age of life in the USA. The advancements in American technology, medicine, and social structures which have taken place in my lifetime have exceeded what had occurred in all the previous 400 or 500 years! And of course, I – and you – have benefited from that fact.

One of my favorite examples of this rapid change is the realization that the Wright brothers’ impressive feat of flight in December 1903 led directly to the first men landing on the moon in July 1969 – a span of less than 66 years. And that is perhaps the most profound example of the 20th century’s impressiveness.

The benefits of living in this era of advancement have definitely aided me in my chance to age well and to reach this upper-70s birthday.

So, I realize today that I am extremely lucky to be healthy enough, mentally aware enough, and positioned well enough that I can enjoy this day for what it is to me – a celebration that Ken Klingenstein is still around, is doing okay, and has every right to expect to be here for a few more birthdays.

Editor’s note: Ken is the oldest of all possible Klingensteins. You can wish him a happy birthday in the comments on this column at [ReadTheReporter.com](https://www.thereporter.com).

I’m a columnist. What’s your superpower?

Recently, I’ve been pondering some very serious life matters: how to keep my family safe, how to save to send my kids to college, how to properly arrange a will, and insurance so my family is protected. But the one that has occupied my mind the most is probably the most serious:

If I could only have one superpower, what would it be?

With the recent Spider-Man movie and the upcoming *Avengers: Doomsday* movie, I figured this is the perfect time to really home in on this topic. Choosing correctly really takes a lot of thought and deep research. I thought about individual superpowers and the powers of different Marvel and DC characters. I wrote down some highlights of this process, in order to help you along your superpower choice journey. What can I say? I’m a giver.

So here we go.

I want to take two powers off the table immediately. I think we can all agree that both X-ray vision and invisibility are for perverts. I don’t want anything to do with them or the litigation they bring.

Superman? Being Superman is just cheating. He has way too much power. Not only is he the strongest, but he is basically impervious to any attacks. Plus, he has X-ray vision (Weirdo!), so sayonara, Superman.

Now one thing that I would cherry pick from Superman would be the ability to fly. With the price



of plane tickets nowadays, this would save a ton of money. Plus having the strength to carry your own luggage on the journey is a huge plus! Now I would just need to tie my family on to me with some bungee cords, and look out, Disney World, here we come!

I could go with the power to stretch, like Reed Richards in the Fantastic Four. If I would have had that as a young child, no cookie jar would have been safe from me. It would be fun to be able to tap someone on the shoulder who is 50 yards away from me just to watch them look around and no one is there. Tee-hee!!

Then there’s the Flash, who can move faster than the speed of light. This could come in really handy. The first thing I’d do is try out for the NFL. I’d be a billionaire in no time! Although, the speeding ticket fines would start to rack up pretty quickly after a while.

I could go with the Hulk. People always say that you shouldn’t hold in your rage. You have to let it out before it affects your health. As a Hulk, I’d have no problem with that. No psychiatrist for me! However, I don’t think I could handle being green. That happens to me enough with motion sickness.

There are always Aquaman powers. I guess it would be kind of neat to be able to breathe underwater. And controlling fish would be fun. But honestly, those powers don’t do a lot of good on land – where I plan

to spend most of my time. How would I stop a bank robbery in land-locked Fishers? I’d be all washed up (see what I did there?). So, Aquaman is out.

Then there’s one of my favorite heroes of all time, Spider-Man! The ability to climb buildings, sense danger, and of course sling webs to stick my enemies to a wall is very enticing (I’m looking at you, Carl!) The one issue would be: what if I was bitten by the wrong radioactive insect. I don’t want to take the chance of being Lightning Bug Man and constantly give away my position because my butt can’t stop glowing. Gonna have to pass on Spidey.

I realize I have left villains off this list. That’s because I’m a good guy advocate. However, there is one I will mention: Sandman. The Marvel Sandman is an enemy of Spider-Man. He’s able to turn his body into sand. You absolutely do not want this power. If you have kids and have ever taken them to the beach, you know exactly what I’m talking about. Your car would never be the same.

I don’t want to leave the ladies out of this. Wonder Woman is pretty cool. Making people tell the truth with a lasso? Yep, count me in. The downside, however, would be I would never remember where I parked my invisible plane.

I would love the power to instantly heal, like Wolverine. That would negate my clumsiness, not to mention my forty-something year old body. Although, I think knowing that I could instantly heal any injury would immediately raise my “doing dumb things” factor insurmountably.

Parachute-less skydiving here I come!

Let’s not forget the power of telepathy. Being able to read minds may sound enticing at first. Who wouldn’t want to know how someone really feels when they’re making small talk? But there is always a risk of digging into the mind of a stupid person. Not to mention all the political opinions people have that they think others care about. You heard me, Janice!

I did leave out two very popular heroes: Batman and Iron Man. The problem is that they don’t actually have any superpowers. Unless you count the power of being rich. Come to think of it, that’s not so bad after all! Not to mention that Iron Man literally saved the universe, so I guess he’s got that going for him. (I realize that is a terrible use of the word “literally” since we’re talking about a movie and not real life. But it’s a great movie!)

After all this research I think I landed on my superpower. I would want the power to make everyone agree with me. Because who knows better about how I want everything to be than me?

The moral of the story is ... all kidding aside, truly the best superpower of all is the power of child-like imagination. Well, actually now that I think about it, I think I’d like the power to bilocate (be in two places at once) so if I have to pass gas, I can do it elsewhere so some other poor schlub takes the blame. Yes! That’s definitely it!

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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 column was written before Sheridan played Eastern on Friday, Oct. 9.

The football season started off a little wonky. We lost the first two games by more than 20 points each. But since then, we have been undefeated, going 5-2.

Our team has a lot of sophomores playing because our junior class has about three players in it. I think having so many sophomores on the field led to our first two losses because they are young, and other teams fed off them. But now we are on a roll, and we’re coming for that conference championship.

Hayden Alexander, our running back, averages 116.4 rushing yards per game. Landon Moffitt, our wide receiver, averages 47.0 receiving yards per game. Hayden Alexander also has 13 total touchdowns this season. Waylon Grinstead, our main linebacker, aver-

ages 9.4 tackles per game. Waylon Grinstead also has two sacks. Brock Hagen, the quarterback, has a 98.3 QB rating. These stats show that we are here to play, and if you try to stop the run, we can still air it out.

My experience on this team has been outstanding. I love the culture and the coaching staff. This team is very close with each other, and we are like a family. I feel that our team is very good, and if we beat Eastern this week, then all 1A football teams are going to know that we are here to play.

We have given Blackhawk fans plenty to celebrate in 2026. After a challenging 0–2 start, we responded with five straight victories, improving to 5–2 overall and remaining undefeated in conference play. From a hard-fought 12–7 win over Clinton Prairie to a great 52–12 victory over Delphi, we have shown that we can bounce back and keep building momentum.

With more football ahead, the fans will have even more to celebrate.

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only saw my pain. I have learned that all along, there were people silently suffering right along with me.

It feels wonderful to have stepped into my identity, and to be so passionate about writing about it. It

feels right, in this disabled body, just as I am. The struggles remain, but the burden is lighter, living out my truth.

“Find something that you are so passionate about that it saves your life.” –

Wynonna Judd

Until next time ...

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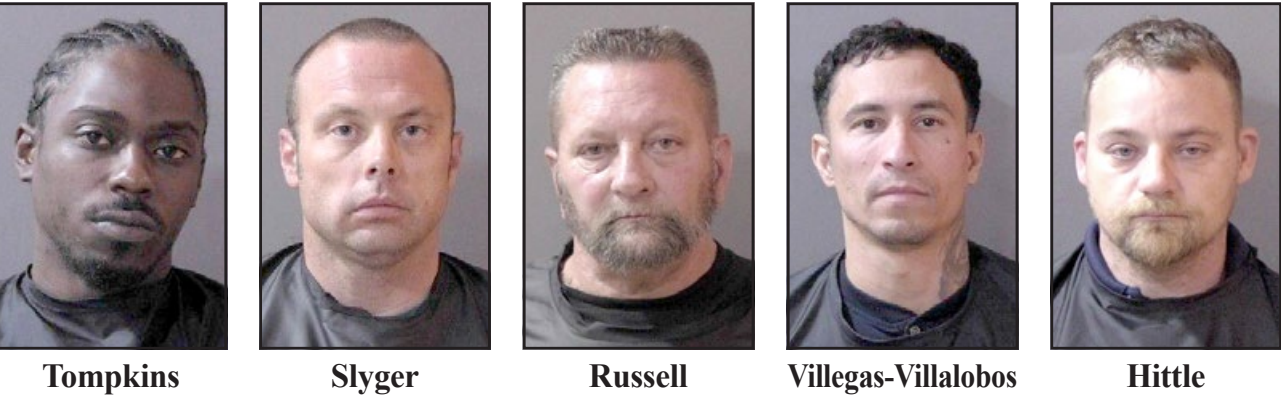
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Five men arrested following online predator investigation by Noblesville Police Department

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From Oct. 13 to 15, the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) carried out a targeted online predator investigation designed to identify and apprehend individuals seeking to exploit minors.

During the investigation, specially trained detectives posed as juveniles living in Noblesville between the age of 13 and 15 in online applications and websites. During this time, numerous individuals communicated with NPD detectives even after being informed repeatedly that they were interacting with someone underage.

The investigation culminated with operations where five individuals were arrested after allegedly arranging meetings, and their actions demonstrated intent to engage in unlawful sexual activity with the perceived minor.

The following individuals were arrested and transported to the Hamilton County Jail on the following preliminary charges:

- **Keyante D. Tompkins, 29, Indianapolis**, was arrested on Oct. 13 and charged with Child Solicitation, I.C. 35-42-4-6 (Felony 5); Contributing to

- the Delinquency of a Minor, I.C. 35-46-1-8 (Felony 6); and Resisting Law Enforcement, I.C. 35-44-1-3-1 (Class A Misdemeanor).
- **Jason M. Slyger, 44, Fishers**, was arrested on Oct. 14 and charged with Human Trafficking, I.C. 35-42-3.5-1.4 (Felony 3); and Child Solicitation, I.C. 35-42-4-6 (Felony 4).
- **Timothy R. Russell, 62, Indianapolis**, was arrested on Oct. 14 and charged with Human Trafficking, I.C. 35-42-3.5-1.4 (Felony 3); and Child Solicitation, I.C. 35-42-4-6 (Felony 4).
- **Jaziel H. Villegas-Villalobos, 40, Indianapolis**, was arrested on Oct. 15 and charged with Child Solicitation, I.C. 35-42-4-6 (Felony 5).
- **Dean A. Hittle, 39, Celina, Ohio**, was arrested on Oct. 15 and charged with Child Solicitation, I.C. 35-42-4-6 (Felony 4).

A charge is merely an accusation, and the defendant(s) is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

AG Rokita’s Unclaimed Property Division crushes all-time annual record

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Wednesday, Oct. 14, that, with months still remaining in 2026, his office has already shattered the record for the amount of unclaimed property returned to Hoosiers in a single calendar year.

As of this announcement, the Unclaimed Property Division has returned nearly \$90 million to rightful owners in 2026, surpassing the previous record of more than \$88 million set in 2025.

“From day one, our team has been laser-focused on getting every possible dollar back to its rightful owner,” AG Rokita said. “Breaking last year’s record-shattering mark shows what’s possible when we stay relentless in serving Hoosiers. This is a great achievement and milestone, but we’re not done. There’s still nearly a billion dollars of your money is still waiting to be claimed, and we’ll continue working to return every single cent.”

AG Rokita credited Unclaimed Property Division Director Amy Hendrix and her entire team for the record-breaking achievement, praising their proactive outreach to locate owners before they even know to search.

“This record belongs to the whole team,” Hendrix said. “We worked hard and went further than ever to find people and return what is theirs. Every claim we process is real money back in Hoosier hands.”

Hoosiers can search for unclaimed property free of charge at any time by visiting [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](#) or by texting CLAIMto 46220. They may also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or updmail@atg.in.gov.



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Help grow Westfield’s veteran community

Submitted

Attention veterans in the Westfield area ...

If you filled out the Westfield veterans survey, this meeting is for you.

If you’ve never been invited to join a veterans’ organization, this meeting is for you.

If you’re unfamiliar with veterans’ organizations and what they offer, this meeting is for you.

If you’re interested in forming an American Legion post or a VFW post in Westfield, this meeting is for you.

If you want to see a stronger, more connected veteran community in Westfield, this meeting is for you.

You’re invited to attend a meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Westfield Washington Public Library, Program Room 1A, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Organizers will share survey results, discuss bringing an American Legion post to Westfield, and explore activities that can bring veterans together. They’ll also introduce the longer-term vision for a shared Veterans Center.

This is a chance to get in on the ground floor, share your ideas, ask questions, and help shape what comes next.

Veterans, military families, and interested community members are welcome. You do not need to belong to an organization or have completed the survey to attend.

Do you have questions? Contact Dan Kolzow, Organizer of the Westfield Veterans Initiative, at westfield-inveterans@gmail.com.

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE

As mandated by state law under House Enrolled Act 1001, the Hamilton County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing with respect to housing development on November 18, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Hamilton County Commissioners’ Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, located at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060. HEA 1001 requires a public hearing to review the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance and any zoning regulations and land development factors, with the goal of increasing housing development by using the following factors: (1) Providing for higher density development of duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in areas designated for single family homes. (2) Constructing other housing types including accessory dwelling units and manufactured and modular housing. (3) Adaptive reuse of commercial buildings for residential use such as allowing multifamily development in retail, office, and light manufacturing zones. (4) Increasing the allowable floor area ratio in multifamily housing areas. (5) Waiving or eliminating regulations such as requirements for: (A) garage size and placement; (B) steeper roof pitch; (C) minimum lot size and square footage; (D) greater setbacks; (E) off-street parking; (F) design standards that restrict or prohibit the use of code compliant products; or (G) property height limitations. (6) Reviewing impact fee zones with zone advisory committee for improvements. (7) Streamlining or shortening the permitting processes and timelines, including through one stop and parallel process permitting by fifteen (15) days or more. (8) Using property tax abatements to enable higher density and mixed income communities. (9) Donating vacant land for affordable housing development.

No specific ordinance amendments are proposed or being voted on as part of this public hearing. This session is strictly intended to gather public comment and perspective from residents, business owners and community stakeholders as required under HEA 1001.

The Public Hearing is open to all and the opportunity to speak will be offered to all. Written comments filed with the Hamilton County Planning Department on or before 10am on November 16, 2026, will be considered. Written comments may be submitted via email to planning.dept@hamiltoncounty.in.gov, submitted by mail to 9615 E 148th Street, Suite #101 Noblesville, IN 46060, or hand delivered to the Planning Department Office located at 331 E. Jackson St. in Cicero, Indiana. Written comments will also be accepted during the Public Hearing. The Hearing may be continued from time to time as necessary.

Dated this 16th day of October 2026.

By C.J. Taylor, Planning Director

R8853 10/19/26

— CICERO —

NOTICE

As mandated by state law under House Enrolled Act 1001, the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing with respect to housing development on November 11, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron, Cicero, IN 46034, Cicero, IN.

HEA 1001 requires a public hearing to review the Cicero/Jackson Township’s zoning ordinance and any zoning regulations and land development rules, with the goal of increasing housing development by using the following factors: (1) Providing for higher density development of duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in areas designated for single family homes. (2) Constructing other housing types including accessory dwelling units and manufactured and modular housing. (3) Adaptive reuse of commercial buildings for residential use such as allowing multifamily development in retail, office, and light manufacturing zones. (4) Increasing the allowable floor area ratio in multifamily housing areas. (5) Waiving or eliminating regulations such as requirements for: (A) garage size and placement; (B) steeper roof pitch; (C) minimum lot size and square footage; (D) greater setbacks; (E) off-street parking; (F) design standards that restrict or prohibit the use of code compliant products; or (G) property height limitations. (6) Reviewing impact fee zones with zone advisory committee for improvements. (7) Streamlining or shortening the permitting processes and timelines, including through one stop and parallel process permitting by fifteen (15) days or more. (8) Using property tax abatements to enable higher density and mixed income communities. (9) Donating vacant land for affordable housing development.

No specific ordinance amendments are proposed or being voted on as part of this public hearing. This session is strictly intended to gather public comment and perspective from residents, business owners and community stakeholders as required under HEA 1001.

The Public Hearing is open to all and the opportunity to speak will be offered to all. Written comments filed with the Cicero/Jackson Township Planning Department on or before 10am on November 9, 2026, will be considered. Written comments may be submitted via email to publiccomments@townofcicero.in.gov, submitted by mail to P.O. Box 650, Cicero, Indiana 46034, or hand delivered to the Planning Department Office located at 331 E. Jackson St. in Cicero, Indiana. Written comments will also be accepted during the Public Hearing. The Hearing may be continued from time to time as necessary.

Dated this 16th day of October 2026.

By Frank Zawadzki, Planning Director

R8852 10/19/26

— SHERIDAN —

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

Notice is hereby given that on October 6, 2026, the Town Council of Sheridan, Indiana adopted the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 (TRAFFIC CODE) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA

The Town Council (the “Council”) of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana (the “Town”) met at a duly called and authorized meeting of the Council on the date set forth below, such meeting being called pursuant to a notice stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting received by all the Council members, and the following Ordinance was adopted by those present at the meeting, which constituted a majority of the Council:

WHEREAS, the Town desires to provide safe transportation options for its citizens, visitors and trail users; and

WHEREAS, the use of electric bicycles, electric scooters and other electric motorized devices has substantially increased; and

WHEREAS, the Council now finds it necessary to establish guidelines and regulations governing the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters and other electric motorized devices in order to ensure the safety of pedestrians, operators, riders, and users of the Town’s trails, sidewalks, and roadways; and

WHEREAS, these regulations are intended to complement and not supersede existing state and federal laws pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles and other transportation devices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The following Sections, or portions thereof, of Chapter 70 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances are hereby amended by the deletion language that is stricken through, and by the addition of language that is bolded, to read as follows:

§ 70.02 DEFINITIONS.

(A) Unless otherwise indicated or defined, words and terms used in respect to traffic regulations adopted by the Town Council shall be construed to have the same meanings as defined for them under the provisions of IC 9-13-2-1 et seq.

(B) For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

BASE OF OPERATION (of a truck or bus). The private, off-street facility where the vehicle is normally kept and maintained when not in use.

BICYCLE. Any foot-propelled vehicle, irrespective of the number of wheels in contact with the ground. **This definition does not include E-Bicycles.**

BICYCLIST. A person operating a Bicycle.

BUS. A vehicle described by IC 9-13-2-17. The term does not include a private bus described by IC 9-13-2-133, nor a school bus owned and operated by a public or governmental agency, but does include a privately owned and operated school bus operated by a person for compensation.

CLASS 1 E-BICYCLE. An electric bicycle or E-Bicycle equipped with an electric motor that (1) provides assistance only when the operator is pedaling and; (2) ceases to provide assistance to the operator when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour or as otherwise defined in IC 9-13-2-1.

CLASS 2 E-BICYCLE. An electric bicycle or E-Bicycle equipped with an electric motor that (1) may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle; and (2) ceases or is unable to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour or as otherwise defined by IC 9-13-2-1.

CLASS 3 E-BICYCLE. An electric bicycle or E-Bicycle equipped with an electric motor that (1) provides assistance only when the operator is pedaling; and (2) ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty-eight (28) miles per hour or as otherwise defined by IC 9-13-2-1.

E-BICYCLE. Also called an electric bicycle. A bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an assistive motor with a power output not greater than seven hundred and fifty (750) watts. A general term that meets the requirements of and encompasses Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 E-Bicycles, and complies with the applicable regulations of IC 9-21-11.

E-SCOOTERS. A device (1) weighing not more than one hundred (100) pounds; (2) designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground; (3) having handlebars and a floorboard that the rider uses to stand on the device during operation; and (4) is powered by an electric motor that is capable of powering the device with or without human propulsion at a speed not more than twenty (20) miles per hour on a paved level surface, or as otherwise defined by IC 9-13-2-1.

E-MOTO. A device powered by electric or mechanical motor that typically features power exceeding seven hundred and fifty (750) watts, without functional pedals, and can generate speed when powered solely by the motor of more than twenty (20) miles per hour or more.

ELECTRIC MOTORIZED DEVICE. A term that encompasses all E-Bicycles, E-Scoters, E-Motos, and Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices.

ELECTRONIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE. A self-balancing, non-tandem, two (2) wheeled device that is designed to transport only (1) person and which has an electric propulsion system with an average power of seven hundred and fifty (750) watts or one (1) horsepower and a maximum speed of less than twenty (20) miles per hour. Examples include segways and hoverboards. Nothing within this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of electric wheelchair or other assistive devices on sidewalks and multi-use trails within the Town. Such devices may be used in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and all applicable federal, state and local ordinances.

MULTI-USE TRAIL. A paved or unpaved path at least eight feet (8”) in width and indicated with signage by the Town of Sheridan as a trail. This includes the Monon Trail.

OPERATOR. Any person operating an E-Bicycle, E-Scooter, E-Moto or Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Device.

STOP. The cessation of movement of a vehicle before entering an intersection, giving ample right-of-way to other vehicles which have arrived at or are approaching the intersection or the intersecting thoroughfare.

TRAFFIC.

(1) Pedestrians, ridden animals and other conveyances either singly or together while using any street for the purpose of travel.

(2) Any and all vehicles operating on a public thoroughfare, including motor vehicles, motorized bicycles (mopeds), **electric motorized devices**, bicycles and animal-drawn vehicles.

TRUCK. A vehicle described by IC 9-13-2-188. The term includes any trailer, semitrailer or pole trailer designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property; it does not include a fire truck or similar emergency vehicle.

VEHICLE. Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street.

YIELD. Stopping or slowing a vehicle before entering an intersection sufficiently to allow the driver to determine if other traffic is approaching an intersection on an intersecting thoroughfare and, if so, to give safe right-of-way to the other traffic.

§ 70.60 OPERATION OF BICYCLES ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED.

BICYCLIST RESPONSIBILITIES AND REGULATIONS.

No person shall operate a bicycle on a sidewalk open as a public way for the general use of the pedestrian public.

(A) In addition to the responsibilities imposed on a Bicyclist by IC 9-21-11 et seq., these regulations are applicable to a Bicyclist on a roadway, sidewalk or multi-use trail within the Town’s jurisdiction.

(B) Bicyclists shall obey all traffic signals, traffic control devices, signs, and markings upon any roadway, sidewalk, or multi-use trail unless otherwise directed by a police officer. Bicyclists shall not weave in between cars and shall keep a safe distance between the bicycle and a motor vehicle when approaching stopped motor vehicles at a red light or stop sign.

(C) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed or equipped, except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached in an approved child seat.

(D) Bicycles may be ridden on roadways, sidewalks and multi-use trails within the Town’s jurisdiction upon the following conditions:

(1) Such conduct does not constitute a hazard to safety of pedestrians; and

(2) Bicyclists yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times; and

(3) Bicyclists provide an audible signal before overtaking pedestrians.

§ 70.61 CONCURRENT LIABILITY OF PARENTS, GUARDIANS FOR VIOLATIONS BY MINORS.

Any parent, legal guardian or other person having legal custody of a minor child, and who knowingly permits that minor child to violate the provisions of this subchapter, shall be equally liable for that violation and subject to penalties as provided in §70.99(C).

§ 70.62 ELECTRIC MOTORIZED DEVICE OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) Permitted and Restricted Locations.

(1) Multi-Use Trails: Class 1 and Class 2 E-Bicycles may be operated on multi-use trails, such as the Monon Trail, subject to regulations stated in this Chapter. Class 3 E-Bicycles, E-Motos, E-Scoters and Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices are prohibited from operating on multi-use trails.

(2) Sidewalks: Class 1 and Class 2 E-Bicycles, E-Scoters and Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices may be operated on sidewalks, subject to regulations stated in this Chapter, provided such operation does not constitute a hazard to safety of pedestrians. Class 3 E-Bicycles and E-Motos are prohibited from operating on sidewalks.

(3) Roadways: E-Bicycles and E-Motos may be operated on the roadways within the Town’s jurisdiction, subject to the regulations stated in this Chapter. E-Scoters and Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices are prohibited from operating on the roadways within the Town’s jurisdiction.

(4) Downtown District: Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 E-Bicycles, E-Scoters, and E-Motos shall not be operated on sidewalks within the Town’s designated downtown commercial district. The boundaries of this district are Main Street, bounded by 2nd Street to the north and 6th Street to the south.

(B) Operational Rules. Where permitted, Electric Motorized Devices shall:

(1) Not be operated in a reckless manner; including but not limited to, aggressive riding, excessive speeds, speeding around pedestrians or other users of multi-use trails, sidewalks, and roadways, performing wheelies, and speed contests.

(2) Yield the right of way to pedestrians.

(3) Pass pedestrians at a safe distance, providing a minimum of three feet of clearance and must wait until it is safe to pass.

(4) Provide an audible signal before overtaking pedestrians

(5) Avoid sudden or erratic movements that could endanger others.

(6) Keep the Electric Motorized Device under directional, speed, and stopping control at all times.

(7) Adhere to all speed limits and operational rules.

(C) Safety Requirements: Operators of Electric Motorized Devices shall comply with the following safety requirements:

(1) All operators younger than sixteen (16) years of age must wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet while operating the Electric Motorized Device.

(2) Operators may only carry the number of passengers for which the Electric Motorized Device is designed by the manufacturer.

(3) Operators shall not attach the Electric Motorized Device or themselves to any moving motor vehicle by tow rope, hand grip, or otherwise.

(4) Operators shall not tow any other vehicle, bicycle, or other Electric Motorized Device.

(5) Operators shall comply with all state laws, rules and regulations related to licensing, operation, and maintenance of Electric Motorized Devices.

(D) Device Specific Requirements:

(1) E-Bicycles: No person shall operate an E-Bicycle within the Town unless the E-bicycle bears the permanent and conspicuous label required by Ind. Code §9-21-11-13.1(f).

(2) Class 3 E-Bicycle: Pursuant to IC 9-21-11-13.1(k)(3), a person younger than fifteen (15) years of age may not operate a Class 3 E-Bicycle.

(3) E-Motos: The operation of E-Motos is prohibited on all multi-use trails and sidewalks. Subject to §70.61(B) and (C), E-Motos are allowed on roadways under the following conditions:

(a) Operators must be at least fifteen (15) years of age.

(b) Operators must wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet at all times.

(c) Operators must carry an unexpired identification card issued by the State of Indiana or other state’s department of motor vehicles.

(d) Operators shall not operate their E-Moto at a speed greater than the speed limit of the road or thirty (30) miles per hour, whichever is lower.

(e) Operators must comply with all traffic rules and regulations.

(f) Operators must operate their E-Moto near the right-hand edge of the roadway unless passing another vehicle or preparing for a left-hand turn.

§70.99 PENALTY.

... (C) A person who violates, or is liable for a violation of §70.60 or §70.612 of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of \$50 for each violation. The fine may shall be paid to the Clerk-Treasurer, in accordance with §35.29.

... **Section 3.** All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. The expressed or implied repeal or amendment by this Ordinance or any other ordinance or part of any other ordinance does not affect any rights or liabilities accrued, penalties, incurred, or proceeding begun prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. Those rights, liabilities, and proceedings are continued, and penalties shall be imposed and enforced under the repealed or amended ordinance as if this Ordinance had not been adopted.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

Sheridan Town Council

Dated this 12th day of October, 2026.

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— COURT NOTICES —

29D02-2609-EU-000434
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
PHILIP E. BRINSON)
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
(Unsupervised)
I, Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk of
Courts, within and for the County
of Hamilton, in the State of Indiana,
do hereby certify that, upon petition,
and pursuant to Court Order this date,
Brian J. Brinson, being duly qualified
to serve as Personal Representative
of the estate of Philip E. Brinson,
deceased, late of Hamilton County,
Indiana, is duly authorized and
empowered to administer said estate
according to law.
WITNESS my hand and the seal
of the Court, at Noblesville, IN, this
October 5, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
Darrin Gowan Attorney
1621 E. Greyhound Pass
Carmel IN 46032
317-730-1700
dgowan5@comcast.net
R8805 10/12/26, 10/19/26

29D02-2609-EU-000407
WEBSTER & GARINO LLC
209 E 175th Street, Suite A
Westfield, IN 46074
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior
Court, Notice is hereby given
that Donald Ackerson and Judy
Ackerson were on the 16th day of
September, 2026, appointed Personal
Representatives of the Estate of Karen
S. Bolin, deceased, who died on
September 6, 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 first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this
17th day of September, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County
Superior Court
R8807 10/12/26, 10/19/26

29D02-2609-EU-000421
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF ROMAN JOHN)
KOTRYS, DECEASED.)
ORDER PROBATING WILL,
ISSUING LETTERS AND
APPOINTING PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE WITHOUT
COURT SUPERVISION
Cynthia Ann Wilson, Petitioner, filed a
verified Petition for Probate of Will,
Issuance of Letters and Appointment
of Personal Representative Without
Court Supervision in the Estate of
Roman John Kotrys, deceased, which
Petition is on file with this Court and a
part of the Court's records.
The Court, having examined said
Petition and being duly advised, now
finds as follows:
1. Roman John Kotrys ("the
Decedent"), age 89 died testate on
August 16, 2026, while domiciled in
Hamilton County, Indiana.
2. Roman John Kotrys left a Last
Will and Testament, dated July 24,
1989, which was duly executed in all
respects according to law and was
not revoked by the Decedent and is
entitled to be admitted to probate.
3. Letters Testamentary should be
issued to Cynthia Ann Wilson as
requested in the Petition.
4. Cynthia Ann Wilson is hereby
appointed Personal Representative
of the Estate of Roman John Kotrys
and shall qualify as Personal
Representative upon taking an oath.
5. The Personal Representative is
hereby authorized to proceed under
the statutory provisions of the Indiana
Code governing the unsupervised
administration of estates.
6. The Personal Representative is
further ordered to notify all
reasonably ascertainable creditors of
Roman John Kotrys and to comply
with the notice requirements of I.C.
29-1-7-7 and the duties imposed by
I.C. 29-1-7-7.5.
All of which is ordered on October
5, 2026
Johnathan M. Brown
Judge, Hamilton Superior Court
Lisa M. Adler, Esq.
Adler Estate Law LLC
lisa@adlerstatelaw.com
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29D01-2610-EU-000445
WILLIAM J. DALE, JR.
NICHOLAS R. ARBUCKLE
DALE & EKE, P.C.
9100 Keystone Crossing, Suite 400
Indianapolis, Indiana 46240
Phone: (317) 844-7400
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court
No. 1
In the Matter of the Estate of
Bourbon E. Bellon, Deceased
Estate No.: 29D01-2610-EU-000445
Notice is hereby given that Karl
J. Benz was on October 6, 2026,
appointed Personal Representative
of the Estate of Bourbon E. Bellon,
deceased, who died on the 25th day of
September, 2026.
All persons who have claims against
this Estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this Notice, or within
nine (9) months after the Decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on
October 6, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County
Superior Court I
R8814 10/12/26, 10/19/26

Annette T. Brogden
Attorney No. 15706-41
Brogden Law Firm LLC
40 Nappanee Drive
Carmel, IN 46033
(317) 469-0100
CAUSE NO: 29D03-2610-EU-000452
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton
County, Indiana.
In the Matter of the Unsupervised
ESTATE OF ROSALIE M. MOREY,
deceased.
Notice is hereby given that SUSAN
LYNNE BERRY and ALBERT A.
MOREY, III on October 7, 2026
, were appointed Co-Personal
Representatives of the Estate of
Rosalie M. Morey, who died on the
23rd day of November, 2025.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the clerk of this court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on
October 7, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court
of Hamilton County, Indiana
R8815 10/12/26, 10/19/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-011466
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Erika Maura Pyle
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Erika Maura Pyle, whose mailing
address is: 11292 Sea Side Court,
Fishers, Indiana 46040, in the
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby
gives notice that Erika Maura Pyle has
filed a petition in the Hamilton County
Circuit Court requesting that name be
changed to Erikah Maura Pyle.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: January 5, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.
Erika Maura Pyle
Petitioner
Date: September 21, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8748 10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

Jack G. Hittle, #26898-29
CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE +
ANTRIM
10765 Lantern Rd., Ste. 201
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 773-2190, FAX (317) 572-1609
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court No. 1,
29D01-2609-EU-417
Notice is hereby given that Angela
Lynn Resler was, on September
21, 2026, appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate of
MARTHA JANE POIO, deceased, who
died July 30, 2026.
All persons who have claims against
this Estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on
September 21, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of
Hamilton County, Indiana
R8806 10/12/26, 10/19/26

29D01-2610-EU-000446
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton
County, Indiana.
In the matter of the unsupervised
Estate of Mary C. Boeglin, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Daniel
L. Boeglin was, on the 6 day of
October , 2026, appointed personal
representative of the Estate of Mary
C. Boeglin, deceased, who died on the
29th day of September, 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 nine (9)
months after the decedent's death,
whichever is earlier, or the claims will
be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this
October 6, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
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29D03-2610-ES-000449
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2610-ES-000449
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
BETTYE JOYCE VAUGHN,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton
County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Terry
Gruel was, on the 7th day of October,
2026, appointed as the Personal
Representative of the estate of Bettye
Joyce Vaughn, deceased, who died on
August 16, 2026.
All persons who have claimed or
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 Hamilton County, Indiana,
this 7th day of October, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR
COURT FOR HAMILTON
COUNTY, INDIANA
Steven W. Kincaid
Attorney No. 18034-34
Steven W. Kincaid, Attorney at Law, P.C.
54 N. 9th Street, Ste. 130
Noblesville, IN 46060
Telephone: 317-776-5995
Fax: 317-219-0625
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29D01-2609-EU-000433
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
IN RE: THE UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF:)
MERRILL DEAN BRACKEN,)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Jill
Marie Bracken-Emerson was, on the
25th day of September, 2026,
appointed as Personal Representative
of the Estate of Merrill Bracken to
be administered as an unsupervised
estate.
All persons having claims against
said Estate, whether or not now due,
must file the same in said Court
within three (3) months from the date
of the first publication of this notice,
or within nine (9) months after the
Decedent's death, whichever is earlier,
or said claim will be forever barred.
Dated: September 25th, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Courts
R8825 10/12/26, 10/19/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-011037
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
Asher Dassiel Perales lira
Name of Minor
Andrea Maritza Perales Lira
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, Andrea Maritza Perales
Lira, has filed a Verified Petition For
Change of Name to change the name
of King-Asher Dassiel Perales Lira to
Asher Dassiel Ponte Perales.
This Petition is scheduled for hearing
on the day of January 5, 2027, at
8:30 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
objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: September 11, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Circuit Court
R8817 10/12/26, 10/19/26, 10/26/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2608-MI-10556
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Rebecca Fleetwood Hession
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Rebecca Fleetwood Hession, whose
mailing address is: 5545 Golden
Aster Dr Noblesville, IN 46062,
in the Hamilton County, Indiana,
hereby gives notice that Rebecca
Fleetwood Hession has filed a petition
in the Hamilton County Circuit Court
requesting that name be changed to
Rebecca Sue Fleetwood.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: December 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Rebecca Fleetwood Hession
Petitioner
Date: August 31, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8824 10/12/26, 10/19/26, 10/26/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-011418
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
ELIZABETH ANNE GINDER
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
ELIZABETH ANNE GINDER,
whose mailing address is: 821 ELLIS
PARK DR, WESTFIELD, IN 46074,
in the Hamilton County, Indiana,
hereby gives notice that ELIZABETH
ANNE GINDER has filed a petition
in the Hamilton County Circuit Court
requesting that name be changed to
ELIZABETH ANNE FERGUSON.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: January 5, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.
ELIZABETH ANNE GINDER
Petitioner
Date: September 18, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8789 10/12/26, 10/19/26, 10/26/26

29D02-2608-EU-000370
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION IN THE
ESTATE OF THOMAS A. PHILLIPS,
DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that on
August 27, 2026, Lisa M. Phillips
was appointed as Executrix/Personal
Representative of the Estate of
Thomas A. Phillips, deceased.
All persons having claims against
said estate, whether or not now due,
must file the same in said Court
within three (3) months from the date
of the first publication of this notice
or within nine (9) months after the
decedent's death, whichever is earlier,
or said claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this
August 28, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Claire Emswiler (#27830-49)
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Emswiler, Williams, Noland &
Clarke, LLC
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Indianapolis, IN 46240
R8834 10/19/26, 10/26/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2608-MI-010018
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Benjamin Allen Alcantara
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Benjamin Allen Alcantara, whose
mailing address is: 14043 Sedona Ct.,
Carmel, IN 46032, in the Hamilton
County, Indiana, hereby gives notice
that Benjamin Allen Alcantara has
filed a petition in the Hamilton County
Circuit Court requesting that name
be changed to Benjamin Southwick
Allen.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: December 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Benjamin Allen Alcantara
Petitioner
Date: August 17, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8780 10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

29D01-2610-EU-000442
ALTMAN, POINDEXTER &
WYATT LLC
Anne Hensley Poindexter
90 Executive Drive, Suite G
Carmel, Indiana 46032
(317) 350-1000
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton
County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that
Brenda Vann was, on the date of
October 2, 2026 appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate of Earl
Monroe Cochran, deceased, who died
on the 20th day of September 2026.
All persons who have claims against
this Estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the Decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on the
date of October 2, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court
for Hamilton County, Indiana
R8800 10/12/26, 10/19/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT NO.3)
Cause No. 29D01-2609-DN-010940
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Norma Angelica Cazares Arzate
PETITIONER
v.
Omar Nunez Medina
(The other spouse's name)
RESPONDENT
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF INDIANA TO:
Omar Nunez Medina
You have been sued by your spouse
in a divorce case. The case has been
opened in the state and county listed
above.
If this form has an Order Setting
Hearing form attached to it, you
must go to court on the date and time
written on the Order Setting Hearing
form. If you do not go to the hearing,
evidence may be heard and the court
may make decisions without you.
If a Temporary Restraining Order is
ordered by the court, it will go into
effect immediately when you receive
the order or when you know the order
has been given by the court.
If you would like to hire a lawyer
to represent you in this divorce case,
you should do so before the date that
is written on the Notice of Provisional
Hearing form.
If you take no action in this case
after receiving this Summons form,
the court can finalize the divorce
case and/or make decisions that may
include but are not limited to the
following issues: paternity, child
custody, child support, maintenance,
parenting time, property (real or
personal), or dividing any other assets
and debts, lawyer fees and costs.
Dated: September 8, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk
R8765 10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2608-MI-010112
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME)
CHANGE OF THE MINOR CHILD:)
BRYNLEE LYNN BECK-STEWART,)
BRUCE WAYNE STEWART,))
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, Bruce Wayne Stewart, has
filed a Verified Petition For Change of
Name on the 18 day of August, 2026.
The Verified Petition requests that
name of the minor child Brynlee Lynn
Beck-Stewart be changed to Brynlee
Lynn Stewart.
This Petition is scheduled for hearing
on the day of December 18, 2026 at
10:00 a.m., which is more than thirty
(30) days after the third notice of
publication. Any person has the right
to appear at the hearing and to file
objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: August 20, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Circuit Court
R8753 10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

29D03-2610-EU-000451
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior
Court. In the Matter of the Estate
of JO RALENE GARRISON,
deceased. Estate Docket 29D03-2610-
EU-000451
Notice is hereby given that Lynne
Miller was on October 7, 2026,
appointed personal representative
of the estate of JO RALENE
GARRISON, deceased.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the clerk of this court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this
October 7, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County
Superior Court
R8832 10/19/26, 10/26/26

29D01-2507-EU-000292
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR
Court 1
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
In the Matter of the Unsupervised
Estate of Jennifer Lynn Mariano,
deceased.
Cause No. 29D01-2507-EU-000292
Notice is hereby given that Dean
John Mariano was, on the date set forth
on this Notice, appointed Personal
Representative of the unsupervised
estate of Jennifer Lynn Mariano,
deceased, who died on the 2nd day of
February, 2025.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana July
14, 2025.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Erin N. Johnson
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Carmel, IN 46032
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R8801 10/12/26, 10/19/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2608-MI-010017
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Matthew Allen Alcantara
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Matthew Allen Alcantara, whose
mailing address is: 14043 Sedona Ct.,
Carmel, IN 46032, in the Hamilton
County, Indiana, hereby gives notice
that Matthew Allen Alcantara has
filed a petition in the Hamilton County
Circuit Court requesting that name be
changed to Matthew Southwick Allen.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: December 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Matthew Allen Alcantara
Petitioner
Date: August 17, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8779 10/5/26, 10/12/26, 10/19/26

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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF KEITH A. REDDING
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton
County, Indiana. 29D03-2610-EU-443
Notice is hereby given that
VINCENT REDDING and DONNA
REDDING were, on October 7, 2026,
appointed Executor's of the Estate of
KEITH A. REDDING, deceased, who
died April 9, 2026.
All persons who have claims against
this Estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this Notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on
October 7, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of
Hamilton County, Indiana
R8833 10/19/26, 10/26/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-011843
IN THE NAME CHANGE OF
JALEN SAMUEL WESLEY
TURPEN,
Petitioner.
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that on
September 28, 2026, the Petitioner,
Jalen Samuel Wesley Turpen, by
counsel, filed a Petition for Change of
Name in the Hamilton Circuit Court
requesting that his name be changed to
Jalen Turpen Nixon.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: January 5, 2027 at 8:30 a.m. which
is more than (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 1 Hamilton County Square,
Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: Sept. 28, 2026
Andrew R. Bloch
Judge, Hamilton County
R8827 10/12/26, 10/19/26, 10/26/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-11759
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
MINOR:
King-David Ayomide Omotoriogun
Name of Minor
Phillip Shogga Adesagba
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, Phillip Shogga Adesagba,
has filed a Verified Petition For
Change of Name on September 25,
2026 to change the name of King-
David Ayomide Omotoriogun to King-
David Ayomide Adesagba..
This Petition is scheduled for hearing
on the day of January 5, 2027, at
8:30 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
objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: October 2, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Circuit Court
R8788 10/12/26, 10/19/26, 10/26/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2610-EU-000440
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
GARY D. LYNCH, DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on
October 2, 2026, Elizabeth Lynch was
appointed personal representative of
the estate of Gary D. Lynch, deceased,
who died intestate on the 13th day of
September 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: October 5, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1
R8802 10/12/26, 10/19/26

29D01-2503-AD-000310
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT 1)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
LUPE SWINFORD)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on
September 29, 2026 Brooke Allen
Swinford was appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate of Lupe
Swinford, deceased, who died on
September 18, 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 on
September 29, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior
Court #1
Laurie D. Johnson
Eric J. Benner
Boje, Benner, Becker, Markovich &
Hixson
1312 Maple Avenue
Noblesville, IN 46060
R8823 10/12/26, 10/19/26

29D01-2607-EU-000306
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton
County, Indiana.
In the matter of the unsupervised
Estate of Ross A. Deardorff, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Stephen
Robert Deardorff was, on the 15 day
of July, 2026, appointed personal
representative of the Estate of Ross A.
Deardorff, deceased, who died on the
30th day of May, 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 nine (9)
months after the decedent's death,
whichever is earlier, or the claims will
be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this
July 15, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
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R8803 10/12/26, 10/19/26

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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF BRENDA L. HIMLER
29D01-2610-EU-456
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior
Court
Notice is hereby given that
RONALD M. PULLIAM was, on
October 13, 2026, appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate of
BRENDA L. HIMLER, deceased, who
died December 11, 2019.
All persons who have claims against
this Estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on
October 14, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of
Hamilton County, Indiana
R8848 10/19/26, 10/26/26

29D03-2609-EU-000393
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton
County, Indiana.
In the matter of the unsupervised
Estate of Alice S. Hedstrom,
deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Melissa
H. Brooks was, on the 9th day of
September, 2026, appointed personal
representative of the Estate of Alice S.
Hedstrom, deceased, who died on the
25th day of August, 2026.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file their claims in the office of
the clerk of this court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice or nine (9)
months after the decedent's death,
whichever is earlier, or the claims will
be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this
September 9, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
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R8804 10/12/26, 10/19/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
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CARMEL

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE SERIES OF PROPOSED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR ENTER INTO A PROPOSED LEASE OR LEASES OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE SCHOOL CORPORATION

Owners of real property, and registered voters residing, in Carmel Clay Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), hereby are given notice that the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board") preliminarily has determined, at its meeting held on October 7, 2026, that (a) a need exists for all or any portion of (i) certain renovations and miscellaneous facility improvements at Clay Middle School, including without limitation improvements consisting of mid-cycle renovations throughout Clay Middle School, including without limitation replacement of and upgrades to mechanical systems, replacement of carpet and other finishes, and building envelope repairs and improvements; (ii) certain renovations and miscellaneous facility improvements at Forest Dale Elementary School, including without limitation the repair, replacement, and upgrade of mechanical systems; (iii) certain renovations and miscellaneous facility improvements at Carmel High School, including without limitation the modernization and repair of existing elevators; (iv) certain renovations and miscellaneous facility improvements at the Educational Services Center including without limitation repair, replacement, and upgrade of all or any portion of the HVAC systems and landscaping improvements; (v) technology improvement, equipping, and acquisition projects at one or more of the existing facilities operated by the School Corporation; (vi) acquisition of one or more buses to replace existing buses that have reached their useful life and supplementation of the existing buses and other vehicles used by the School Corporation; (vii) other miscellaneous renovations, facility repairs, improvements, equipping projects and acquisition projects throughout or serving the School Corporation; and (viii) all projects related to any of the projects described in any of the clauses (i) through and including (vii) (clauses (i) through and including (viii) collectively, the "2027 Project"); and (b) to the extent permitted by law to take all of the necessary steps to finance all or any portion of the costs of all, or as much as is possible based on the facts and circumstances at the time, but only as needed based on extensive analysis and review by the School Corporation's staff of each identified facility, of the 2027 Project by issuing one or more series of proposed general obligation bonds (the "General Obligation Bonds") and/or entering into a proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to one or more existing leases (collectively, the "Leases") between the one or more Indiana nonprofit school building corporations, as lessor (collectively, the "Building Corporation"), and the School Corporation, as lessee, relating to all or any portion of the school facilities operated or to be operated by the School Corporation. The Building Corporation, as lessor, will issue one or more series of first mortgage bonds secured by and payable from the lease payments under the Leases (the "First Mortgage Bonds"). The total maximum original aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation Bonds and the First Mortgage Bonds (collectively, the "Bonds") will not exceed Fifty-Five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000), or such greater amount in the case of the issuance of any first mortgage bonds all or a portion of which will be used to refund all or any portion of the First Mortgage Bonds.

The maximum term for each series of the Bonds will not exceed twenty (20) years, and each of the Leases with respect to each facility subject to a Lease or Leases at the time of the issuance of each series of the First Mortgage Bonds will have a maximum term not to exceed twenty-two (22) years, beginning on the date each such Lease or addendum thereto is recorded by the School Corporation and the Building Corporation in connection with the 2027 Project. Based on the estimated interest rates that will be paid in connection with the Bonds, which are not anticipated to exceed 5.0% per annum (with a maximum allowable interest rate of 6.0%), the total interest cost associated therewith will not exceed \$21,140,000 (with a maximum estimated interest cost based on the maximum rate and maximum 20-year term of \$44,420,000) (which amounts are net of any funds received by the School Corporation or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), not taking into account any funds of the School Corporation or the Building Corporation being available for capitalized interest. The maximum annual principal and interest to be paid on the General Obligation Bonds plus the maximum annual lease rental to be paid by the School Corporation under the Leases is \$10,000,000 (which amount is net of any funds received by the School Corporation or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), and the maximum total principal and interest to be paid on the Bonds plus the maximum total lease rental to be paid by the School Corporation over the term of the Leases is \$103,920,000 (which amount is net of any funds received by the School Corporation or the Building Corporation from the United States of America as a result of any or all of the Bonds being issued under one or more federal tax credit programs), not taking into account any funds of the School Corporation or the Building Corporation available for capitalized interest. The School Corporation's certified total debt service fund tax levy for 2025 pay 2026 (which is the most recent certified tax levy) is \$39.541.905, and the School Corporation's certified total debt service fund tax rate for 2025 pay 2026 (which is the most recent certified tax rate) is \$0.3198 per \$100 of assessed value. The estimated total maximum debt service fund tax levy for the School Corporation and the estimated total maximum debt service fund tax rate for the School Corporation after the issuance of the Bonds are anticipated to occur no earlier than 2029 pay 2030 and will be \$46,637.000 and \$0.3834 per \$100 of assessed value (assuming no change in the 2026 pay 2027 net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation as currently provided by the County Auditor), respectively, and the total debt service fund tax levy for the School Corporation is expected to increase approximately 4.0% in each year from 2027 pay 2028 through 2029 pay 2030 and decline thereafter as set forth below as a result of the payment of the debt service on the General Obligation Bonds and the lease rentals under the Leases described herein. The estimated debt service levy and rate that will result during the following ten (10) years after the issuance of the first series of Bonds (assuming no change in the 2026 pay 2027 net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation as currently provided by the County Auditor and considering any changes that may occur to the debt service levy and rate during that same period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that mature or terminate during said ten (10) year period) is as follows:

Year	Estimated Debt Service Levy	Estimated Debt Service Tax Rate
2027	\$41,460,000	\$0.3409
2028	43,118,000	0.3545
2029	44,843,000	0.3687
2030	46,637,000	0.3834
2031	43,666,000	0.3590
2032	38,379,000	0.3155
2033	38,386,000	0.3156
2034	38,371,000	0.3155
2035	23,835,000	0.1960
2036	18,083,000	0.1487
2037	8,748,000	0.0719

The percent of the School Corporation's current annual debt service/lease payments and projected maximum annual debt service/lease payments after the issuance of the Bonds compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation is approximately thirty-eight hundredths of one percent (0.38%). The percent of the School Corporation's outstanding long term debt, together with the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any of the territory of the School Corporation, compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation is approximately twelve and one-hundredths of one percent (12.01%).

The estimated completion date of the 2027 Project is January 1, 2029. Petitions requesting the application of the local public question process to the Bonds and/or the Leases related to the 2027 Project may be filed with the Hamilton County Voter Registration Office within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this notice in the manner provided by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, as amended. If a sufficient petition requesting the application of the local public question process to the Bonds and/or the Leases related to the 2027 Project has been filed as set forth in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, as amended, the Bonds and/or the Leases related to the 2027 Project must be approved in an election on a local public question held under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.6, as amended. In the event that a sufficient petition requesting the application of the local public question process to the Bonds and/or the Leases related to the 2027 Project has been filed as set forth in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, as amended, the Board has determined to reconvene as soon as possible after receiving notice of such petition to consider approval of the form of the public question to be recommended to the Hamilton County Auditor and the Hamilton County Election Board for consideration by the registered voters at the election conducted under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.6, as amended, and other related matters.

Dated: October 19, 2026.

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS,
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Dr. Thomas Oestreich, Superintendent
10/19/26

HAMILTON COUNTY

NOTICE

Celloco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 45-foot pole communications structure at the approx. vicinity of 12472 Ostara Court (near the intersection of Broks School Road and Desert Glen Drive), Fishers, Hamilton County, IN 46037. Lat: 39-57-10.728, Long: -85-56-34.26.

Celloco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 44-foot pole communications structure at the approx. vicinity of 3675 East 161st Street, Westfield, Hamilton County, IN 46062. Lat: 40-1-19.416, Long: -86-6-13.86

Celloco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 45- foot pole communications structure at the approx. vicinity of 13598 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Hamilton County, IN 46038. Lat: 39-59-6.144, Long: -86-1-28.596.

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, Linnea Turner, lturner@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111.

10/19/26

NOTICE

Celloco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 44-foot pole communications structure at the approx. vicinity of 3681 East 191st Street, Westfield, Hamilton County, IN 46074. Lat: 40-3-53.46, Long: -86-6-12.78. 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, Frank Irovic, firovic@trileaf.com 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111.

Celloco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 45-foot light pole communications structure at the approx. vicinity of 12620 East 116th Street, Fishers, Hamilton County, IN 46034. Lat: 39-57-27.9714, Long: -85-56-21.2274. 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, Frank Irovic, firovic@trileaf.com 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111.

Celloco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 45-foot pole communications structure at the approx. vicinity of 13302 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Hamilton County, IN 46038. Lat: 39-58-56.676, Long: -86-1-34.14. 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, Frank Irovic, firovic@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111.

10/19/26

SHERIFF SALE

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. 2015026461 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 appraisalment 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
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 634-0300 / FAX No. (317) 453-8626
Email: rberry@rubin-levin.net
September 16, 2026

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 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 appraisalment 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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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 appraisalment laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

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

Fall Creek
Township

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

NOTICE

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

FISHERS

NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE

TO THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that on October 12, 2026, the Common Council for the City of Fishers, Hamilton, Indiana ("City"), meeting in a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with Ind. Code §36-4-3-5.1, passed Ordinance No. 092126C, annexing approximately 7.57 acres located outside of but contiguous to the City, generally known as the Henson Annexation (the "Annexed Territory"). This Annexation Ordinance is available for review at Fishers Municipal Center, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. If you have specific questions please contact:

City of Fishers Community and Economic Development Department
planning@fishersin.gov
(317) 595-3155

10/14/26 10/19/26

Public Notice Deadline:
3:00 p.m. Friday
Ads@ReadTheReporter.com

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

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of 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 appraisalment laws.

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

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County

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

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

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 appraisalment laws.

Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

/s/ MATTHEW S. LOVE
MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney
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Clay
Township

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NOTICE

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— HAMILTON COUNTY —

Public Notice
The following will be sold for charges:
4150 EAST 96TH ST INDIANAPOLIS on 11/6/2026 @ 12:00PM
• 2014 NISSAN 3N1CN7AP2EL833573 \$2,998.86
18702 CHAD HITTLE DR WESTFIELD on 11/6/2026 @ 2:00PM
• 2013 FORD 3FA6P0HR3DR154092 \$1,900.00
• 2014 FORD 3FADP4AJ7EM134641 \$1,900.00
R8819 10/19/26

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF GRANTOR & ALLEN, ALONZO RAY III LIVING ESTATE TRUST
Allen, Alonzo Ray III, in sui juris in esse capacity, formerly “ALLEN, ALONZO RAY III, Baby Boy” of Indianapolis, Indiana, Marion County; February 15, 1987, bom of Allen, Alonzo Ray Jr. and Davie, Tonya I, Allen, Alonzo Ray III, certify and declare to all persons and men worldwide that I am a Hamilton County private American national Indianan state private citizen, domiciliary origin 9783 E 116th Street #A516 Fishers Indiana 46037, now ingressed within the nation Indiana republic [Union] of the United States of North America at all times since birth upon the soil foreign to, without, and excluded from Domestic, Territorial, Military, and District of Columbia jurisdictions under the constitution 1776 A.D. further, I am the living grantor to the office of grantor titled “Allen, Alonzo Ray III Living Estate”, established [date of trust establishment], the certificate of trust and affidavit of trustee as amended, the rights, title and interest executed on Trust Transfer Grant Deeds intended for her assigns, devisees, and legatees entitled [Registered Mail Number: RE 079 241 178 US]-999,999, for sole beneficiary “Allen, Alonzo Ray III Living Estate” [date of trust establishment: 9-22-2026]; Office of Grantor primary mailing location is c/o 9783 E 116th Street #A516 Fishers Indiana 46037. Further, notice is given of the establishment of the private revocable living trust entitled “Family of Allen Living Estate Trust” executed on [date of trust establishment: 10-6-26] with same status as forested by the Grantor’s Office within the meaning at the time of the adoption of the constitution 1776 A.D.
R8826 10/12/26, 10/19/26

— NOBLESVILLE —

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By/At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: 2026 Pavement Preservation-Crack Seal
Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Receipt of Bids: bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013 as required by statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:

SEALED BID: 2026 Pavement Preservation – Crack Seal
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the city of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 9:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Pre-Bid Meeting: Not applicable
The Work: The Work shall be completed by qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the pavement preservation, specifically crack seal maintenance of City roadways.
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If the contract is awarded, it will be to the “lowest responsible and responsive bidder: in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. the Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of The Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.
Bid Documents: copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after October 20,2026. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to jakethompson@noblesville.in.gov requesting instructions to download project documents.
Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville – Street Department prior to 12:00 PM, local time on November 4, 2026. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder’s list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:
Jake Thompson – Chief Operator
City of Noblesville – Street Department
Email: jakethompson@noblesville.in.gov
Bid Documents – Review:
Work will be in accordance with the Bidding Documents, which may be viewed at the following location:
City of Noblesville Street Department
1575 Pleasant Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
Bidders shall ensure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.
Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including Alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by the Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.
Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner’s final settlement with the Contractor.
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner’s final settlement with the Contractor.
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Applications forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
Street Department
BY: Patty Johnson, Street Commissioner
R8840 10/19/26, 10/26/26

— CARMEL —

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, TO ENTER INTO A PROPOSED LEASE OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE SCHOOL CORPORATION
The taxpayers of the Carmel Clay Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the “School Corporation”), are hereby notified that on October 7, 2026, the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the “Board”) did adopt a resolution determining that the School Corporation will take all actions necessary to enter into a lease of all or any portion of the existing Clay Middle School, its related outdoor facilities, and the real property upon which any portion of the Clay Middle School or its related outdoor facilities are located (the “Lease”) with the Carmel Clay School Building Corporation, which is a non-profit school building corporation controlled by, and operating on behalf of, the School Corporation (the “Building Corporation”), which in turn will allow the Building Corporation to issue one or more series of first mortgage bonds (collectively, the “Bonds”), payable from the lease rentals received from the School Corporation pursuant to the terms of the Lease. The payments to be made by the School Corporation under the Lease will be payable from ad valorem property taxes collected by the School Corporation. The Bonds will be issued to pay for all or any portion of the purposes set forth in the resolution adopted by the Board on October 7, 2026, in connection with this matter, and the costs of issuing the Bonds.
The maximum term for the Bonds will be twenty (20) years from the date of issuance, and the original aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will not exceed \$55,000,000. The Lease will have a term ending not longer than the June 30th or December 31st which is twenty-two (22) calendar years after the date the Lease is recorded by the Building Corporation and the School Corporation, with an annual lease rental not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) with respect to the Bonds, all of which annual lease rental will be payable in semiannual installments commencing no earlier than June 30 in the year immediately following the year in which the Lease is recorded, and thereafter on June 30 and December 31 of each year during the term of the Lease.
Dated: October 19, 2026.
CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Dr. Thomas Oestreich, Superintendent
R8843 10/19/26, 10/26/26

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“If it happens more than twice,
it’s not a coincidence.”
– Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1987

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA TO ISSUE BONDS
Owners of real property, and registered voters residing in, Hamilton County, Indiana (the “County”), are hereby given notice that the County Council of the County (the “Board”), having held meetings and two separate public hearings pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.1 and Indiana Code 5-3-1, on October 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Courtroom at of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, adopted its Ordinance No. CC 09-02-2026-A (the “Ordinance”) making a preliminary determination to issue general obligations bonds (the “Bonds”) to finance two separate and distinct public improvement projects in the County consisting of (i) the refinancing of the County’s Redevelopment District Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023, dated May 25, 2023, which were issued to provide interim financing for the construction of sewer and water systems to initially serve the Bakers Corner community and surrounding area (the “2023 BAN Refinancing Project”) and (ii) a certain water and sewer public improvement project in the County including (a) a new water main connecting to the water main on the east side of US 31 north of 241st Street, then running east along 241st Street to Anthony Road, south along Anthony Road to 236th Street, and the east along 236th Street to Deming Road, (b) a new regional lift station on the north side of 236th Street west of Deming Road and sanitary force main to the wastewater treatment plant, and (c) a new water main and low pressure sewer system south of 241st Street to serve approximately 6 homes in Twilight Hills who have requested utility service (the “Water/Sewer Improvement Project”) and together with the 2023 BAN Refinancing Project, collectively, the “Projects”). Each of the Projects is a “controlled project” as defined in Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-1.1 and is subject to certain additional procedures under Indiana Code 6-1.1-20, as amended, including those as outlined in Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.1.
The total maximum original aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will not exceed \$22,000,000 with not more than \$9,615,000 of the Bonds allocable to the Water/Sewer Improvement Project and \$12,385,000 allocable to the 2023 BAN Refinancing Project. The maximum term for the Bonds will not exceed twenty (20) years. Based on the estimated interest rates that will be paid in connection with the Bonds of a maximum rate of 7.00%, the total maximum total interest cost associated therewith is \$18,006,431 for the entire issue Bonds with \$7,868,810 of such amount allocable to the Water/Sewer Improvement Project and \$10,137,621 allocable to the 2023 BAN Refinancing Project. The purpose of the Bonds is to provide financing for the Projects, including cost of issuance of the Bonds. The County’s current total debt service fund tax levy is \$19,771.877 and the County’s current debt service fund tax rate is \$0.0510 per \$100 of assessed value. The County’s estimated total debt service fund tax levy for 2026 pay 2027 is \$19,768,331 (inclusive of all of the Bonds), with \$2,093,953 allocable to the Water/Sewer Improvement Project and \$2,697,702 allocable to the 2023 BAN Refinancing Project. The County’s estimated debt service fund tax rate for 2026 pay 2027 is \$0.0514 (inclusive of all of the Bonds), with \$0.0054 allocable to the Water/Sewer Improvement Project and \$0.0070 allocable to the 2023 BAN Refinancing Project, per \$100 of assessed value. The estimated total maximum debt service fund tax levy for the County and the estimated total maximum debt service fund tax rate for the County after the issuance of the Bonds is anticipated to occur no earlier than 2026 pay 2027 and will be \$19,768,331 (inclusive of all the Bonds) and \$0.0514 (inclusive of all the Bonds) per \$100 of assessed value (see above allocations for respective Projects). The percent of the County’s outstanding long term debt after the issuance of the Bonds, together with the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any of the territory of the County, compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the County is approximately 11.09%.
The estimated amount of the County’s debt service levy and rate that will result during the following 10 years if the County issues the Bonds, after also considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period is respectively as follows for the debt service allocable to the Water/Sewer Improvement Project, the 2023 BAN Refinancing Project and collectively for the Projects:
Water/Sewer Improvement Project

Year	Estimated Water/Sewer Improvement Project Debt Service Levy*	Estimated Water/Sewer Project Debt Service Rate*	Estimated Total Debt Service Levy*	Estimated Total Debt Service Rate*
2027	\$2,093,953	\$0.0054	\$19,768,331	\$0.0514
2028	\$574,480	\$0.0015	\$16,283,150	\$0.0423
2029	\$574,480	\$0.0015	\$16,299,200	\$0.0423
2030	\$574,480	\$0.0015	\$16,293,875	\$0.0423
2031	\$574,480	\$0.0015	\$16,281,425	\$0.0423
2032	\$574,480	\$0.0015	\$16,216,850	\$0.0421
2033	\$574,480	\$0.0015	\$16,205,075	\$0.0421
2034	\$574,480	\$0.0015	\$16,218,025	\$0.0421
2035	\$574,480	\$0.0015	\$16,216,100	\$0.0421
2036	\$574,480	\$0.0015	\$9,343,800	\$0.0243

*Includes deduction for miscellaneous revenues and certain operating balance impacts.
2023 BAN Refinancing Project

Year	Estimated 2023 BAN Refinancing Project Debt Service Levy*	Estimated BAN Refinancing Project Debt Service Rate*	Estimated Total Debt Service Levy*	Estimated Total Debt Service Rate*
2027	\$2,697,702	\$0.0070	\$19,768,331	\$0.0514
2028	\$740,120	\$0.0019	\$16,283,150	\$0.0423
2029	\$740,120	\$0.0019	\$16,299,200	\$0.0423
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Total Combined Projects

Year	Estimated Projects Debt Service Levy*	Estimated Projects Debt Service Rate*	Estimated Total Debt Service Levy*	Estimated Total Debt Service Rate*
2027	\$4,791,656	\$0.0124	\$19,768,331	\$0.0514
2028	\$1,314,600	\$0.0034	\$16,283,150	\$0.0423
2029	\$1,314,600	\$0.0034	\$16,299,200	\$0.0423
2030	\$1,314,600	\$0.0034	\$16,293,875	\$0.0423
2031	\$1,314,600	\$0.0034	\$16,281,425	\$0.0423
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*Includes deduction for miscellaneous revenues and certain operating balance impacts.
Any owners of real property within the County and/or registered voters residing in the County who want to initiate a petition and remonstrance process against the proposed debt service allocable to either of the Projects must file a petition requesting the application of a petition and remonstrance process with the Hamilton County Voter Registration Office which complies with Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.1(b)(4) and (5) not later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated this 8th day of October, 2026.
R8818 10/12/26, 10/19/26

— CARMEL —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Carmel, Indiana
Department Board of Public Works and Safety
One Civic Square
City of Carmel, Indiana 46032
Project: 26-STR-05 Annual Flower Order
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, will receive digitally sealed bids for the above-described “Project” through OpenGov.com **until 10:00 AM EST on November 4th, 2026**, and commencing as soon as practicable thereafter on the same date such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers of City Hall. **No late bids will be accepted.**
All bids and proposals shall be properly and completely executed on the proposal forms provided with the plans and specifications, which will include the non-collusion affidavit as required by the State of Indiana. The digital submission will be sealed until opened at the Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting. The Project consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:
Purchase and Delivery of 2027 Seasonal Annual Flowers
Contract Documents for the Project have been assembled on the OpenGov portal, which may be obtained with an OpenGov account (http://www.opengov.com).
Payments and costs of Contract Documents are non-refundable.
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.
This Project will be funded by the City of Carmel.
A **pre-bid conference** for discussions of the Project, the bidding requirements and other important matters will be held on **October 28th, 2026 at 8:00 AM** virtually. To request a link, send a request to Crystal Edmondson at Cedmondson@carmel.in.gov by noon, October 27th, 2026. All prospective bidders are invited to attend the pre-bid conference. The pre-bid conference is **not** mandatory.
No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of thirty (30) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety reserves the right to hold any or all bids or proposals for a period of not more than thirty (30) days and said bids or proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said period. The City of Carmel reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitations when it is not in the best interests of the governmental body as determined by the purchasing agency in accordance with IC 5-2218-2
Jacob Quinn
Clerk
R8844 10/19/26, 10/26/26

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council will meet on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session for Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7), and Discussions with Attorney Subject to the Attorney Client Privilege IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(19). Public work session to discuss county business will immediately follow the Executive Session, if needed.
/s/ Todd E. Clevenger
Hamilton County Auditor
R8849 10/19/26

— WESTFIELD —

PUBLIC NOTICE
Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions:
• The City of Westfield will hold a public hearing pursuant to Indiana House Enrolled Act 1001 (2026) to review, evaluate, and identify local regulatory barriers in the Westfield Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) that could limit housing production.
Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3150, option 5.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfieldin.gov
R8850 10/19/26

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— CARMEL —

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
The citizens of the Carmel Clay Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the “School Corporation”), are hereby notified that the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the “Board”), proposes to enter into negotiations with the Carmel Clay School Building Corporation, which is a non-profit school building corporation controlled by, and operating on behalf of, the School Corporation (the “Building Corporation”), for funding all or a portion of (i) certain renovations and miscellaneous facility improvements at Clay Middle School, including without limitation improvements consisting of mid-cycle renovations throughout Clay Middle School, including without limitation replacement of and upgrades to mechanical systems, replacement of carpet and other finishes, and building envelope repairs and improvements; (ii) certain renovations and miscellaneous facility improvements at Forest Dale Elementary School, including without limitation the repair, replacement, and upgrade of mechanical systems; (iii) certain renovations and miscellaneous facility improvements at Carmel High School, including without limitation the modernization and repair of existing elevators; (iv) certain renovations and miscellaneous facility improvements at the Educational Services Center including without limitation repair, replacement, and upgrade of all or any portion of the HVAC systems and landscaping improvements; (v) technology improvement, equipping, and acquisition projects at one or more of the existing facilities operated by the School Corporation; (vi) acquisition of one or more buses to replace existing buses that have reached their useful life and supplementation of the existing buses and other vehicles used by the School Corporation; (vii) other miscellaneous renovations, facility repairs, improvements, equipping projects and acquisition projects throughout or serving the School Corporation; and (viii) all projects related to any of the projects described in any of the clauses (i) through and including (vii) (clauses (i) through and including (viii) collectively, the “2027 Project”).
All or a portion of the 2027 Project will be financed by entering into a proposed lease and related addenda (collectively, the “Lease”) with the Building Corporation, which in turn will allow the Building Corporation to issue one or more series of first mortgage bonds (collectively, the “Bonds”) in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed Fifty-Five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000), for the purpose of procuring funds to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the 2027 Project and the costs associated therewith, including, but not limited to, the expenses in connection with or on account of the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will have a term of no longer than twenty (20) years from the date they are issued, and will bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 6.0% per annum, the exact rate or rates to be determined by bidding or negotiation.
Pursuant to the Lease, the Building Corporation will do all or any portion of the following:
(1) acquire from the School Corporation all or any portion of any of the (a) existing Clay Middle School and its related outdoor facilities (the “Existing Facility”), and (b) the land upon which the existing Clay Middle School and its related outdoor facilities are, or will be, located (collectively, the “Premises”);
(2) undertake all or any portion of any of the 2027 Project, as directed by the School Corporation; and
(3) lease all or any portion of the Premises for a term not to exceed twenty-two (22) years beginning on the date all or any portion of the Premises is acquired by the Building Corporation, payable in semiannual installments commencing no earlier than June 30 in the year immediately following the year in which the Lease is recorded, and thereafter on June 30 and December 31 of each year during the term of the Lease, with an annual lease rental not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), which will be used to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds.
As additional rental, the School Corporation will maintain insurance on that portion of the Premises which is subject to the Lease as required in the Lease and will pay all taxes and assessments against such property, as well as the cost of alterations and repairs, all rebate costs associated with the obligations issued by the Building Corporation, and all utility costs incurred in connection with such property. Simultaneous with the issuance of each series of the Bonds, the annual lease rental will be reduced to an amount equal to an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest due on all of the Bonds outstanding after the issuance of such Bonds in each twelve-month period together with annual incidental costs as determined by the Building Corporation at the time of the issuance of each such series of the Bonds, payable in semiannual installments. The Lease gives an option to the School Corporation to purchase that portion of the Premises which is subject to the Lease.
As described above, a portion of the proceeds of one or more series of the Bonds will be paid to the School Corporation as the acquisition price of all of the Premises which are subject to the Lease. The School Corporation intends to use the money it receives from the Building Corporation from the proceeds of the Bonds to pay for a portion of the costs of the 2027 Project not paid by the Building Corporation.
The drawings, plans and specifications, including cost estimates, for the 2027 Project as well as a copy of the Lease, are currently available for inspection by the public on all business days during business hours, at the School Corporation’s Educational Services Center, located at 5201 East Main Street, Carmel, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that the Board will, on November 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), at the School Corporation’s Educational Services Center, located at 5201 East Main Street, Carmel, Indiana, conduct a public hearing (1) regarding the matter of appropriating the proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$55,000,000, and (2) upon the necessity for the execution of the Lease, and upon whether the lease rental provided for therein to be paid by the School Corporation to the Building Corporation is a fair and reasonable rental for that portion of the Premises which is subject to the Lease. All interested parties are entitled and encouraged to attend to present their testimony and ask any questions relative to all or any of the 2027 Project, the Lease or the Bonds.
Such hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates, and subsequent to such hearing the Board may (1) either authorize the execution of such Lease as originally agreed upon, rescind the proposed Lease, or make modifications therein as may be agreed upon with the Building Corporation, but in no event may the rental exceed the amounts set forth in this notice, and (2) consider adoption of a resolution regarding the issue of appropriating the proceeds of the Bonds and the investment earnings thereon for the purposes described herein.
Dated the 19th day of October, 2026.
CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Secretary, Board of School Trustees
R8841 10/19/26

SKYLAKE Adventures welcomes Sheridan native Kristy Williams as new Director of Marketing

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SKYLAKE Adventures has named Kristy Williams as Director of Marketing, expanding the Central Indiana adventure destination’s senior leadership team as it builds on its inaugural season and prepares for year-round operations and continued growth.

Williams brings 15 years of marketing and communications experience spanning the attractions, tourism, science, and education industries, with previous experience at COSI, Cedar Point, and LEGOLAND Florida Resort. Throughout her career, she has led integrated marketing and communications strategies, attraction and experience launches, media relations, digital and social media, partnerships, events, brand storytelling, and audience engagement.

At SKYLAKE Adventures, Williams will lead the organization’s overall marketing and brand strategy, overseeing advertising, digital and social media, public relations, partnerships, creative strategy, and guest-facing communications. As a member of the senior leadership team, she will also help inform pricing, product development, promotions, revenue opportunities, and long-term growth strategy as SKYLAKE Adventures expands from a seasonal attraction into a year-round outdoor destination.



Williams

“As we continue building SKYLAKE Adventures, we’ve been intentional about bringing the right people onto our leadership team,” SKYLAKE Adventures Co-Founder Sean “Mouse” Howard said. “Kristy brings experience from some of the most recognized attractions in the country, but what makes her especially valuable is that she understands this community. Having someone with that combination of experience and personal connection helping shape SKYLAKE’s future is exactly what we need as we grow.”

For Williams, the opportunity also represents a return home.

A graduate of Sheridan High School, Williams grew up in Sheridan before attending Purdue University and beginning a career that ultimately took her to major attractions and cultural institutions in Florida and Ohio. Despite living outside Indiana for much of her professional career, Williams maintained close ties to the area and followed SKY-

LAKE’s development from its earliest stages.

“I’ve been following SKYLAKE Adventures since its inception because it’s not every day someone decides to build an adventure park in your hometown, especially when your hometown is Sheridan, Indiana,” Williams said. “My family is here, and even while my career took me to attractions and organizations in other parts of the country, I’ve continued coming home and watching this area grow and change. To bring the experience I’ve gained throughout my career back to the community where I grew up and help build something that could be part of its future is really special.”

Most recently, Williams served as Director of Communications for COSI in Columbus, Ohio, where she led organization-wide communications and public relations strategy across major exhibits and experiences, educational programming, partnerships, events, and institutional initiatives. She previously held mul-

ti-ple marketing, communications, public relations, digital, and event leadership roles at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, as well as a public relations role at LEGOLAND Florida Resort.

Williams earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations and Rhetorical Advocacy from Purdue University.

Williams joins SKYLAKE Adventures following a successful inaugural summer season that welcomed more than 50,000 guests and generated more than 5,000 annual pass sales. The destination recently gained national attention through a feature in *PEOPLE* and announced a partnership with Special Olympics Indiana to host the Indianapolis Polar Plunge events in 2027. SKYLAKE is now preparing to introduce snow tubing, SKY Trails ropes course and additional experiences as it expands into year-round operations.

Find out more about SKYLAKE Adventures at skylakeindiana.com.



Photo by Laura Pentecost / Trine University
(RIGHT) Trine University’s Homecoming Queen, Carly Hutcherson of Arcadia, and Homecoming King, Keith Knafel of Albion, Ind., are escorted onto Shive Field by university mascot Storm.

Arcadia’s own Carly Hutcherson crowned Homecoming Queen at Trine University

Submitted

Trine University recognized its 2026 Homecoming court as well as its king and queen during the annual Thunderstruck Pep Rally in the MTI Center on Friday, Oct. 2.

Carly Hutcherson, a senior from Arcadia, was crowned Homecoming queen. An exercise science major in Trine’s direct-entry 3+3 Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program, she is the daughter of Jeanne and Joe Hutcherson.

Active in campus leadership and student life, she serves as vice president of the Pre-Occupational Therapy Club and social chair of Gamma Phi Epsilon sorority, and is a third-year dancer on the High Voltage Dance Team. After this year, she will complete her doctoral studies at Trine University’s Brooks College of Health Professions in Fort Wayne, with plans to specialize in pediatric occupational therapy.

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